



**HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS**

Sanders High School Class of 1968

**HONORARY CASKET BEARERS**

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**EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**

*We wish to thank each one of you for all the kindness and support expressed during our time of bereavement. No matter how great or small the deed; Your act of love and concern meant a lot to us. May God bless you and may His peace be with you always.*

*~The Family~*



Arrangements Entrusted to:

**The W. J. Gist Mortuary**  
519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina  
Telephone 476-3411

**Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service**  
1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Telephone 574-5464

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*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Ms. Christine Mickens*

*Sunrise*  
July 29, 1950

*Sunset*  
May 3, 2023

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**Two O'clock in the Afternoon**

**Cedar Grove Baptist Church**  
**Enoree, SC 29335**

**Rev. Sterlin Hill, Sr., Pastor**  
**Rev. Mekesha Watson, Officiating Pastor**



# LIFE PROFILE

The sweet spirit of Christine Byrd Mickens passed from Earth to Eternity to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. As the 10<sup>th</sup> child of the late Mr. Jurell Byrd, Sr. and Mrs. Marie Pryor Byrd, Christine, affectionately known as “Chris”, was born on July 29, 1950.

Born and raised in Enoree, South Carolina, Chris was a proud graduate of Sanders High School in Laurens, SC, and Voorhees College in Denmark, SC. She was a very faithful and dedicated member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Enoree, SC. For many years, she served on the missionary board as vice president and secretary. She was also a member of the usher board and the church birthday club. She loved her church and would help out in any capacity when needed. Chris enjoyed attending church, loved shopping, working in her yard, walking her dog Zoe, and volunteering at the Helping Hands Ministries of Woodruff, SC. She would volunteer there every Tuesday and Thursday.

Chris was fun spirited and loved spending time with her family and friends. She spent many years living in Arlington, VA, and Bishopville, SC, before relocating back home to Enoree.

In addition to her parents, Chris was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Ms. Paula Mégielle Mickens; four brothers Mr. Willie Errol Pryor, Mr. Ezzie Stroud, Mr. Bobby Stroud, and Mr. Herman Pryor; and four sisters Mrs. Lorraine Latham, Ms. Cora Byrd, Ms. Mattie Harper, and Ms. Ann Vance.

She leaves to cherish her fond memories two devoted brothers Mr. Jurell Byrd, Jr. of Laurens, SC, and Mr. Robert (Madge) Byrd of Enoree, SC; a loving niece reared in the home Mrs. Tonya (Michael) Bland of Columbia, SC; one brother-in-law Mr. Charles Latham of Enoree, SC; two sisters-in-law Ms. Lola Stroud of Laurens and Ms. Rose Pryor of Gray Court, SC; a host of nieces, nephews, other living relatives, and friends.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Reverend Mekesha Watson, Presiding*

Processional.....Family

Selection.....CGB Ensemble

Scripture.....Reverend Lachesha Byrd

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Mekesha Watson

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Rita Pearson

Reflections:

As a Family Member – Ms. Sandra Williams

As a Friend – Ms. Bennie Nelle Hunter

As a Church Member – Ms. Ann Shelton

Selection.....CGB Ensemble

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Sterlin Hill, Sr.

Closing Prayer.....Rev. Sterlin Hill, Sr.

# COMMITTAL AND BENECTION



## **DEAR LORD**

*There is so much going on in the world... so much that is upsetting and beyond my control.*

*Please help me to cast my cares on you.*

*Help me to turn my worry time into prayer time. Please help all who are dealing with tragedies, illness, adversity and losses.*

*Please pour out your blessings on all who are in need and help us find your peace that passes all understanding.*

*Thank you for being with me each moment of this day.*

*In Jesus' name I pray.*

*Amen*

*Written by Christine Mickens*

