

A Stopping Place

*Life's but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.*

*We all have different journeys
Different paths along the way.
We were all meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know;
For some, the journey's quicker;
For some, the journey's slow.*

*And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace
Together with the Lord.*

-Anonymous



Flower Attendants

Epsilon Tau Omega Chapter
of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Pall Bearers

Family and Friends
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mary Ruth Arnold Sullivan Evans, truly appreciate the many expressions of kindness, sympathy, and love during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, cards and flowers will be remembered.

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.



Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Mary Ruth Evans



Friday, July 12, 2019

11:00am

Long Branch Baptist Church

28 Bolt Street

Greenville, South Carolina 29605

Rev. Sean Dogan, Pastor



Order of Service

Rev. Sean Dogan, Officiating

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Hymn.....*How Great Thou Art.....Choir*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8...Ms. Maria Black
New Testament ~ John 14:1-7.....Ms. Vanessa Adams

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. John T. Berry
Pastor, New Jerusalem Baptist Church

Hymn.....*Amazing Grace.....Choir*

Reflections:

Mrs. Hattie Harris, (Devoted Friend and Neighbor)
Mrs. Nettie Jones (Sterling High School, Class of 1951)
Representative from The Waterstone on Augusta
Assisted Living Facility

Special Tribute read by Ms. Cynthia Evans
on behalf of Ms. Norma Jean Richardson
(Long Time Friend)

Hymn... *We've Come This Far By Faith.....Choir*

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Sean Dogan

Recessional.....*How Great Is Our God.....Choir*

Interment

Committal/Prayer/Benediction
Resthaven Memorial Gardens
1655 Piedmont Highway
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Ruth Arnold Sullivan Evans was born on August 29, 1933, to the late Harold Ulysses Sullivan and Fannie Mae Arnold. Mary departed this life on July 5, 2019.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age at Long Branch Baptist Church. During her life, Mary remained active at Long Branch Baptist Church, New Forksville Baptist Church, and New Jerusalem Baptist Church. She participated in numerous bible study classes and supported children's and older adult activities. Mary enjoyed singing spiritual hymns around the house and studying the bible. Mary was a proud member of the Sterling High School class of 1951, and was very active in alumni activities. After graduating from high school, Mary attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1955.

While attending NCA&T, Mary joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and was both a Golden and Life member. As a member of the local Epsilon Tau Omega chapter of the AKA, she served as a former president of the Epsilon Tau Omega Foundation Board and also was a member of several sorority committees.

In 1955, Mary married her childhood sweetheart - Staff Sergeant Odell Evans. Being married to a military man gave her the opportunity to travel and experience things most could have only imagined. With her degree from NCA&T, Mary went on to teach in the Greenville County school district; primarily teaching special education at Blythe Elementary School, food services at Golden Strip Vocational, and adult night classes. Mary retired from the Greenville County School District after more than 20 years of service. Mary enjoyed travel, family gatherings, chats with friends, sewing, baking, and playing cards with her fellow members of the Excelsior and Evergreen Bridge Clubs. She also participated in The Minds Class,

a senior adult academic ministry at Long Branch Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Odell Evans, Jr.

Mary Ruth Arnold Sullivan Evans was devoted to her family and leaves to mourn her passing: her husband of 64 years, Retired Staff Sergeant Odell Evans of Greenville, South Carolina; a daughter, Cheryl Evans-McDonald (Samuel) of Ridgeway, South Carolina; and a son, Thomas Evans of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Left also to cherish fond memories are two grandchildren, Courtney Evans and Thomas Evans, II, of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; two great-grandchildren, Lillie McDonald and Laila McDonald of Dumfries, Virginia; two sisters, Ada Mangrum and Cynthia Irby, of Greenville, South Carolina; sisters-in-law, Essie Evans and Helene Evans of Greenville, South Carolina; and a host of other relatives and friends.

