

*Flower Attendants*

Sherry Dendy  
Quessie Jones  
Shenita Josey  
Meryle Leonard  
Alvenia Parson  
Terry Wise

*Pall Bearers*

Thomas Dendy  
Tony Dillard  
Antuane Josey  
Duane Josey  
Brad Leonard  
James Parson



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Mrs. Melvenia Benbow Gibbs*



*Saturday, May 16, 2020 - 11:00am  
Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29605*

## *Obituary*

Mrs. Melvenia Benbow Gibbs, 79, of Greer, South Carolina, passed on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Manning Place. She was the daughter of the late Charlie Benbow and Caroline James.

Melvenia received her formal education in the New Hanover County School System. She was a graduate of Williston Senior High School. She was formerly employed at New Hanover Regional Medical Center for over 40 years in the Food Service Department.

God blessed her with an infectious smile that would affect everyone she encountered. She was a loving, dedicated mother who was always available for her children. She instilled Christian values in her children. Her favorite scripture was Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

She was preceded in death by her spouse, Alonzo Wellington Gibbs; a daughter, Debra E. Benbow; a brother, Charlie Benbow, Jr., her father, Charlie Benbow, Sr.; and her mother, Carolina James.

Left to cherish many fond memories are six daughters, Terry Wise of Wilmington, NC, Alvenia (James) Parson of Newport News, VA, Sherry (Thomas) Dendy of Greer, SC, Shenita (Rev. Dr. Anthony) Josey of Clarksburg, MD, Meryle (Brad) Leonard of Mooresville, NC, and Quessie Jones of Wilmington, NC; one son, Todd Wise of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Ernestine Lewis of Wilmington, NC; fourteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; special friends, Jean Brinson of Leland, NC, Victoria Canty of Wilmington, NC, and the Dawkins Family of Greer, SC; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## *Order of Service*

Rev. Dr. James Anthony Josey, Officiating  
Metropolitan AME Church, Cumberland, Maryland

### Processional

Clergy and Family

### Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

John 14:1-6

### Prayer

Rev. Dr. James A. Josey

### Remarks

Meryle Leonard (Daughter)

Victoria Canty (Family Friend)

### Solo

Marsha McKinney Campbell

### Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. James A. Josey

### Selection

Goin' Up Yonder (CD)

Committal/Prayer/Benediction/Recessional