

MISS ME-BUT LET ME GO

When I come to the end of the day, and the sun has set for me;
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low;
Remember the love we once shared- Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take, and each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know;
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds- Miss me but let me go.



Acknowledgement

The family of

~Bernadine Kennedy Releford~

would like to extend their sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for
all acts of kindness shown during their time of bereavement.

May God bless each of you.

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A Celebration of Life for Bernadine Kennedy Releford

November 6, 1922

February 19, 2011



Friday, February 25, 2011
12:30 P.M.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS

2915 Ashley Phosphate Road
N. Charleston, South Carolina

Reverend Cleopatrck Lacy, Officiant

Bernadine Kennedy Releford, 88

Bernadine Kennedy Releford, daughter of the late Elliot and Ella Evans Kennedy, was born in Harleyville, South Carolina on November 6, 1922. One of six children from that union, she spent her early years in Charleston, SC., and formative years in Florence, SC. She graduated from North Carolina College (N.C. Central University) in 1946 and began her teaching career in Florence.

Bernadine married Dr. Alexander Brewer Campbelle in 1950, and they had two daughters, Olga and Alexis. She continued in her education career, teaching grades kindergarten through high school. Her family traveled for the advancement of her husband's medical career, moving from Atlanta, to Union Springs, AL, to Washington, D.C., to Cedartown, GA, and later to Cleveland and Shaker Heights, Ohio, where Alex practiced psychiatry until he passed away in 1970.

She married Dr. Charles Releford in 1973, moved to Griffin, GA, and became a loving stepmother to his children, Michelle and Charles, Jr. She immediately became an active member of the Griffin community, including being a devoted member at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the Xi Beta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the League of Women Voters. Bernadine enjoyed social life with the Laciso Bridge Club and the Mr. and Mrs. Club, and she served as treasurer of the Georgia State Medical Association Auxiliary. She also worked in the Griffin-Spalding Public Schools.

For the past five years, Bernadine has been a resident at Gates Manor in Montclair, NJ, and it was there that she was called to rest on February 19, 2011.

She is survived by her daughters, Olga Sanders and Alexis (Michael) Ellison, a stepdaughter, Dr. Michelle Dalton, a stepson, Charles (Tonga) Releford, Jr.; a goddaughter, Sharonlyn (Clyde) Reese; seven grandchildren, Jordan Ellison, Erica Ellison, Rhett Dalton, Rahbi Releford, Charles Releford III, Colin Releford, and Kendall Releford; an aunt, Florence Evans; a half-brother Jethro Allen; four nieces, Angie Evans, Ruth (Ben) Felder, Sharon Holmes and Gertrude (Ulysses) Hines; six nephews, Douglas, Willard, Tony, Ricardo and Jeffrey White, and John (Kathryn) Brewer, and a host of loving and caring cousins, grand nieces and grand nephews.

Order of Service



Gathering

Hymn of Praise..... "Amazing Grace"

Scripture

Prayer..... Reverend Evans Lee, Retired Pastor

Remarks..... The Family

Hymn..... "Precious Lord" - First Stanza

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Cleopatrik Lacy
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Griffin, GA

Committal..... Reverend Cleopatrik Lacy

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, Take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the Light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.