

*Honoring The Legacy*  
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The family would like to thank you all for celebrating with us today. We would especially like to thank Pastor Dustin and the staff of Cornerstone Church for opening their doors and arms to us, allowing us to celebrate the life of Mary. We would also like to thank all those that participated in today's service. And we are grateful for everyone who sent gifts, condolences, and love to our family during this time. Thank you to T&T Events, The Cake Obsession, and Regal Media & Printing Co.

Love You All Dearly.  
God Bless You.

*Mary M. White*

Memorial Service

Sunday, June 2, 2024

2pm-4pm

Cornerstone Church

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# Order of Service

# Job Well Done

Prelude

Opening Song

Welcome/Opening Prayer

Opening words about Mary & Scriptures

Musical Selection Break

Testimonies of Love for Mama White

Video Presentation

Closing Song

Words of Comfort

Closing Prayer

Recessional

**Luke 1:45-50 ESV**

***[45] And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord. [46] And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, [47] and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, [48] for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; [49] for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.***

**Mary Magdaline White** – dean, teacher, mentor, hugger, prayer warrior, sister, mother, and dear friend – after battling progressive stage IV breast cancer and leptomenigeal disease, left this life while resting in bed on Friday May 10, 2024. She was 56 years old.

**Mary** was born on September 23, 1967 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She is the daughter of the late Shirley and Arthur Gardner Jr. Mary White was a member of Cornerstone Community church in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She enjoyed listening to music, cooking, laughing and praying with family and friends, babysitting her grandchildren, going to the beach, and traveling.

**Mary** graduated from Orangeburg Wilkinson High School in 1985. She continued her education by graduating from Claflin University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice and then her Master of Science in Transportation and Civil Engineering from South Carolina State University in 2017.

Throughout her lifetime, **Mary** found her calling in serving students in need of a helping hand. She has worked in various school settings such as Voorhees College, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School, Brookdale Elementary, and most recently at South Carolina State University (SCSU).

Affectionately known as "Mama White" by many students at SCSU, **Mary** has been employed at SCSU for over 20 years serving as secretary in Brooks Health Center, Student Service Program Coordinator for the Dr. Emily E. Clyburn Honors College, and most recently promoted as the Dean of Students for SCSU.

**Mary** was known for going the extra mile to help anyone in need. She was a loving spirit that made friends easily. She was always willing to listen to any problem, big or small, and do her best to provide a solution, advice, hug, and encouraging words. She was rarely seen without a smile, always ready to share a laugh, and quick to say her favorite phrase "Jesus Fix It". Those fortunate enough to know her, praise her dedication to student's success, guidance, joyous and loving spirit, and her commitment and love for Christ and her children.

**Mary** is survived by her children: Valerie E. Nwadeyi, Deloris U. Nwadeyi, Maryah A. Smith, Jeremiah R. Brown, brother: Willie C. White, nephew: Jamerial B. White, grandchildren: Zuri P. Smith and Kevin J. Smith III, Son-In-Law: Kevin J. Smith II, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, loving students, and dear friends.

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