



### *Pallbearers*

Gary Carpenter  
Marlo McIntyre  
Willie Hawes  
Darryl Jordan

James Smith  
Darryl Mims  
Frank Booker  
Douglas Murray

### *Honorary Flower Bearers* Monthly Luncheon Club

### *Music* Brenda Pollard



### *Acknowledgements*

We, the family of the late Janet Louise Davenport Riley, would like to acknowledge everyone for your acts of kindness, phone calls, cards, food and visits. Your prayers, comforting words, and expressions of sympathy added strength during our time of sorrow. Continue to pray for us, and may God's richest blessings be with each of you.

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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR *Janet Louise Davenport Riley*

Sunrise  
March 23, 1923

Sunset  
August 11, 2017

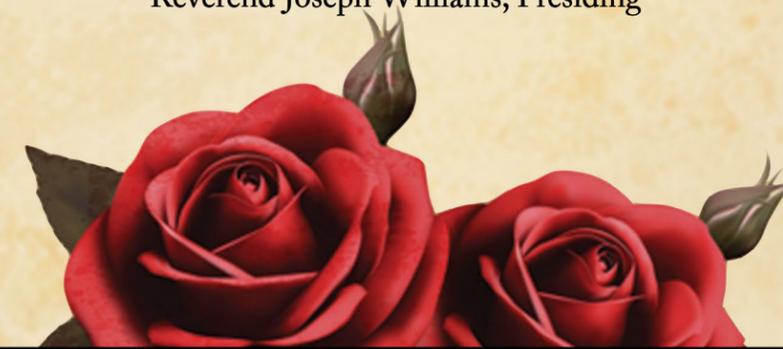


Friday, August 18, 2017  
11:00 A.M.

CUMMING GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
2289 Gardner Street  
Augusta, Georgia



Reverend Norris Rouse, Pastor  
Reverend Joseph Williams, Presiding



## Reflections of Life

JANET LOUISE DAVENPORT RILEY, affectionately known as Jane, was born on March 23, 1923 to the late Willie F. and Lillie M. Davenport in Augusta, Georgia. She was the third of four children (Willie Mae, Arthur Randall, now deceased, and Julia Etta).

Jane attended Weed Academy Elementary School. After elementary school, she attended Haines Institute, where she was the Salutatorian of her class in 1940. Jane began her college education at Barber Scotia Junior College in Concord, North Carolina. She later completed her bachelor's degree at Paine College. As a young adult, she was an active tennis player and swimmer.

Jane accepted Christ at an early age and attended Cumming Grove Baptist Church, the church of her mother. She was a devoted member in her church and participated in various organizations over the years. She was one of the few members who remembered hearing the church bell ring for funerals and various church services throughout the community.

Jane began her teaching career at Weed Academy Elementary School and after desegregation, taught at William Robinson Elementary School until its closing. She completed her teaching career at John Tutt Middle School and retired in 1985. Jane devoted 37 years of teaching in the Richmond County School System. She taught many students and their children while teaching in her beloved community, "The Hill." She loved to travel both nationally and internationally and upon her retirement, her children gave her a memorable trip to Paris, France.

For many years, Jane was active in her community through clubs, church and lifelong friendships. Mrs. Riley, as she was known by many of her former students, was a kind and generous woman who often gave silently to those in need. She enjoyed life and possessed a strong love for God, family and community. She loved having her family come home during the holidays and devoted countless hours to shopping and cooking in preparation for those family gatherings. She was also known for sending pots of soups and stews to family and friends when they were ill. As the wife of a Sportsman Boat Club founding member, Jane enjoyed numerous activities and functions at Clarks Hill Lake including boat riding, fishing, cooking and being in the company of friends.

## I'm Free



DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME, FOR NOW I'M FREE.  
I'M FOLLOWING THE PATH GOD LAID FOR ME.  
I TOOK HIS HAND WHEN I HEARD HIM CALL;  
I TURNED MY BACK AND LEFT IT ALL.  
I COULD NOT STAY ANOTHER DAY,  
TO LAUGH, TO LOVE, TO WORK OR PLAY.  
TASKS LEFT UNDONE MUST STAY THAT WAY;  
I FOUND THAT PLACE AT THE CLOSE OF DAY.  
IF MY PARTING HAS LEFT A VOID,  
THEN FILL IT WITH REMEMBERED JOY.  
A FRIENDSHIP SHARED, A LAUGH, A KISS;  
AH YES, THESE THINGS, I TOO WILL MISS.  
BE NOT BURDENED WITH TIMES OF SORROW.  
I WISH YOU THE SUNSHINE OF TOMORROW.  
MY LIFE'S BEEN FULL, I SAVOURED MUCH;  
GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, A LOVED ONES TOUCH.  
PERHAPS MY TIME SEEMS ALL TOO BRIEF;  
DON'T LENGTHEN IT NOW WITH UNDUE GRIEF.  
LIFT UP YOUR HEART AND SHARE WITH ME,  
GOD WANTED ME NOW,  
HE SET ME FREE.

## Order of Service

Processional

Hymn ..... Congregation  
"Blessed Assurance"

Scripture ..... Randall Davenport  
Old and New Testaments

Prayer ..... Reverend Bernard Simmons

Solo ..... Bobbilynn Lee

Reflections ..... Bertha Singleton, Church  
Helen Henry, Education  
David Dennard and Lesley Riley, Family

Special Recognition ..... Elizabeth Jordan

Obituary ..... Read Silently  
Medley of Hymns

Acknowledgements ..... Family

Solo ..... George Cornell Peterson

Eulogy ..... Reverend Joseph Williams

Recessional

Interment ..... Westover Memorial Park



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