

*A Life So Beautifully Lived  
Deserves to Be  
Beautifully Remembered*



***Mother Frances Brownlee Josey  
"Toot"***

***Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 1:00pm  
Queen Street Baptist Church  
6 Baywood Avenue  
Greenville, South Carolina, 29607  
Rev. Henry D. Johnson, Pastor***

# Order of Celebration

Celebration Conductor: Rev. Katie L. Jordan, Former (Queen Street B.C.) Pastor  
Long Branch Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

Praise and Worship.....Pastor Larry McCullough, Grace and Faith Church, Greenville, SC

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Song of Praise.....Combined Choir

## Scripture Readings:

Old Testament....Psalm 23.....Min. Gloria D'Oyley, Queen Street Baptist Church

New Testament....Pastor Stacey D. Mills, Mountain View Baptist Church, Greenville, SC

Prayer.....Pastor Jerome Rabb, Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Greer, SC

Song of Praise.....Mr. Channing Josey (Grandson)

## *A Time to Remember:*

(Please limit to three minutes.)

Ms. Loretta Green (Sterling Senior Action)

Sister Irene Lipford (Best Friend)

Jerry Stewart and Marilyn Reames (Stewart Family)

Deacon John Freeman (Church)

Solo.....Pastor Michael S. Smith, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Marion, NC

Special Tribute.....Min. Alexander Shuford, III (NC Son)

Family Tribute.....Min. Barbara Josey (Daughter)

Song of Praise.....Combined Choir

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Henry D. Johnson

Recessional

## Interment

Committal/Prayer/Benediction

Resthaven Memorial Gardens

1655 Piedmont Highway

Piedmont, South Carolina 29673



## *Gone Where?*

Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast,  
hull and spar as she was when she left my side.  
And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me ~ not in her.  
And, just at the moment when someone says, 'There, she is gone,'  
there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices  
ready to take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!'

And that is dying...

Death comes in its own time, in its own way.  
Death is as unique as the individual experiencing it.

Henry Van Dyke

Submitted by: Dr. Andre Eaddy



## *Life Journey*

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*

***A Time to be Born:*** Sarah Frances *Toot* Brownlee was born on June 19, 1926, in the Simpsonville/Fountain Inn area of South Carolina. She was the only daughter of the late Will and Ethel Ophelia Henry Brownlee.

***A Time to Love:*** She met her only true love, Hilliard Josey and they were united in holy matrimony on August 3, 1954. She was blessed to be the mother of six *birthed* children, Dorothy, James, Willie, Beatrice, Richard, and Barbara, and she gained a son, Vernon Webb. She was also the mother of many whom she loved and nurtured in so many ways.

***A Time to Serve:*** She was employed by the James Hamilton Stewart Family for over twenty years. There she inherited a second family, they were raised as if they were her children. She loved the late Jimmy, the late Johnny, and surviving Jerry and Marilyn. Her work experience continued during the course of years by being employed by Dan River/Woodside Mill, the McDonalds, Inc. and the Law Firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart.

At a young age, she was baptized in a branch (*In her words meaning stream*) at the Rocky Creek Baptist Church, where she served as a member of the Usher Board. She later joined the Queen Street Baptist Church in Greenville, close to where she lived, due to Rocky Creek only having service on two Sundays a month. There she was known as the Mother of the Young Adult Choir. She was the oldest member of the church and her love for others was exemplified daily. She loved the Lord with all her heart, mind, body and soul.

She was an honorary member of the International Masons and Order of the Eastern Star, Star of Bethlehem #2, Chapter #92 where she served faithfully for many years as the Worthy Matron.



*Favorite Scripture:*  
*Psalm 23*

*Favorite Song:*  
*When the Gates Swing Open*



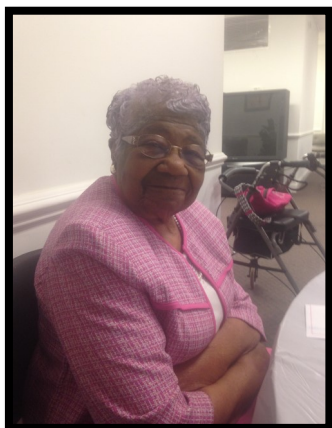


*A Time to Enjoy Life:* “Mama Josey” as she was affectionately called, was faithful in providing the obituaries from funerals so she could provide them to the people of the Sterling Senior Action Center. They would read them and the Community Informer Newspaper. She looked forward and loved to go to what we called, *school* everyday. She has travelled extensively to different countries on cruises in her latter years. We wanted her to enjoy life to the fullest and we know she did. She used so many funny sayings in her conversations, such as: *Drive on your side of the road; Speak mouth; They done shut my mouth; I can’t say nothing; Eat what you see and that you don’t, don’t ask for it; Shut your mouth wide open;* Referring to ministers, *stop saying you know the story, everybody don’t know; Um done told you;* and when asked, How are you doing? *her response was, Tolerable Well.*

*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

*A Time to Die:* She received her grant of approval to come to her Heavenly home on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 1:55pm and she peacefully accepted the call. Her work down here was done. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her only brother, Arthur “Duke” Brownlee.

*Her children arise up, and call her blessed:* Left to carry on her legacy of love are her children, Dorothy Brownlee Johnson, James Brownlee, Willie, Brownlee, Beatrice Josey, Richard (Rosa M.) Josey and Min. Barbara Josey, all of Greenville, SC, Vernon Webb of Washington, DC, and Elaine Brookins of Easley, SC; grandchildren, Channing (Tiffany) Josey raised in the home, Otis Johnson, Donnell Johnson, Hollie Gilliard, Shameka (Rakiel) Fuller, Carol D. Brownlee,, Christopher Brownlee, Carol Wright, Clarissa Williams, Charlene Clinkscales, LaTonya Humphrey, Sonya Taylor, Willie Brownlee, Jr., Kenneth Brownlee and Pierre Gary; numerous great-grandchildren and great -great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Otis (Tara) Hooper of Wake Forest, NC; extended families, the Brookins and Stewarts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



God’s love is steadfast and unchanging  
God’s love comforts us  
God’s love is revealed to us through Jesus Christ  
God’s love is poured into us through the Holy Spirit  
God’s love compels us to love one another  
God’s love was Frances Brownlee Josey







*Gone but, Never Forgotten*























*Honorary Flower Attendants- Caretakers*

Elder Betty Humphrey and Mrs. Laura Brownlee

*Flower Attendants- Caretakers*

Mrs. Jennifer Broughton

Mrs. Mae H. Davis

Ms. Pat Irby

Ms. Carole Jones

Ms. Ann Richardson

Mrs. Inez Valentine

Ms. Miesha Walker

Ms. Christina Williams

*Pall Bearers*

Queen Street Baptist Church Deacons

*Acknowledgement*

We are sincerely grateful to the many friends who have given us support and comfort during this time of transition.

Thank you everyone for the many expressions of kindness and love you have shown.

Thank you to the many caretakers who assisted us in taking care of Mama for so many years.

We especially would like to thank PRISMA-Health Upstate for your genuine concern you displayed to our Mother while she was in your care.

*The Family*

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.

