

**Floral Bearers**

The United Methodist Women

**Casket Bearers**

Brother James Pierce  
And  
The United Methodist Men



**Expressions of Appreciation**

The family of the late Mother Carolyn Ann Talley Francis would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to each of you for the love, prayers, support and other acts of kindness extended to us during this most difficult time. In whatever capacity you have shared with us, we want you to know that our hearts have been touched and we will never forget your thoughtfulness. We ask for your continued prayers as God carries us through the days, weeks, months and even years to come. May God's most abundant blessings be upon you now and always!



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**THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE**  
*In Honor and Loving Memory of the Late*  
**MOTHER CAROLYN ANN TALLEY FRANCIS**

Sunrise – March 23, 1941      Sunset – December 23, 2019



**Saturday, January 4, 2020**  
**11:00 AM**

**SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
911 Saint Mark Road  
Taylors, South Carolina 29687  
Reverend Telley Lynnette Gadson, M.Div., Senior Pastor  
Reverend Twana Rogers Cruell, Associate Pastor

The Interment:  
**Saint Mark Memorial Gardens**  
901 Saint Mark Road  
Taylors, South Carolina 29687

## Life Reflections...

### MOTHER CAROLYN A. TALLEY FRANCIS

**Carolyn Ann Talley Francis**, the daughter of the late Waymon Talley, Sr. and the late Annie Mae Greer Talley, was born on Sunday, March 23, 1941 in the Greenville County Community of Taylors, South Carolina. Educated in the public schools, she was a proud graduate of the historic Lincoln High School. In the years of her childhood and youth, she was nurtured in the Christian faith at Saint Mark United Methodist Church, where she was a baptized member.

Upon graduation from Lincoln at the age of 17, **Carolyn** relocated to New York City, New York in search of her future. It was in New York where she worked as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service and later retired. It was also in New York where she met and married the late William H. Francis, Sr. God blessed their marriage with the birth of two sons: William Jason Francis and Christopher Wayne Francis.

**Carolyn** loved the Lord and found her house of worship at The One Way Church of Christ (*Queens, New York*), joining this community of faith under the pastoral leadership of Bishop Gregory Tucker. In 1997, she moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she joined Shekinah Kingdom Church under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Cedric C. Rouson. She was recognized as a Church Mother and a woman of strong faith. In 2015, she returned to Taylors and renewed her membership at the church of her childhood, Saint Mark United Methodist Church, affectionately known as “THE 9-1-1,” under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Telley Lynnette Gadson (“Pastor T”). **Mother Carolyn** was bold in her witness for God, her devotion to Jesus, and her connection with the Holy Ghost. She was not ashamed to praise the Lord and enjoyed a high-spirited worship experience!

**Mother Carolyn** adored her family and was proud of the history and heritage of her Greer-Priestly nation. She enjoyed cooking, baking, and entertaining – so much so that when people from Taylors would travel north, she would be the respite of hospitality, standing at the ready with good food and a good time! Classy was her hallmark with her signature marked by her fashionista wardrobe, beautifully adorned hats, and her year-round mink coats. She had an infectious laugh, an unyielding determination, and a beautiful zest for life!

On Monday, December 23, 2019, **Mother Carolyn Ann Talley Francis** exchanged the cross of this world for the promised crown of life in glory. Her love, life, and legacy will be forever cherished by her loving son, Christopher (Tamicka) Francis of Virginia Beach, VA; her siblings; Waymon Talley, Jr. of Taylors, SC, Donald Talley of Greenville, SC, and Jerline Miller of Fayetteville, NC; her grandson, Frederick Hampton of Floral Park, NY; her nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, William J. Francis and her sister, Deborah Talley.

**Sleep on Mother Carolyn...We will see you in the morning!**

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Officiating Celebrant: **Pastor Telley Lynnette Gadson**

The Gathering.....Medley of Songs  
The Processional.....The Clergy and The Family  
**“What A Mighty God We Serve”**

The Words of Grace and Greetings

The Hymn of Praise.....**UMH 378 – “Amazing Grace”**  
The Prayer of Comfort.....**Bishop Gregory Tucker**  
*Senior Pastor – One Way Church of Christ (Queens, New York)*  
The Choral Response.....**”Total Praise” (The Chorus)**

### The Scripture Readings

Old Testament – **Psalm23**.....**Brother Patrick Ryan**  
New Testament – **John 14:1-7**..**Sister Christie Talley Ryan (God-daughter)**  
The Affirmation of Faith.....**UMH 881 – “The Apostles’ Creed”**

The Ministry of Music.....**The Inspirational Choir**

### The Reflections (please observe 3 minutes)

The Time of Open Witnessing  
Former Pastor and First Lady.....**Bishop Gregory and First Lady Virginia Tucker**  
Family.....**Sister Charlotte Talley Stutz, (Niece)**  
**Brother Frederick Hampton (Grandson)**  
**Elder Chris Francis (Son)**

The Acknowledgements and Church Resolution.....**Sister Ruby Lewers (Cousin)**

The Ministry of Music.....**The Inspirational Choir**

### THE MESSAGE OF HOPE

**PASTOR TELLEY LYNNETTE GADSON**

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
The Song of Invitation.....**”I Am Free”**  
The Commendation and Committal Rite  
The Sending Forth with Blessing  
The Recessional.....Medley of Songs  
The Interment

The Fellowship Hour and Repast  
**The Fellowship Hall at Lee Road United Methodist Church**