

## Psalm 23

*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 for ever.*

**Pallbearers and Floral Bearers**  
Family and Friends

### Acknowledgement

The family of **Betty Washington** would like to thank all of you who visited, sent cards, made calls, offered words of comfort, sent flowers, or supported us in countless ways during this difficult time. Your kindness and compassion have been a source of strength, and your thoughtful gestures will always be remembered. We are deeply grateful for your presence and support as we honor the life and memory of Betty Washington.

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Home of Distinctively Finer  
Funeral Service

## Celebration of Life

*Betty Jean Washington*

Sunrise  
December 31, 1953

Sunset  
May 4, 2026



**Monday, May 11, 2026**  
**Eleven O'clock in the Morning**

**Salem Chapel & Heritage Center**  
**101 S. Salem Avenue**  
**Sumter, SC 29150**

# Life Reflections

Betty Jean Washington, better known to most as “Heavy D,” widow of Marion Washington, was born on December 31, 1953 in Sumter, SC, to the late Albertha Jackson James and Henry James. She departed this earthly life on May 4, 2026 at her home surrounded by her children and family.

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and later pursued a life centered around faith, family, and service to others.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, one son, Tyrone Washington, one daughter, Wylonda (Troy) McGee and a special daughter, Shameca Wells all of Sumter, SC; her grandchildren: Shymiek, Malik, Tyesha Washington, Tajanee, Trinity, Tyshon McGee, Quianna, Elijah, Elian Toney all of Sumter, SC; Amaya Franklin of Killeen, TX, and Taliyah (Ronald) Nieves of Huntsville, AL, Derrick Ford and Wyteria Andrews both of Sumter; eight great-grandchildren; her siblings: Perry (Katherine) James, Gradnia Williams, Bertha Mae Wright; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and loved ones.

Betty was preceded in death by a great grandson, Shannon Malik Washington; a grandson, Rayquan Kentrell Dean; special sister, Ruth Jackson; five brothers: Robert James, Henry James Jr., Leroy James, Jerry James, and Charles James.



*To know “Heavy D,” as she was affectionately called by family and many friends, was to love her, as we all can see that in this room. She was a sweet, loving, and kind woman whose warmth touched everyone she met. Her home was a place of comfort, laughter, and unconditional love. She was a devoted mother, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend who dedicated her life to caring for and uplifting those around her. “Heavy D” had a gentle spirit, beautiful smile, and compassionate heart that will forever remain in the memories of all who knew and loved her. Though our hearts are saddened by this loss, we find comfort in knowing that her love, faith, and legacy will live on forever. Remember that our mother’s life was a blessing, her memory a treasure. She was loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.*

# Order of Service

- Prelude ..... Soft Music
- Processional & Viewing ..... Clergy and Family
- Opening Song ..... *The Goodness of God*
- Prayer ..... Larry Myers
- Old Testament ..... Psalm 23 ..... Erin James
- Solo ..... *Your Face Is The First Face* ..... Michelle Toney
- Remarks:
- Family ..... Perry James and Rivera Williams
- Acknowledgements ..... Rivera Williams
- Solo ..... *Walk Around Heaven* ..... Michelle Toney
- Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Ricky Simmons
- Recessional ..... Going Up Yonder

## Interment Evergreen Memorial Park

*To My Sister  
By Allison Chambers Coxsey*

*I’m blessed to call you sister, I also call you friend; you’ve loved me unconditionally, and stood through thick and thin. You’ve shared my joys and sorrows, my laughter and my tears. You’ve been my inspiration, as we grew up through the years. When we were little children, we laughed and played together; then growing up, you stood by me through good and stormy weather. There’s something God has given us, that’s more than family; He’s placed a love for you, my sister, deep down in the heart of me.*

