

# After Glow

I'd like the memory of me,  
To be a happy one,  
I'd like to leave an afterglow  
Of smiles, when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
Whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
& bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,  
To dry before the sun  
Of happy memories that I leave behind  
When life is done.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS  
Nephews and Family Friends

HONORARY PALLBEARERS  
Grandsons

FLORAL BEARERS  
Nieces  
Emily C. Jones Women's Missionary Society

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
The family of  
**MARY NELSON AIKEN**  
wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions  
of kindness and comfort shown to us during our period  
of bereavement.  
May God forever bless and keep you.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
*MARY NELSON AIKEN*

FEBRUARY 21, 1924 – JANUARY 13, 2026

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.

**MT. CARMEL AME CHURCH**

1059 Old Black Oak Road | Moncks Corner, SC

*Reverend Dr. Albert L. Jones, Pastor*

# LIFE REFLECTION



*“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” — Psalm 23:1*

Mary Nelson Aiken, lovingly known as “Babe” and “Tay,” was a treasured mother, sister, aunt, and friend whose life was a blessing to all who knew her. She was born on February 21, 1924, in Bonneau, South Carolina, daughter of the late Theodore Nelson and Mary Washington Nelson. On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Mary peacefully entered eternal rest at her home, at the remarkable age of 101.

Mary received her education in the public schools of Berkeley County. At a young age, she accepted Christ and became a faithful member of Mt. Carmel AME Church. Later in life, while living in Charleston, South Carolina, she worshipped at Ebenezer AME

Church. Her faith remained steady throughout her life, and she found comfort and guidance in reading the Bible.

Mary was known for her gentle spirit, quiet strength, and caring heart. She enjoyed sewing and took pride in the things she made. She worked hard throughout her life and was always willing to do what was needed to care for her family. Above all, Mary loved her family and valued time spent with those she held dear.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Moses Aiken; her daughter, Carolyn Nelson Crosson (Elliott); and all of her siblings.

Left to cherish her loving memory are her daughters, Gwendolyn Nelson, Juardella Denise Nelson, and Eartha Aiken Middleton; a special daughter, Rovena Nelson Jones; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and cousins, including three beloved cousins - Deacon John C. Wright, Evelyn Lambright Gethers, and Bettye Lawyer Wigfall who shared a special bond with her; and a host of other devoted family and friends.

Mary Nelson Aiken lived a long and faithful life. The love she gave, the wisdom she shared, and the example she set will forever remain in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Reverend Dr. Albert L. Jones, Officiating*

Prelude.....Musicians

Processional.....#325 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ..... Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn ...#321 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” ..... Choir and Congregation

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Henry Middleton

Scriptures

Old Testament – Psalm 27 ..... Evangelist Yolyndia Samuel Smith

New Testament – 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.....Overseer Herlene Wright

Selection.....#272 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior .....Mt. Carmel Church Choir

Remarks:

Class Leader .....Sister Barbara Flynn

Family.....Mrs. Linda Stover, Granddaughter

Mr. Frank Richardson, Nephew

Selection..... #450 “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine” .....Mt. Carmel Church Choir

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Albert L. Jones  
Pastor, Mt. Carmel AMEC, Moncks Corner, SC

Song of Celebration..... “Lay Down My Life for the Lord .....Mt. Carmel Church Choir

Committal

Benediction

Interment

Mt. Carmel AME Church Cemetery

