

Celebrating the Life of our Loved
Dr. Delores Marie Briggs Cummings



Sunrise: July 30, 1947 ~ Sunset: July 3, 2025

Saturday, July 12, 2025 | 11 A.M.

WHITE BLUFF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10710 White Bluff Road | Savannah, GA 31406

Reverend Precious Hawkins, Pastor | Mr. Joseph Hymes, Presiding

Obituary

Dr. Delores Marie Briggs Cummings



A Time to be Born:

Delores was born July 30, 1947 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Booker T and Annie Briggs.

A Time to Love:

Delores married the love of her life, Charles Cummings, Jr., on December 21, 1980. They share two lovely children.

A Time to Learn:

Delores was educated in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System. Upon graduating from Sol C Johnson High School In 1965, Delores graduated from Savannah State College (University) in Savannah, Georgia. She went on to earn a Master's degree from Cambridge College in Boston, Massachusetts and a Doctoral degree from Fielding Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, California.

A Time to Rest:

Sunset: July 3, 2025 – Savannah, Georgia

Dr. Delores Cummings was preceded in death by her parents Annie Fryer-Briggs and Booker T Briggs; and her two brothers: Booker T Briggs Jr and John Edward Briggs.

Her Life Story

Dr. Delores Briggs Cummings was born July 30, 1947 in Savannah, Georgia to the late Annie and Booker T Briggs. She was educated in the Chatham County public school system and graduated from Sol C Johnson High School. She was raised with a strong love for family and church. She was baptized under the First Ebenezer Baptist Church as a young child and served as a faithful member for many years. Delores was active in the many activities of the church including Superintendent of Sunday School. She later joined in fellowship at Asbury United Methodist Church where she immediately began to serve in several ministries including the United Methodist Women, Worship Team, Hospitality Committee, and worked as a lay servant. Upon graduating from High School in 1965, Delores attended Savannah State College (University) in Savannah, Georgia where she earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Business Administration, and then went on to earn a Master's of Education from Cambridge College in Boston, Massachusetts in 1996. Delores began her career at Thompkins High School as an educator and worked at various education institutions during her career. She earned a Doctorate in Education from Fielding Graduate Institute of Santa Barbara, California in 2001. After an illustrious career impacting the lives of numerous youth, Dr. Cummings retired from her high school alma mater Sol C Johnson High School in 2014. Delores married the love of her life, Charles Cummings, Jr. on December 21, 1980. They share two lovely children: Kimberly Cummings Peterson (David) and Renee' Briggs-Carter. Dr. Cummings was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, and colleague. She was very passionate about her work and her family.

Dr. Cummings leaves to cherish her memories a loving family: a loving and devoted husband Charles Cummings Jr., two daughters, Renee' Briggs-Carter of Savannah, Georgia and Kimberly Cummings Peterson (David) of Jacksonville, Florida; one brother, Herbert Fryer (Mamie Jo) of Augusta, Georgia; one sister Debra Briggs-Coleman and one loving aunt Thelma Turner, both of Savannah, Georgia; eight grandchildren: Raven Evan and Amber Savage (Canty) of Savannah, Georgia; Alexis Shuman, Carl Shuman, Brittany Shuman, Darien Jackson, Khayla Jackson, Kyla Jackson of Jacksonville, Florida; six great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and sorrowing friends.

The Order of Worship



Prelude

Processional

Words of Grace

Greeting

Congregational Song

Prayer (prayed in unison)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together.

ALL: Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Dr. Delores Cummings, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; And by faith we proclaim nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

by Rev. Sheffield

by Barbara Heath

Friendship Poem

Acknowledgements

Song "Just A Closer Walk with Thee"

Obituary

Moments of Reflection (3 minutes)

As a Friend

As a Classmate

As a Church Member

As a Student

As a Family Member

Solo

Words of Comfort

Commendation

Dismissal with Blessing

Recessional

"I Surrender All" by Choir

Rev. Hawkins

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Amazing Grace

Elder Roberta McFadden-Pringle

Asbury United Methodist Church

by Asbury Ensemble

Read Silently to Music

Debra Ware-Roberts

Dolores Campbell-Smith

Joseph Hymes

Debra Robinson

Eddie Harris

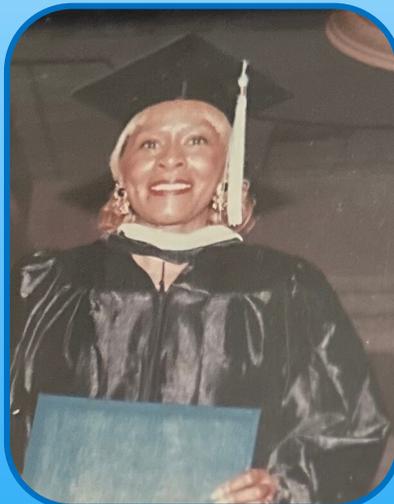
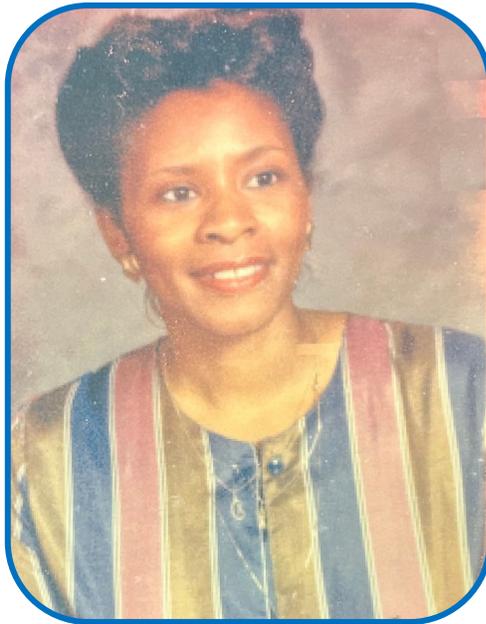
Tyrone Ware

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Treasured



Memments



The Love of Family



I am Always With You

Dr. Delores Marie Briggs Cummings

When I am gone, release me, let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

*You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
but be thankful we had so many good years.*

*I gave you my love, and you can only guess how much
you've given me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love that you have shown,
but now it is time I travelled on alone.*

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must.

