

# MEMORIES



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# CELEBRATING HER ESSENCE

MARCH 8, 1954 — FEBRUARY 25, 2026



## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

The family of the late Queen Deveaux to extend our deepest and most sincere gratitude to everyone who has shown us love and support during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, visits, calls, and every act of kindness have been a source of strength for us. We are truly grateful for each of you who stood with us, whether near or far, and we pray that God will continue to bless and keep you. May the beautiful memories we all share of Queen remain in our hearts forever.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 | 1:00 PM

GOODWILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
14081 GARNERS FERRY ROAD EASTOVER, SC 29044

REVEREND DAVID JACKSON, PASTOR  
PASTOR ALBERT ANDERSON, OFFICIATING

SCAN CODE

# Queen Elizabeth DeVeaux

Around 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Queen Elizabeth (Rice) DeVeaux answered God's call home, passing away peacefully, in her home where family and adoring pets offered her love and tender support.

She was born the second daughter to parents Mary Jane (Flemming) and David Lincoln Rice on Monday, March 8, 1954 at their home in Eastover, SC.

A brilliant mind from childhood, Queen passionately pursued education and sought to serve her community in a number of rewarding ways after graduating from Lower Richland High School's Class of 1972. After earning a double diplomacy in Health Science as a Pharmacy Technician and in Business from Midlands Technical College, she ended her academic career at Benedict College, graduating with honors with a B.S. in Recreation which went to great use in her job at the Dorn VA Hospital, assisting with rehabilitative services. As she found favor with many of her peers, personally and professionally, balancing life with hobbies like competitive bowling, volunteering, caring for houseplants and spending time with her family were just as rewarding.

Though she found such great fulfillment in nearly every area of life, Queen was most refreshed by our merciful and unfailing God. She was a lover of gospel music, Sunday school and all things church-related, sometimes remembered for her fashion sense and love of hats. We are thankful she accepted the Lord as her savior much earlier in life and sustained confidence in her standing with God as she accepted her next step into eternal life.

Queenie, as many called her, leaves to mourn a daughter, Charice (Delendo) Smalls and four grandchildren— Darion Rice, Travis Rice, William Gray and Caitlyn Gray. Her surviving siblings— Cleopatra (Ballard) Williams, Ethel (William) Benjamin, Thaddeus Rice and Thomas (Ruthie) Rice, special friend Rosa Lee Nelson— also share in the loss of their beloved sister, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other cherished family and friends.

By God's will, Queen was preceded in death by her eldest sibling, Mr. Willie Lee Rice, and her greatest friend, Mrs. Barbara Thomas so we would also like to acknowledge them.

# Order of Service

Prelude

Goodwill Baptist Church Music Ministry

Processional

Pastor David Jackson

Selection

Mrs. Tuesday Prophet

Old Testament

Reverend Charles Joe

Psalm 27:1-5

New Testament

Reverend Charles Joe

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer

Deacon Willie Patterson

Selection

Miss Caitlyn Gray

All of My Help (Cometh from the Lord)

Remarks

Mr. Delendo Smalls

Poem

Mrs. Charice Smalls

Selection

Mrs. Dorcas Swain-Foster

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Words of Comfort

Pastor Albert Anderson

Altar Viewing

Recessional

Postlude

Committal, Prayer and Benediction

Pastor Samuel Rice

Interment

Goodwill Baptist Church Cemetery  
14081 Garners Ferry Rd, Eastover, SC 29044

# Angel Near Today

I felt an angel near today,

though one I could not see

I felt an angel oh so close,

sent to comfort me

I felt an angel's kiss,

soft upon my cheek

And oh, without a single

word of caring did it speak

I felt an angel's loving touch,

soft upon my heart

And with that touch,

I felt the pain and hurt within depart

I felt an angel's tepid tears,

fall softly next to mine

And knew that as those tears

did dry a new day would be mine

I felt an angel's silken wings

enfold me with pure love

And felt a strength within me grow,

a strength sent from above

I felt an angel oh so close,

though one I could not see

I felt an angel near today,

sent to comfort me.