



## Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin

July 13, 1937 - January 24, 2023

As a lifelong educator and college Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at various institutions in the United States, Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin forged strong, decades-long relationships with students and faculty across the country.

Loretta passed away on January 24, 2023 at Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Columbia, SC. Born July 13, 1937 in Trenton, New Jersey, Loretta received an early lesson in the value of higher education from her parents, the late Rubin and Mattie Rasberry. Educated in Orangeburg County Schools, she graduated from Wilkinson High School and attended South Carolina State (College) University, where she earned her B.S. degree in Health and Physical education. She also earned her M.ED degree in Education from Tennessee State University, and later received her A.B degree in Business Management from Columbia Junior College. Understanding that education is a lifelong process, Loretta completed advance studies in Biology and Health Education Administration from South Carolina State (College) University and the University of South Carolina. Other courses of study included the Training Institute for Special Programs Personnel for Project Evaluation for Marquette University and the National Science Foundation at Huston-Tillotson (College) University, Alston, Texas.

Loretta taught high school at Westside in Anderson, South Carolina before

accepting a faculty position as an Instructor of Health and Physical Education at the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. In addition, she served as an Instructor of Health and Physical Education at Caughman Road Middle School in Columbia, South Carolina, and an Instructor of the National Youth Sports Program at the University of South Carolina. In subsequent years, she was appointed to the positions of Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Director of the Special Services Program, and Director of the Upward Bound Program at Benedict College. Loretta devoted 53 years of service as an Educator, and happily retired in 2012, after devoting 41 years of those years of educational service to Benedict College.

Loretta has been honored for her commitment to education by receiving the Boy Scouts of America Service Award, Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Programs Personnel Outstanding Service Award, Benedict College President's Award, YWCA Twin (Community Service) Award, National Council of Negro Women Outstanding Service Award, the Richland County School District I Volunteer Service Award, and honored as an outstanding "Women of Faith" by Northminister Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

In the name of service, Loretta was an active member of several boards and organizations, including the National Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, South Carolina Council of Special Programs, National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, NAACP, American Association of University Professors, and the Girl Scouts Program, Coordinator, Anderson, South Carolina.

Loretta was baptized at an young age, and joined McBranch Baptist Church in Branchville, South Carolina. She later became a member of Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Adult and Mass Choirs,

Pastor's Aid Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, and a board member with the Ridgewood Foundation. She was a Silver Soror and a lifetime member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Loretta was also a member of the Red Hat Society (Ladies of Distinction) , The Charmettes, and several local Bridge Clubs. Her hobbies included, playing Bridge and traveling aboard and within the US, in which she visited all fifty (50) States, and five (5) continents. "Amazing Grace" was her favorite hymn, and she took pride in reading her favorite Bible verse - Psalms 37.

United in holy matrimony on December 20, 1969, Loretta honored her sacred vows to the late Ellis J. Herrin, Sr. To this union, their only son, Eldridge Denae Herrin (Denny) was born.

Loretta was preceded in death by her brother, Edward J. (Carolyn) Rasberry; sister, Ruby Mae (Clearance) Davis; sister-in-law, Geraldine Herrin; brothers-in-law; Carl Ulmer, Sr., Gerald Herrin and Raymond Herrin.

Loretta's memory will forever be in the hearts of her son, Eldridge D. Herrin of Columbia, SC; two bonus children, Julia (James) Tellie and Ellis (Doris) Herrin, Jr. both of Fort Worth, TX; one sister, Mattie Ulmer of Beaufort, SC; six grandchildren, Eldridge Herrin II of Columbia, SC Jhordan Brown of Mooresville, NC, Quijana Felder of Sumter, SC, Christopher Herrin, Jhailen Herrin, and Zoe Herrin all of Columbia, SC; two great - grandchildren, Elijah Herrin of Columbia, SC and Kaylani Herrin of Castro Valley, CA; three aunts, Annie Nell Wyatt of Harlem, NY, Emma Rhett and Nancy Rasberry of Columbia, SC; a very special niece; Bernadette L. Ulmer of Beaufort, SC; a daughter-in-love, Andraea D. Herrin of Columbia, SC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, church family and adoring friends.

