

When Great Trees Fall

When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down in tall grasses, and even elephants
lumber after safety. When great trees fall
in forests, small things recoil into silence,
their senses eroded beyond fear.

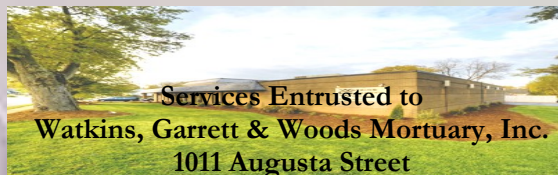
When great souls die, the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile. We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly, see with a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines, gnaws on kind words
unsaid, promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us. Our souls,
dependent upon their nurture,
now shrink, wizened. Our minds, formed
and informed by their radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die, after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always irregularly. Spaces fill with a kind of
soothing electric vibration. Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us. They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be better. For they existed.

Maya Angelou

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.



Services Entrusted to
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In Loving Memory of Mrs. Janie Beeks



Friday, January 3, 2020- 3:00pm
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Order of Service

Rev. Dr. John H. Corbitt, Officiating

Springfield Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Prelude

ProcessionalClergy, Family and Friends

Selection.....*Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*

Scripture Readings.....Rev. Dr. John H. Corbitt
Psalm 23 and John 14: 1-4

PrayerRev. Dr. John H. Corbitt

Solo.....Mrs. Marsha McKinney-Campbell
Precious Lord

Family Tributes.....Ms. Geneva Branch McMillian
(Granddaughter)

Remarks.....Mr. Elbert Sullivan
(Cousin)

Solo.....Mrs. Marsha McKinney-Campbell
His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Words of ComfortRev. Dr. John H. Corbitt

Recessional

Obituary

Mrs. Janie Beeks, 93, of Greenville, South Carolina, departed this life on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, at Heartland Hospice. She was the daughter of the late Leo and Mary Glenn Lewers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Humbert Beeks, Sr.; and one daughter, Mary Helen Beeks Foggie.

Surviving are three daughters, Annie L. Sullivan, Genny Branch, both of Greenville, SC, and Barbara Byrd of Fountain Inn, SC; two sons, Humbert Beeks, Jr., of the home and John A. (Crystal) Beeks of Simpsonville, SC; eleven grandchildren; and a host of great-grand-children, great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Flower Attendants

Granddaughters

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Interment

Pinedale Memorial Park
313 Brown Road
Piedmont, South Carolina 29673