



## Arthurine Powell Rivers

September 18, 1941 - December 12, 2021

Arthurine Powell Rivers of Monroe, North Carolina, formerly of Daniel Island, South Carolina, a native of McClellanville, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, December 12, 2021, at the age of 80 years old.

Lovingly known as Ree, she was born on September 18, 1941 to the late Bennie E. Powell, Sr. and Eliza Mitchell Powell of McClellanville, South Carolina.

After graduating from Lincoln High School, Ree attended South Carolina State College where she met the love of her life, Henry Rivers, Jr. Arthurine and Henry were united in holy matrimony on February 3, 1962. This union was blessed with four sons and a special son whom they raised as their own. An infant daughter preceded her in death.

At an early age Arthurine received Christ as her personal savior at Bethel A.M.E. Church, McClellanville, SC which she considered to be her home church. She continued her Christian walk throughout the remainder of her life. Ministry opportunities allowed Arthurine and Henry to serve various churches in many capacities. She served as a choir member, deacon, elder and first lady, but teaching Sunday School was her passion. She was also a Past Worthy Matron of East Cooper Chapter #365, Order of the Eastern Star.

The family has fond memories of her as a Pre-school teacher, excellent seamstress, and exceptional cook. We will miss the family gatherings she hosted. Always making sure that everyone felt welcomed and left well fed.

Arthurine is also preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Bennie, Jr., Benzenia, Dick, Vermel and Clement.

Arthurine leaves behind to cherish her memories, Reverend Henry Rivers, Jr., her devoted husband of 59 years; five sons: Henry (Mayra), Dale (Sonia), Vincent (Shanae), Samuel (Juvon) and Sean (Renee); nine grandchildren: Jonathan, Austin, Jasmine, Courtney (Emmanuel), Lauryn, Alexis, Nathaniel, Maielle and Ryland. Arthurine will also be missed by her siblings: Dollie Ann Johnson (Charles), Cassandra Powell, Melvin Powell (Angie), Betty Jenkins (Herman), Alfred Powell (Aminah), Mary Simmons, John Michael Smalls; sister-in-law: Sheila Powell as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Public Viewing: Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Private Family Memorial: Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Smith-McNeal Funeral Chapel

2119 Dorchester Road, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

The Interment will follow at Carolina Memorial Gardens - 7113 Rivers Avenue, N. Charleston, SC.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 18. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Smith-McNeal Funeral Home  
2119 Dorchester Road  
North Charleston, SC 29405  
(843) 722-3676  
smithmcnealfuner@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Ree was a very special cousin who to me was more like a big sister. When I went to McClellanville each summer, Ree was always there eager to share the sights and sounds of SC. Will miss you dearly and have nothing but fond memories! RIP! 🙏*

Arnold E Martin - December 19, 2021 at 01:10 PM

EC

“ *My Condolences To The Family:...*

Evelyn Clark - December 18, 2021 at 10:32 AM

YJ

“ *Aunt Ree Ree, there are truly no words to express the devastation of losing you. Thank you so much for the endless love, encouragement, support, laughter and joy you brought to my life and countless others. I miss you so much, but am comforted knowing that you are now at peace. I love you so much! XOXO  
Forever yours, YZ (Y'Liska)*



Y'Liska Johnson - December 18, 2021 at 10:13 AM

KS

“ Praying for you all during this time of loss.



Kevin L Smith - December 18, 2021 at 08:50 AM

GP

“ James and Gloria Parlor and family send our heart felt sadness for the death of our Sister in Christ. We pray that God continue to grant you peace.

Gloria B. Parlor - December 18, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal. I feel so blessed to have known her for her encouragement and love! Cynthia Hall & Family



Cynthia Hall - December 17, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Large Combo Basket was purchased for the family of Arthurine Powell Rivers.



December 17, 2021 at 11:29 AM

JR

“ Words are inadequate at times like this! but its all we have to use to express our condolences to the family. We wish to express our heart felt sadness to lose a long time family friend and a unofficial cousin. Henry, and the family, please know that we grieves with you and will be here to provide emotional support to you and the family for the rest of our days.



*John & Robenia Rivers  
Manta, Ecuador*

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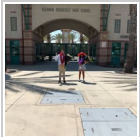
**John & Robenia Rivers** - December 17, 2021 at 10:04 AM

DD

*Our condolences to the Mr. Henry and the Rivers family our prayers and thoughts are with you.  
Your neighbors Dee-Dee & Aundrae*

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**Demetra Downtin** - December 17, 2021 at 02:25 PM



“ Aunt ree, I am so sad that you were gone and I wish I come here to goodbye and kids and I wish we come here spend with you and family , we will missing you so much and love you as always, ❤️

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**Alison Powell** - December 16, 2021 at 04:44 PM

DM

“ Aunt Ree, you might have been small in stature but you were a giant at heart. Thank you for always checking in on us even while battling your own internal wars. You will always be in our hearts and remembered for keeping family first. Kisses to the sky until we meet again.  
-Detra

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**Detra (Powell) Mardis** - December 16, 2021 at 04:03 PM

CG

“ *Chiquita, Calorence, Connie Sylvester GA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Arthurine Powell Rivers.*



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**Chiquita, Calorence, Connie Sylvester GA** - December 16, 2021 at 11:21 AM

JP

“ *Aunt Ree you will be truly missed. It was always a blessing to be around you, and to hear stories about back in the day. You fought a good fight now it's your time to enter the gates of heaven. We will miss!  
Love Cup*

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**Justin Powell** - December 16, 2021 at 08:09 AM

SJ

“ *I miss you Aunt Reeree!!! You told me how proud you were of me! You gave me the best red rice recipie EVER!! Rest in Heaven.*

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**Sissi Johnson** - December 16, 2021 at 07:35 AM

DC

“ *I will always remember with joy the times that Ree and Pastor Henry served with us on Thursday mornings at the Dream Center. Ree was always smiling and cheerful and a blessing to all who knew her. My deepest condolences to the family and though I know we will miss her she is at peace in the arms of our Lord.*



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**Donna Calafiore** - December 14, 2021 at 08:04 PM

PF

*Our deepest condolences to Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sonia Rivers family*

**Pamela Farmer** - December 15, 2021 at 04:29 PM

FP

*Sending our condolences to CW5 Sonia Rivers family*

**Francis Patton** - December 15, 2021 at 04:32 PM

LS

*We're praying for your family Chief Sonia Rivers.*

**LTC Kiel Scott** - December 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CG

*May Mrs Autherine Rivers Rest In Peace. Chief Sonia Rivers, we are praying for you and your family.*

*From the Combat Development Team at Ft. Lee, Va*

**COL Gresham** - December 15, 2021 at 04:37 PM

LB

*My condolences to you your family! She will be missed*

**Lorraine Blake** - December 16, 2021 at 06:49 AM

BM

*“ Vince, We are saddened for the loss of your mother. Prayers and condolences.*

*Blane & Kris Moon*

**Blane Moon** - December 14, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ *Carolyn Simmons lit a candle in memory of Arthurine Powell Rivers*



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**Carolyn Simmons** - December 14, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *My deepest Condolences to the Family I will always remember you Ree*



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**Judy Branton Williams** - December 13, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *My Deepest Condolences To The Family*



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**Elaine Brown** - December 13, 2021 at 02:01 PM