The Herrin family acknowledges with grateful appreciation, all of your kind expressions of love and sympathy.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 3, 2023 at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5335 Ridgeway Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. Interment to follow in the Greenlawn Memorial Park, 845 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29209.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2023 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel and 10:00 a.m. until time of service, Friday, February 3, 2023 at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church Family Life Center, 5335 Ridgeway Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29203.

To view the service for Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin, please click on the link below:

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Please leave Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin family your condolences and prayers.

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# Cemetery Details

## Greenlawn Memorial Park

Sumter Highway  
Columbia, SC 29209

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel  
6400 North Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29203  
(803) 254-4673

## Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ridgwood Missionary Baptist Church  
5326 Ridgeway Street  
Columbia, SC 29203

# Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Brenda Gillie lit a candle in memory of Loretta Herrin*



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**Brenda Anne Gillie** - February 14, 2023 at 06:09 AM

BD

“ *To the Family of the Late Mrs. Loretta Rasberry Herrin:*

*I, along with my sister was deeply saddened when my daughter and son-in-law (Melody Lee-Harris and Basil Harris) told me of the passing of my former high school teacher and girls' basketball coach, Miss Rasberry. She was a great teacher, coach, and mentor. She had high expectations of us. She was tough and expected us to carry ourselves as young ladies with "respect and class" in and out of school and on and off the basketball court.*

*May each of you be strengthened by our Lord and Savior as you reflect on the the great legacy she left behind.*

*With Warmest Regards,  
Bettye Walton Lee Dennis and Mary Nell Walton Eades  
Former Students: Westside High School-Anderson, SC*

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**Bettye Dennis** - February 06, 2023 at 09:59 AM

AY

“ *My deepest condolences to the Herrin family 🙏*

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**April Young** - February 03, 2023 at 12:31 PM

IB

“ *Iris Burks lit a candle in memory of Loretta Herrin*



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**Iris Burks** - February 03, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JS

“ *Denny, my Life long neighbor and Brother...Your Mother was special to me in that she counseled me and talked with me on a regular as did ALL of the Mothers in our Neighborhood.I cherish and celebrate our relationship today and always.Thank you for sharing your Mother with us. May she Rest In Peace.Know that my thoughts an prayers are with you.May your wonderful memories of her and your faith surround you and provide some sort of comfort during this very, very difficult time. Jeffrey Q. Smith*

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**Jeffrey Q. Smith** - February 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM

JG

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family of Mrs. Loretta Herrin. She was Devine Lady with such elegant atmosphere when you see her coming into RMBC . As a First Responder was gladly to be a helper to see her safety get inside the sanctuary. Will miss your Alto voice just know you will be singing on the Heavenly Chior. Janice Geiger*



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**Janice M Geiger** - February 03, 2023 at 01:02 AM

TH

“ I have no words to express the sorrow of learning of the passing of Mrs. L. Herrin. I, along with several of my peers, had her as our director of the Upward Bound Program. She taught us to have self-respect and to be positive contributors to society. What she instilled in us was priceless. I will forever cherish the love that she showered over us. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Tony Hare** - February 02, 2023 at 11:02 PM

Jl

“ To the family of Mrs. Herrin may God grant you peace at this time knowing that she was loved, respected, and a great person. May the memories you cherish will sustain you today, tomorrow and always.  
She was one of my instructors as a student at Benedict College. You could always expect her to say something to make you laugh and give you the look. If you know her, you know the look. Love you Mrs. Herrin. You will be missed. "Thank you for what you left in me." It has influenced me to this day.  
Joe-Ann (Brown) Ingram-Lys

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**J. Ingram-Lys** - February 02, 2023 at 09:25 PM

FB

“ My deepest sincerest condolences to the Herrin Family. May the Lord grant you peace, comfort and healing during your time of bereavement.



