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Celebrating THE LIFE OF



“Penny”
Penelope
OGLESBY



JUNE 17, 1959 - MAY 16, 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026 | 11:00AM

Dunton United Methodist Church, 323 East Buford Street, Gaffney, SC
 Officiant: Bishop Dr. Kevin A. Williams | Pastor of Dunton: Rev. James Lewis

A Life Well Lived...



Penelope Oglesby was born June 17, 1959, in Gaffney, South Carolina, to the late Talmadge Benjamin Oglesby, Jr., and Clynthree K. Oglesby. Penny entered her eternal rest on May 16, 2026, at Cone Health Moses Cone Hospital, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Affectionately and fondly known as “Penny,” she was a true Woman of God, who wore her faith on her sleeve. Immediately upon conversing with Penny, there was no doubt of her love for Jesus Christ. Accepting Christ at an early age, Penny received her fundamental teachings of the Christian faith through her parents, and Sunday School teachers of Dunton United Methodist Church.

In the early 1990’s, Penny relocated to Greensboro, where she attended New Jerusalem Cathedral, under the leadership of Bishop Frank D. Williams. She later moved her membership to Monument of Praise Church, where Bishop Dr. Kevin A. Williams, is Pastor. As a servant leader at Monument of Praise Church for 34+ years, Penny served as Church Secretary and a member of the Administrative Leadership Team. Penny was graduate of Gaffney High School, received a bachelor’s degree in English from Limestone University, and master’s degree in African American Studies from North Carolina A&T University. She was a 40+ year employee at North Carolina A&T University. Penny was well-known and respected on campus, starting her academia career as a Recruiter of the College of Engineering, grant writer, teacher of first-year English courses, and finally settling in the position of Executive Assistant to the Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Penny had a wonderful sense of humor, full of joy and laughter. She had a fierce love for her family and held a special place in her heart for her “Mommy,” sisters, nieces, and nephews. Penny was a devoted friend. She treated her friends like family, with love, kindness, and caring. Her love was evident in all who knew her.

Penny was preceded in death by her father, Talmadge B. Oglesby, Jr. Left to cherish her memory are her beloved Mommy, Clynthree K. Oglesby, Gaffney, SC; Sisters, Damita Bridges (Larry) of Gaffney, SC; Melva J. Hopkins of the home, Long-time Sister-Friend, Sandra Ligon (Simpsonville); Nieces, Terrian N. Beverly (John) of Gaffney, SC; Brittany M. Pass, Greensboro, NC; Ria S. Pass, High Point, NC. Great-Niece, Taylor M. Allen & Great-Nephew, Nykolas J. Beverly, both of Gaffney, SC; Great-Nephew Travis J. Williams, of Greensboro, NC. Aunts, Lee K. Webster, Cordelia M. Knuckles, Sarah A. Redish (Elijah), Bernice O. Dawkins (L.D.), Pernice O. Smith, all of Gaffney, SC; Uncle, Dennis Oglesby of St. Matthews, SC; along with a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Acknowledgements

The family extends our deepest thanks and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to our family during our time of bereavement. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless each of you for the care and compassion you have shown.



Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family
Selection.....Monument of Praise Church Choir
Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament.....Minister Tequita Brice
 New Testament.....Elder Wil Williams
Prayer/Remarks.....Bishop George A. Pass, III
 The Village Life Cathedral, High Point, NC
Selection.....Monument of Praise Church Choir
Remarks.....Gloria G. Rosemond (Dunton UMC)
 Vanessa Butler (Friend)
 Anissa Matthews (Monument of Praise)
 LaChelle McClain (NC A&T University)
 Brittany M. Pass (Family)
Acknowledgements.....Rev. Dr. Timothy Hunter
Selection.....Monument of Praise Church Choir
Words of Comfort.....Bishop Dr. Kevin A. Williams
 Monument of Praise Church, High Point, NC
Closing Music.....Earl Vernon
Recessional

Committal, Benediction & Interment Gaffney Memorial Cemetery

Flower Bearers
Cousins

pallbearers
Cousins & Nephews

Honorary Pallbearers
Brother-in-Law, Larry Bridges; and cousins,
Eric Redish, Alvin Smith & Frank Webster

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:Henceforth there is laid up for me
a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give at that day.” -2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)*