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Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, May 29 at 1 p.m. at Old Field Bethel AME Church, located at 1301 Breezewood Road, with Pastor Andrew Jones, Rev. Michael Butler and Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Owens officiating. There will be no public viewing scheduled. Viewing will be limited to family and close friends in accordance with her personal wishes.

The family will be at the home of her sister at 1309 E. Cambridge Avenue in Greenwood. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham, NC, Old Field Bethel AME Church in Greenwood, SC, or her beloved alma mater, Spelman College in Atlanta, GA.

A repast in her memory will be held after the 11 a.m. service on July 5 at St. Joseph's AME Church, 2521 Fayetteville St., Durham, NC 27707. Parks Funeral Home is assisting with local arrangements. -

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