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**Felicia K. Berry** - February 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM

RB

“ My condolences to the family of Loretta Herrin! May the Lord comfort and keep you always!



Rev Anna Lane of Gunter's Chapel Baptist - February 02, 2023 at 12:07 PM

RA

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to the Herrin Family. May the Lord give you peace, comfort, healing and understanding during this difficult time 🕯️ .

Rachel - February 02, 2023 at 11:34 AM

KS

“ I was fortunate enough to attend Upward Bound when I was in school. Mrs. Herrin was an awesome director!! She cared for us and treated us just like her own. Served us tough love, but you never forgot the life lessons she taught us!! Her words resonate with me to this day. Truly a phenomenal woman!! My prayers and condolences go out to Denny and her family.



Kimbili (Lemon) Simpkins - February 02, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin.



February 02, 2023 at 08:16 AM

CP

“ *Cornelia Palmer lit a candle in memory of Loretta Herrin*



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**Cornelia Palmer** - February 01, 2023 at 11:42 PM

CJ

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to the Herrin Family. May the Lord grant you peace, comfort, healing and understanding during your time of bereavement.*

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**Chasity Jones** - February 01, 2023 at 06:06 PM

BH

“ *Sincere condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Loretta Herrin. I was fortunate to serve as one of the science instructors with Benedict College's Upward Bound Program for seven years under the leadership of Mrs. Herrin. She was a phenomenal leader and a major champion for students. During the wedding reception of Melody's and my marriage, she rekindled with two of her former high school students from when she first started teaching; my now mother-in-law, and my mother-in-law's sister. They were also her star basketball players. This connection further strengthened my respect and admiration for Mrs. Herrin.*

*To her family, continue to look to the Lord for strength in the days ahead as you cherish the fond memories of your dear departed loved one.*

*Basil and Melody Harris*

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**Basil Harris** - February 01, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Loretta R. Herrin.*



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February 01, 2023 at 04:11 PM



“ *Denny I'm sorry for your loss. No words can express the heartache that you are experiencing. Just remember that you have a second mother who you are welcome to come visit whenever you need to talk. Love, Mrs Dinkins.*

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**Joyce S Dinkins** - February 01, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Herrin Family. Praying for your strength during these difficult times.*



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**Melinda Anderson** - February 01, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ *Remembering Loretta with love and admiration. She will surely be missed for she has left “footprints on the sands of time”—a phenomenal woman. Heartfelt condolences to her family, church, sorority, and many friends  
Doris Glymph Greene*



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**Doris Glymph Greene** - February 01, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Though there are no words to ease your pain, remember that she is now in heaven, in God's loving arms where she is now at peace. My prayers and sympathy to you and your family.



*“For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.”*

*Colossians 2:5*

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7*

*Ret-MSG Tammy Harrison-Edwards & Family  
Columbia, SC*

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**Tammy Edwards** - February 01, 2023 at 12:11 AM

AG

“ To the family of Loretta Herrin I send my condolences to the family that God will look over all of you doing these times of sorrow. Mrs. Herrin was my Physical Education teacher a very good one at that. I love you but God love you more. TAKE Your Rest

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**Adrinne Gee** - January 31, 2023 at 08:57 PM

GH

“ Gerrie Hogans lit a candle in memory of Loretta Herrin



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**Gerrie Hogans** - January 31, 2023 at 04:10 PM

ML

“ *Mary Littlejohn lit a candle in memory of Loretta Herrin*



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**Mary Littlejohn** - January 31, 2023 at 03:15 PM

MM

“ *I am sorry to hear of the passing of my friend. Please know that the family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Marlene M. McClerklin** - January 31, 2023 at 01:09 PM

MW

“ *My condolences are extended to Denny and the rest of the Herrin family. Your mother was a wonderful person to be around. She always made me laugh when I would see her. She really loved you so very much. My prayers are with you and your family at this time. Rest in peace My dear friend.*

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**Mattie Williams** - January 31, 2023 at 11:35 AM