

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now, I'm free!
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.
My departure may have left a void,
I understand, just always remember to fill it with joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah yes, these are some things I too will miss.
Please don't burden yourself with times of sorrow,
The sunshine will continue, even tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved ones' touch.
My time here was not at all brief,
But don't burden yourself with undue grief.
Lift your heart, continue to live and rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, so he set me free.

Love Your Mother,
Nanette B. Davis



A Cherished Love

Ma, you said you were leaving
But you didn't tell Little Boy Blue and I, "Goodbye."

We'll cherish your touch,
We'll cherish the memories,
We'll cherish the laughter.
We'll cherish you.

Although I wanna say "gone too soon"
This the type of love,
You simply just want forever.
But you lived your life.
Get your rest and just know
I'm here doing my best.

I Love You Ma
-Kaddy

IN APPRECIATION

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are things that mean so much. To know you are with us in our time of sorrow, sharing our prayers, today and tomorrow. God gives us the comfort in the form of good friends, may His peace be with you, His love never ends.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE NANETTE BOATWRIGHT DAVIS

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

for

Nanette Boatwright Davis

Sunrise
APRIL 10, 1928

Sunset
MAY 13, 2026



2:00 PM • FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church

539 Chinaberry Road

Johnsonville, South Carolina 29555

Reverend Abraham Temoney Jr., Pastor

OBITUARY



Nanette B. Davis, born to the late Howard and Hattie Lewis Boatwright, on April 10, 1928, and finally returned to be with the Lord on May 13, 2026.

Nanette was born in South Carolina and attended Hannah Pamplico School in Pamplico South Carolina. In addition to receiving her formal education, she began to know God at a very early age. She attended the St. Luke AME Church in her earlier years which shaped her own personal relationship with God and the journey it would lead her on in her journey on this earthly side.

She was raised to understand the importance of hard work, sacrifice, and dedication early in life. This led to her meeting her husband James Davis moving to Baltimore, Maryland and eventually beginning a family of her own with five children, two of whom preceded her in death James Howard Davis and Hattie Mae (Queen) Davis. Because she had such a strong foundation, she raised her children to be just like her, strong will, independent, loving, and understanding the importance of hard work as well. Nanette had various jobs while living in Baltimore, working at several hospitals including Johns Hopkins, Bayview Hospital, and working for several prominent doctors personally.

Her faith and relationship with God were most important to her, while here in Baltimore, Maryland she became a member of the Southern Baptist Church. She wasn't just a member, she served as an usher on several of the usher boards, sang on the various choirs, and served on several church committees.

Eventually, the care of her Aunt Fannie Lewis brought her full circle moment to reality, where she made the decision to return home to Johnsonville, South Carolina. Once home she continued to care for her aunt until her passing. While back home, Nanette rededicated her commitment to God through rejoining the St. Luke Church where she served again as a choir member, usher, or whatever committee that she needed to serve to do God's will. She also became a member of the Order of the Eastern Stars of St. Luke Chapter #116. Nanette was dedicated and devoted knowing that she would eventually receive her highest reward, being called by God.

Nanette B. Davis was a unique lady. As much as she did and the many, she encountered, her favorite role of being mother to her children and grandmother to her many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren was not just memorable but impactful. Grandmothers are given to us by God to liven up our lives, make our lives more complete, to make us well rounded, and better human beings. Her love was so great she turned many lifelong friendships and relationships into extended family. We will most certainly miss her on this earthly side, but her soul is well now that she has reached her most crowning achievement, being with the Lord.

Nanette B. Davis, as family, friends, acquaintances, and extended family, we thank you for your sacrifices, care, concern, and love. As much as we mourn you, your legacy of service and love is left for continuance by three daughters; Alice Davis, Eve Drakeford, and Melissa Davis Cole, one son-in-law, not just a host but a legion of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends near and far.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Reverend Abraham Temoney, Jr., Presiding

PRELUDE.....Musician

PROCESSIONAL..... Clergy & Family

HYMN..... "Amazing Grace"St. Luke AME Church Choir

PRAYER Mr. Tyrone Washington

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT.....Psalm 91.....Reverend Melvin Lewis
Pastor of St. Paul AMEC • Floydale, SC & Greater Fork Chapel AMEC • Dillon, SC

NEW TESTAMENT.....2 Chronicles.....Reverend Sylvia Davis
Assistant Pastor of The House of God Gresham • Gresham, SC

REMARKS (Please limit to three minutes or less)

FRIENDMrs. Ethel Mae Parker

CHURCHMr. Bennie Conyers

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS..... Mrs. Joyce Durant

SELECTION..... Ms. Doris Best

WORDS OF COMFORT Reverend Abraham Temoney, Jr., Pastor

SELECTIONSt. Luke AME Church Choir

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RECESSIONAL..... "I'll Fly Away"

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