

"Twenty-Third Psalm"

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death. I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies; thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life; and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.*

Pallbearers

Drew Davis Will Smith Steven Addison
Ryan Davis Christopher Allen Zachary Davis
Price Davis Michael Jones

Honorary Pallbearers

Jim Rauton Charles Sparks John McMahan
Charles Williams Kevin Erwin Frankie Milford

Memorial Contributions

Jen's Book Den 618 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Abbeville, SC 29620;
Christmas Angel Tree, Main Street Methodist Church P.O. Box 656
Abbeville, SC 29620, or the charity of your choice.

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Celebrating the Life of



Carol Ann Leath Justice Bell

A Celebration of Life Service for Carol Ann Leath Justice Bell

May 31, 1945 – December 19, 2025

Officiating

Rev. Chris Sullivan and Rev. Frank Smith, II

Funeral Service

*Abbeville First Baptist Church
Monday, December 22, 2025, 3:00PM*

Prelude *Rev. Stan Colbert*
“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”

Welcome and Opening Prayer *Rev. Sullivan*

Special Music *Lamar West & Donna Southard*
“The Old Rugged Cross”
(Carol and Jennifer’s Favorite Duet)

Eulogy *Rev. Smith*

Congregation Hymn *“Amazing Grace”* *See Insert*

Closing Prayer *Rev. Smith*

Postlude *Rev. Stan Colbert*

Interment

*Long Cane Cemetery
2699 Hwy. 72 W
Abbeville, SC 29620*

Obituary

Carol Leath Justice Bell, 80, passed away peacefully at her residence on December 19, 2025. She was born on May 31, 1945, in Lafayette, Georgia, to the late Reverend J.O. Leath and Frances Coulter Leath.

From a young age, Carol showed a profound love for music and a passion for working with children. She began playing the piano at her church at the tender age of ten. Her lifelong connection with music was complemented by her early friendship with Jimmy Justice, whom she met when she was three years old. Carol and Jimmy's families were active members of Eastside Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia, where her father served as the preacher, and Jimmy's father was the church chairman of deacons. At eighteen, Carol married Jimmy, and they shared a joyful life raising two daughters for forty-three years.

Carol dedicated her professional life to education, teaching piano and inspiring countless students through her work with the Colquitt County School System. She retired after many years of dedicated service from the SC Department of Mental Health. Carol was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Abbeville, where she actively contributed to the community until her health began to decline. Among her passions was singing in the church choir, as well as serving as the pianist for the Abbeville A.R.P. Church during her son-in-law, Frank Smith's tenure as lay minister.

In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her first husband, James W. (Jimmy) Justice; daughters Angela Justice and Jennifer Justice Smith; her brother James (Jim) Leath; and son-in-law Andy ‘Booty’ Davis. Later in life, she married Howard Byron Bell, with whom she shared ten years of marriage until his passing on July 21, 2021.

Carol is survived by her daughter Janna Carol Justice Davis, and seven grandchildren: Drew Davis (Amanda), Ryan Davis, Megan Davis Allen (Christopher), Amber N. Davis, Skyler R. Davis all of Abbeville, SC, Zachary C. Davis (Madison) of Spartanburg, SC, and Will F. Smith, III of Charleston, SC; a brother Jon David Leath (Debra) of Spanish Fort, AL, son-in-law Frank Smith II, of Charleston and seven great-grandchildren: Aiden, Price, Parker Davis, Braelyn, and Hudson Allen, Oliver, Barrett, and Emma Kate Davis. Additionally, she is remembered fondly by her special friend and caregiver, Crystal R. Singleton.