



Deacon Emeritus Christopher C. Gantt, Jr.

Nov. 19, 1922 – Aug. 29, 2018

Deacon Emeritus C.C. Gantt, father of five children, eight grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. Husband to his wife Wilhelmenia Gordon Gantt of 71 years until her passing in 2013. Dea. Emeritus Gantt joined Morris Street Baptist Church in 1948 where he has served in many capacities. He was ordained deacon in 1952, served as chairman from 1961-1971. He served as Superintendent of the Adult Department in the Sunday School for 43 years, instructor of the New Members Class, Scout Master of the church's boy scout troop, member of the budget committee and in other various capacities and service through the church. He retired from the Deacons ministry after 62 years of service in 2014.

Christopher C. Gantt, Jr. was an outstanding example of Christian manhood; a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, family patriarch, church, and community leader, citizen, and friend. His often-stated words, "I am Blessed" will live on in the hearts of all who loved him as they strive to honor his legacy. His life epitomized another of his favorites, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY!"



Gloria O. Gantt Wilford
May 23, 1945 – January 27, 2019

Gloria Wilford was the third of five children born to Christopher and Wilhelmenia Gantt. She attended the public schools of Charleston County and graduated from Burke High School and Hampton University, both with honors. She began her professional career at the Naval Research Lab in Washington D.C. Her career spanned over 40 years primarily at MUSC. There she worked as a medical researcher in the Department of Neurology and made many contributions. In 1991, she joined in Holy matrimony to John Wilford where their marriage bloomed until his sudden passing in 2009.

Gloria joined the Morris Street Baptist Church in 1955, at a very young age. She served her church faithfully over the span of 64 years. At the time of her passing, she was the Minister of Music, where she has served since 2000. She attended weekly bible study, leadership council meetings, planned and heading various music workshops within the church, and played a significant roll in assisting middle school students in the Social Butterflies Ministry. She was deeply involved in community activities such as the Choraliers Club and was a Golden Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the Twenty Pearls Foundation of Charleston, Inc.

