

She was born in Anniston, AL and a daughter of the late Roger Hughes Crouch, Sr. and Dorothy Ballenger Crouch. She was a lady whose life was marked by a deep commitment to education, service and caring for others. Mrs. Payne earned her B.S. degree in nursing from the University of S.C. and later completed her Master's degree. As a Nurse Practitioner and educator, she held a position with the University of South Carolina School of Medicine in the School of Family Medicine.

Throughout Mrs. Payne's career, she believed strongly in the importance of personal, compassionate patient care. She dedicated herself to helping individuals better understand and manage chronic illnesses, providing education, answering questions, reviewing medications, and helping patients work toward improved health. Through her work with Care Improvement Plus, she provided in-home care to chronically ill patients throughout Richland, Lexington, and Saluda counties, helping patients navigate the challenges that often accompany long-term illness. Her dedication to healthcare and community service was recognized with the Nurse Practitioner of the Year Award from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, as well as community service awards from the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association.

Outside of Mrs. Payne's professional life, she shared her love of music and faith through her service as the former church organist at Saluda Presbyterian Church. Her talents and dedication enriched the worship of those around her and reflected the many ways she gave of herself to her community.

Her life was one of knowledge, compassion, faith, and service. Mrs. Payne will be remembered not only for her accomplishments in nursing and education, but also for the care she extended to those who needed it and the lasting impact she made on the lives of her patients, church family, friends, and loved ones.

Surviving are a daughter, Delia Payne of Columbia; two sisters, Jackie Merchant (Wyman) of Lexington and Jenny Derrick (Doyle) of Saluda; and three grandchildren, Lee Payne, Julia Payne, and James Payne.

Mrs. Payne was preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. Paul Eugene Payne, Jr., a brother, Roger Hughes Crouch, Jr., and a son, Paul Eugene Payne, III.



In Memory of



Sandra Ballenger Crouch Payne
August 19, 1942 – September 21, 2026

A Celebration of Life
for
Sandra Ballenger Crouch Payne
Saluda Presbyterian Church
Saturday, September 26, 2026
4:00 PM

Prelude Jan Rushton

Processional

"Morning Has Broken"

Invocation

Remembrance Amanda Payne and Marcia Smith

Congregational Hymn Jan Rushton

"Morning Has Broken"

Scripture Reading

Palms 90
Revelation 21

Meditation

Nurse Honor Guards

Recessional Jan Rushton

"You Raise Me Up"

Officiating: Rev. Allen Derrick

*The family would like to thank you for coming today.
They appreciate your many acts of kindness shown to them.
Your prayers in the days ahead are greatly appreciated.*

*Memorials may be made to Saluda Presbyterian Church, 103 W.
Highland Avenue, Saluda, SC 29138 or The Alzheimer's Foundation
of America, 322 8th Avenue, 16th Floor New York, NY 10001.*

Morning Has Broken

This is the day that the Lord hath made; we shall rejoice. . . . — Psalm 118: 24

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Traditional Gaelic Melody
Arranged by David Evans

Eleanor Farjeon
Unison



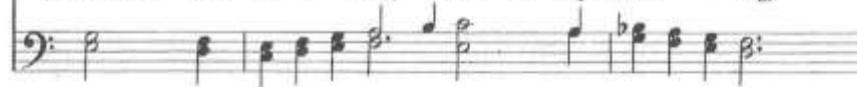
1 Morn - ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



1 Black - bird has spo - ken Like the first bird,
2 Like the first dew - fall On the first grass.
3 Born of the one light E - den saw play!



1 Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
2 Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet gar - den,
3 Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery morn - ing,



1 Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
2 Sprung in com - plete - ness Where His feet pass.
3 God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day! A - men.

