



## Arlene Bullard Matthews

December 26, 1941 - January 25, 2026

Arlene Bullard Matthews, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, was born on December 26, 1941, in Parkton, North Carolina, to the late Murphy Bullard and Lillie McMillan Bullard. She passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Arlene was married to the love of her life, Errol Matthews, for more than 50 years. Together they built a beautiful life and shared countless adventures while traveling all over the world during Errol's service in the United States Government. Arlene was the true matriarch of her family and was loved by everyone who knew her. She had a gentle spirit, a caring heart, and a way of making people feel seen and valued. Arlene worked for many years at GAP in the Northwoods Mall, where she built strong, lasting relationships with her clients and coworkers. She was admired not only for her work ethic but for her genuine care for people. Arlene was a devoted and faithful member of Old Fort Baptist Church. Her faith guided her life and was evident in the way she loved, served, and uplifted others.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 S. Main Street, Summerville, SC 29483. A Chapel service will begin at 6:00pm in the funeral home chapel.

She is survived by her loving children: Stephanie Tungol (Gerald) and Charla Groves (Brian); her grandchildren: Lily Tungol, Julian Tungol, Ellison Groves, and Parker Groves. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Errol Matthews; her parents; as well as her grandchild, Emory Tungol.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Agape Care Group South Carolina, <https://sc.agapecaregroup.com/>

# Previous Events

## Gathering

JAN **29**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN **29**. 6:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall

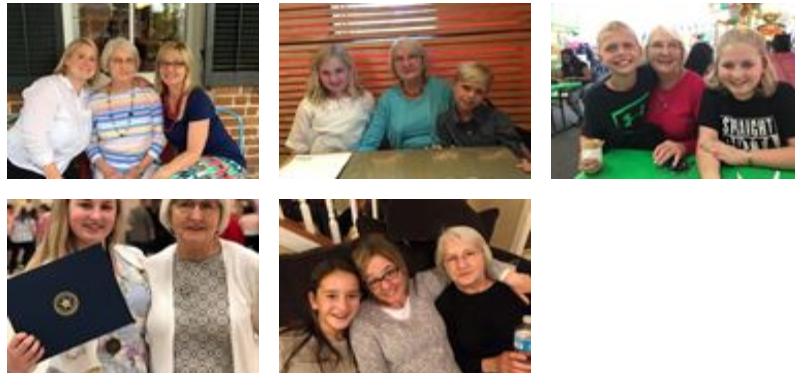


“ My condolences to the family and friends of Arlene Matthews. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family during this time of bereavement. Continue to focus on the loving and cherished memories of Arlene and may they help her family and friends have peace of mind. A comforting promise is stated at Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a help that is readily found in times of distress."

Lisa - February 05 at 10:08 AM



“ 107 files added to the album LifeTributes



James A Dyal Funeral Home - January 29 at 09:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Arlene Bullard Matthews.



January 28 at 02:01 PM

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“ Charla and Stephanie,  
I am so deeply sorry for your loss. The pain we feel is simply a reaction to how much we love the person we have lost.  
Your Mother was a strong and spunky woman who clearly passed these traits on to you both. I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know your parents over the years.  
They often expressed their pride in all you have accomplished!  
Please know I will continue to pray for your family during this difficult time!

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**ingrid** - January 28 at 12:08 PM

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“ Kim & Ronnie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Arlene Bullard Matthews.



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**Kim & Ronnie** - January 28 at 05:46 AM

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“ Carrie, Miranda and Rogerlene (Bullard) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Arlene Bullard Matthews.



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**Carrie, Miranda and Rogerlene (Bullard)** - January 27 at 06:56 PM

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“ Charla and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss. I know how close you and your mom were. You did everything for her right up until the time that she went to her heavenly home. You were an amazing daughter to your mom. The time you spent with her will be cherished memories. Praying for comfort as you grieve your loss. Know that you have people who are here for you whenever needed.  
Sissy Day

Sissy - January 27 at 04:11 PM

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“ Prayers for comfort, peace, and sweet memories during this time for you Charla, and for your family. Susan Thomas

Susan Thomas - January 27 at 08:42 AM

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“ To Charla, Brain, Ellison, and Parker:  
My warmest condolences. I love it when she came to the school and showed us loved. Her smile warm up everyone heart. She will be missed!  
Tikahia, Stephen, KeShaun, Jamari, and Keont'a, we love you!

Tikahia D Williams - January 26 at 06:34 PM

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“ The Haight Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Arlene Bullard Matthews.



The Haight Family - January 26 at 06:22 PM