

**Floral Bearers**

St. Matthew United Methodist Women

**Casket Bearers**

Carolus Bennett Charles Evans Elder James Bennett Ricky Evans Charles Hendricks Julian Jackson



**Words of Appreciation**

On behalf of the Bennett-Hendricks Family, we'd like to thank you for your support, prayers, laughter, care, tears and most of all, the love that you have shown us during our time of sorrow. Special appreciation to all of her healthcare workers, the McCall Hospice House Staff and Pamela Bennett Askew for the connections and assistance as we made preparations. We have lost the matriarch of our family and the source of many of the life's lesson, but because she taught us the foundational truth of Christ's love and gave us solid biblical principles, we will go on, loving, believing, laughing and praising Him because of the legacy she has left. So again, thank you for being here today and know that we love you all!!! God Bless!

Love Always,  
Jeri, Cathy and Family

Donations in honor of Montez Hendricks Bennett for the Youth Center, maybe sent to:  
St. Matthew United Methodist Church– Taylors  
Attn: Commitment Fund  
P O Box 866  
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***Homegoing Celebration for the Life  
of  
Mrs. Montez Hendricks Bennett***



***Called by Name***  
*November 3, 1924*

***Called by God***  
*July 6, 2021*

***Tuesday, July 13, 2021  
11:00 am***

***Sullivan Bros. Mortuary Chapel  
Greer, South Carolina  
Pastor Andre Wicker, Comforting Words  
Min. Erick Bennett, Presiding***



## Order of Service

Presiding.....	Min. Erick Bennett Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church
Processional.....	The Bennett Family
The Greeting.....	Min. Erick Bennett
Solo.....	Elder Matrissa Bennett, Cornerstone Baptist Church Great Is Thy Faithfulness
The Affirmation of Faith. <b>The Apostle's Creed</b> ...	Rev. Dr. Amenti Sujai Sr. Pastor of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Taylors, SC
<u>The Scripture Readings</u>	
Old Testament.....	Elder James Bennett
New Testament.....	Charles Evans
Musical Selection.....	Elder Matrissa Bennett The Lord's Prayer
Remarks.....	<b>Please limit 2 minutes</b> Winifred Simpson, Family/Church Friend Betty Golden, Community/Church Friend Reverend Janie Gist, Family/Church Friend Sean Bennett, Grandson
Piano Solo.....	Marshall Bennett "It Is Well With My Soul Medley"
Words of Comfort.....	Pastor Andre Wicker Sr. Pastor of Sacrifice of Praise Worship Center
Recessional.....	The Bennett Family

### **Committal, Prayer, Benediction**

Greenville Memorial Gardens  
Piedmont, South Carolina



## 1924—The Dash of Mrs. Montez Hendricks Bennett—2021

**Montez Hendricks Bennett**, born on November 3, 1924, departed this life on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Her final days were spent surrounded by her two daughters with whom she loved tremendously.

**While** Montez lived most of her adult life in the Taylors, SC area, she was born in Easley, SC to the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Addie Hendrix. While attending Simpson High School in Easley, SC, she met and married the love of her life, the late Erias Jerry "EJ" Bennett, Jr. Upon graduating in 1946, she enrolled in Poro Beauty College in Columbia, SC, while her beloved served in the United States Army. Upon EJ's honorable discharge from the Army, he moved his bride to Taylors where they settled to continue expanding their family.

**Montez** had a heart to serve and she quickly began to minister through volunteering at St. Matthews Methodist Church of Taylors. One could describe her as a servant leader ~ whether it was providing support as a member of the St. Matthews United Methodist Women, greeting guest as a church usher, serving within the community as a member of the Order of Eastern Star, or pouring in countless hours as an outreach worker for the Community Action Program under the direction of Larry Pirkle. Mrs. Bennett was committed to enriching the lives of others. All while laying down some serious hairstyles as the community beautician and volunteering on the Hospitality Committee for the Bennett Family Reunion for several years. Montez knew who she was, what she stood for early on in life and whatever she put her mind to achieve, she accomplished.

**While** she worked at Carolina Blouse Factory and Union Carbide, she was always either working or volunteering to keep the outreach center open. What family and friends remember most is her service to the youth of our community, as the Director of the Taylors Day Care Center. For over 35 years—from 6:30a-5:30p, Monday—Friday daily bible versus, or driving the children to various local spots; such as the Roller Rink, Eastside YMCA or The Play Factory for summer field trips.

**Anyone** who knew Montez, knew how much she loved life, laughter and to praise her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. However, her greatest pleasure was being a loving wife to her beloved of over 57 years, EJ; a devoted mother to her daughters, Jeri and Cathy; spending time with her precious grandchildren, Sean and Kim, WillaMarie and Chad; and great grands, Klarke, Julian and Creed. While she only met him through pictures and talked via phone, Montez's sweet and sassy spirit lives on in her great-great-grandchild Kaden. She touched the lives of many with her sweet smile, generosity and was steadfast in her faith and work ethic until the very end.

**Montez** will forever be remembered by her faithful daughters, Jerelean "Jeri" Bennett and Cathy (Clifton) Bloise both of Taylors, SC; her dear grandchildren, Sean E. (Kim) Bennett of Maryland; WillaMarie Montez (Chad) Jackson of Ohio; phenomenal great grandchildren, Klarke E. Bennett of Maryland and Julian A. and Creed A. Jackson both of Ohio; and vivacious great-great grandchild Kaden E. Bennett of Maryland; along with countless other relatives and friends who were blessed to know her. She was preceded in death by her amazing great grandson Kyle E. Bennett.

*When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*  
-Helen Steiner Rice

**When** tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see; If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

**I** know how much you love me, as much as I love you,, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand.

**And** said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

**I** had so much to live for, so much yet to do, it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.

**If** I could relieve yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, that this could never be, For emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.

**And** when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled, from His great golden throne.

**He** said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day's the same day there's no longing for the past.

**But** you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Thought there were times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free. So won't you take my hand and share my life with me?

**So** when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me I'm right here, in your heart.