



## Elder Johnnie Mae Pough

January 8, 1931 - September 26, 2023

Elder Johnnie Mae Pough was born January 8th, 1931 in Woodford, South Carolina to the late John and Agnes Staley. She departed this life on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 to be with the Lord. She was educated in the Orangeburg County Public School.

Elder Pough was a member at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Woodford, South Carolina, where she served on the usher's board from ages nine to fifteen. She later moved to Brooklyn, New York and became a member of Tabernacle of Prayer For All People in Jamaica Queens, New York, where she came an ordained Elder. She returned to South Carolina where she became and remained a faithful member of Kingdom Builders Ministries.

She was a seamstress by trade. Her hobbies included hat making, crocheting, sewing, baking, and spending time with her family. You would always see her singing, dancing and spending time with the Lord.

Elder Pough was preceded in death by her husband, Derides Pough; her parents, John and Agnes Staley; her two brothers, Edward Major, and Aldin Staley; two sisters, Carretha Walker, and Clara Johnson; one granddaughter, Gretchen M. Smith, and her bonus daughter, Sandra Okoli.

Those left to cherish her fond and precious memories are her three daughters,

Ruby S. Jones and Agnes James both of Columbia, South Carolina, Keren (Michael, Sr.) Pender of Brooklyn, New York; a son, Pastor Dennis R. (Junette) Pough of Columbia, South Carolina; twelve grandchildren, Gregory Smith, Sr., Bridgette Smith, Furman (Ne-Shawn) James, Gerry (Lawanda) James, Raven (Lamonte) Reed, Jason Pough, Michael Pender, Jr., Ashley James, Marie Okoli, Tiffany (Maurice) Glover, Timothy Pough, and Tennise Pough; sixteen great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at Kingdom Builders Ministries, 5320 Fairfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Marvin Jackson, Sr. Pastor, Pastor Dennis Pough, officiating. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery. Elder Pough will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to service time.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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# Cemetery Details

## Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive  
Columbia, SC 29204  
(803) 254-4673

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kingdom Builders Ministries  
5320 Fairfield Road  
Columbia, SC 29203

*To view the service for Elder Pough, please click on the link: [https://fb.watch/ns7YtaLdo\\_/](https://fb.watch/ns7YtaLdo_/)*

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the Pough family, by way of Brooklyn N.Y.  
I've never had the Honor of meeting her...  
But heard so many Great Things about her over the years... I am SistaFriends with her daughter Keren... I Love You Sis.

*May Mother Sleep Peacefully, Amen.*

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**Annette Lewter** - October 06, 2023 at 09:43 AM

VP

“ Vincent Pontoon lit a candle in memory of Johnie Pough



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**Vincent Pontoon** - October 03, 2023 at 11:06 AM

GS

“ My dear grandmother you will be greatly missed!

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**Gregory Smith** - October 03, 2023 at 08:30 AM

TP

“ I'll never forget the time when you stop this one kid from bullying me when I was little thank you for being there for me love you always.

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**Timothy Pough** - October 02, 2023 at 07:32 PM

BO

“ My “ole lady”. The memories will live on. I thank you for everything that you’ve done for me, and every time you was there for me. I wouldn’t be “Blessing” without Johnnie Mae.

Blessing Okoli - October 02, 2023 at 05:47 PM

AJ

“ I love you and will miss you so very much. ❤️

agnes james - October 01, 2023 at 10:39 PM

DP

“ Mother, just a quick word of thanks for always being there.

Love you.  
Dennis

Dennis R Pough - October 01, 2023 at 07:40 PM

VP

This is in loving memory to my Aunt Johnny Mae who was always a calm voice in my life. She gave me my name when I was born on October 24, 1966. She named me, Vincent Delano I will always remember her the kind words that she spoke to me and she always seem to be calm on the pressure, I will always miss you. Love you, Vincent, your nephew to my favorite aunt.