*Then let your grief be comforted by trust
that it is only for a while that we must part.*

So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.

*And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way along,
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."*

In Loving Memory

Dr. Delores Briggs Cummings

July 30, 1947 - July 3, 2025



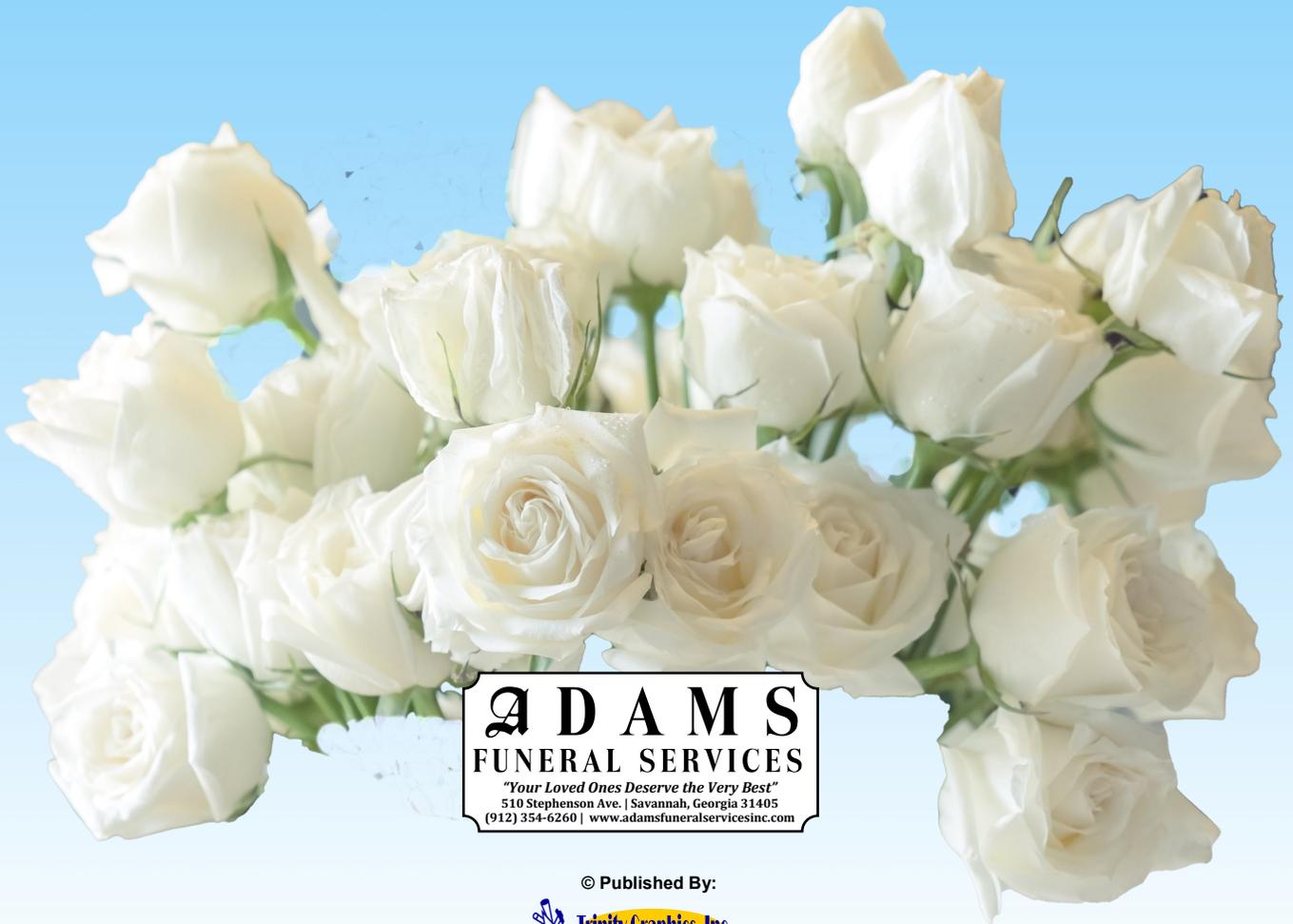
Flower Attendants

Asbury United Methodist Church Choir and Ushers

Acknowledgements

Through our almighty and blessed Savior, who has given us a beautiful and wonderful family, friends, and neighbors. We are very grateful for the many kind expressions of love displayed during our most difficult time. We graciously thank each of you for coming and sharing with us. We thank and appreciate you for your love and understanding when we needed it the most. Your prayers, cards of sympathy, messages, donations, services, condolences, and personal telephone calls were warmly received. A special thank you to Delores' special nephew Devin Briggs for his immeasurable assistance to the family. Our sincere prayer is that God's riches blessings will continue to be with you. For all these things we express:

“Thank You So Very Much”



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