Vincent Pontoon - October 03, 2023 at 11:09 AM

EB

“ My condolences to the family. In her memory, you fight on!  
Emma Perry Burkett

Emma Perry Burkett - October 01, 2023 at 04:03 PM

PA

“ My Auntie was in my life from my immaturity to my maturity. What a blessing. She taught me laughter is a medicine!  
I appreciated her ancestral and spiritual wisdom. I thank God for the opportunities we shared to soak up that knowledge. I have so many memories that will make me smile when I think of her. One such memory is the nickname only SHE was allowed to call me and her surprise when she realized I didn't like it. Of course, I will forever hear her praying her special prayer at the closing of our phone calls and visits.  
Forever, in my heart.  
Your niece Patricia

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**Patricia Ashford** - October 01, 2023 at 03:59 PM

DS

“ Rest in peace grandmother, I love you and will do all I can to keep making you proud.

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**Dashawn smith** - October 01, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JP

“ In loving memory of my Aunt Mae who took the time to teach me how to crochet. I remember the first throw blanket I made was yellow and brown. Wish I still had it; but it's ok because I'll make a new one with loving thoughts of her as I start to crochet. Love you Auntie!

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**Jacqueline Pontoon** - October 01, 2023 at 10:45 AM

SH

“ You were truly loved and will be greatly missed!! I am so blessed and thankful to have gotten the chance to call you grandmother. You had such a beautiful and soul and made me feel welcomed from day. I know you will be watching down on all of us! We love you grandmother, until we meet again rest in peace💕



Shon - October 01, 2023 at 09:29 AM

BS

“ My Grandmother was a loving and God fearing woman. At a young age she made sure her children was in Sunday school regularly and in church service faithfully on Sunday morning!! Her favorite words was if you can stay up all night you can get up and go to church!! Numbers 24-26 "The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

Bridgette V Smith - October 01, 2023 at 08:23 AM

LC

“ From the first time we met, you welcome myself and my kids as family. I enjoyed having you in my life, I'm going to miss being able to pick up the phone to text and calling you. When I hear or read Numbers 6:24-26, I hear your voice. Thank you Sweet Lady for the love and the memories I will forever cherish them.



Lawanda Counts - October 01, 2023 at 08:16 AM

AJ

“ Shine bright my love



agnes james - October 01, 2023 at 08:00 AM

PR

“ I met Ma Pough through my godmother (Maryum McCloud). She was always warm and welcoming. She had a truly beautiful spirit. My prayers are with the family at this difficult time.



Patricia Robinson - September 30, 2023 at 08:45 PM

HJ

“ Sending condolences and prayers to the Poughkeepsie family. Praying that God will strength you all. Especially Sis Agnes and Ruby. Love you all.

Hazel Jackson - September 30, 2023 at 07:50 PM

LC

“ From the first day that we met, you accepted me and my kids as part of the family. You showed us nothing but love, and I thank you for that. You are a beautiful soul Sweet Lady and I will truly miss you.



Lawanda Counts - September 30, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elder Johnnie Mae Pough.*



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September 30, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elder Johnnie Mae Pough.*



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September 29, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elder Johnnie Mae Pough.*



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September 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Johnnie Mae Pough.*

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September 28, 2023 at 04:51 PM

FW


“ *Prayer with the family as they send such a beautiful person home to be with her father for its not easy she is free from pain and suffering she has left a mark in alot of people hearts you will be forever missed.*



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**Farlisha Watts** - September 28, 2023 at 04:33 PM

FS

*Grandmother your impact on several generations is undeniable. We are surely going to miss you. Just as Jesus left his footprints  in the sand you're leaving your footprints forever cemented in our hearts. Just as always in every departure from one another THE LORD BLESS THEE AND KEEP THEE.*

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**FURMAN L JAMES BKA GRANDMOTHER'S SHAFFY** - October 01, 2023 at 08:42 AM