



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Missionary
RAMONA
"Nunnie"
SPRINGER

SUNRISE SUNSET
JULY 27, 1943 ~ JULY 25, 2026
HOMEGOING CELEBRATION





Order of SERVICE



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*"Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful over a few things;
I will make you ruler over many things.
Enter into the joy of your Lord."*

MATTHEW 25:21

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Obituary



Missionary Ramona Springer

Affectionately Known as “Nunnie”

July 27, 1943 – July 25, 2026

*M*issionary Ramona Springer, affectionately known as *Nunnie*, peacefully entered eternal rest on Saturday, July 25, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on July 27, 1943, in Washington, North Carolina, Ramona was the beloved daughter of **Olive “Ollie” Wilkins and Jack Reed Wilkins Sr.** Raised during a time of tremendous change in the American South, she learned early the values of faith, perseverance, compassion, and hard work—qualities that would define her throughout her remarkable life.

She later made **Boston, Massachusetts**, her home, where she devoted herself wholeheartedly to her family, her faith, her students, and her community.

~ A Love That Crossed the Sea ~

At the center of her life stood an extraordinary love—the sixty-three-year devotion she shared with her beloved husband, **Colvin Springer**.

Together they built a home rooted in faith, commitment, laughter, sacrifice, and unwavering devotion. Their marriage became the foundation upon which generations of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family would stand.

Through it all they remained each other’s greatest blessing.

Colvin was the love of her life, and she was his.

~ A Life of Faith ~

Above every accomplishment stood Ramona’s unwavering faith in God. Missionary Ramona Springer faithfully served the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) for more than **sixty years**. She loved her church family deeply and found great joy in serving others through ministry, prayer, encouragement, and quiet acts of kindness.



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A Life of Education and Service

Education was one of Nunnie’s greatest passions.

She earned her Master’s Degree in Education and devoted thirty-eight years to teaching children in the Boston Public School System. She was a proud member of the Boston Teachers’ Association

Her influence extended beyond the classroom. She worked with parents, educators, churches, and community organizations to support children and families. During a significant period of change in Boston’s public schools, she helped advance educational opportunities, believing education could transform lives and strengthen communities.

For Nunnie, teaching was never simply a job. She believed education could change the direction of a child’s life. She understood that a teacher could become a source of encouragement, guidance, stability, and hope.

To many she was far more than “Mrs. Springer.”

- *A mentor.*
- *An encourager.*
- *A listener.*
- *A steady presence whose influence reached far beyond the school walls.*

Her Legacy

Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice in knowing that she has received the reward of a life faithfully lived.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

2 TIMOTHY 4:7



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FAMILY

While many knew her as Missionary Springer or Mrs. Springer, those closest to her knew her by her favorite titles:

Mommy, Nunnie.

She was immensely proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, never missing an opportunity to tell them how much she loved them and how proud she was of each of them.

She leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband of 64 years, Colvin Springer; her daughters, Alicia Springer and her partner, William Patterson. Natasha (Springer) Burnette widow to the late, Alvin Burnette; and her special daughter, **Kim Hazell.**

GRANDCHILDREN

- Kyrey Springer
- Timisha Springer-Gatling and her husband Marlowe
- Raven Springer
- Morgan Springer
- Ashley Burnette

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

Nicholas, Cassidy, Mia, Mason, Kenzie, Mila, Kamden, Kooper, and Kolvin, with special mention of De-Angelo and Chris.

She is survived by her brother, **Jack Reed Wilkins Jr.** and his wife Sharon, and her sisters, **Joyce Sullivan** and **Gail R. Jackson** and her husband **AJ.**

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Olive “Ollie” Wilkins and Jack Reed Wilkins Sr., and by her cherished sisters:

- Margaret Ann Pierce
- Addie “Ree” Maynard
- Enora “Jackie” Staten
- Joyce Ann McAllister

Special Cousin:

- Ophelia “Piggy” Bailey

She also leaves behind her beloved sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law of the Springer family, a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, church family, former students, colleagues, treasured friends, and countless others whose lives were enriched simply by knowing her.

With Heartfelt Gratitude

The family wishes to express a special, heartfelt **Thank You** to two beloved aunts whose love, support, and strength have been an extraordinary blessing during this time: **Melda Greaves and Ilene Springer.**

Their devotion has meant more than words can say, and their love will forever be remembered with gratitude.



Hymn ONE



PRECIOUS LORD TAKE MY HAND

1.
Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm worn,
Through the storm,
through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home

2.
In my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand, lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home

3.
When the darkness appears And the night draws near And
the day is past and gone At the river, I stand Guide my feet,
hold my hand Take my hand
precious Lord Lead me home

REFRAIN

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand I'm tired, I'm weak,
I'm lorn Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light Take my hand,
Precious Lord Lead me home





Hymn TWO



HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. Oh Lord, my God When I, in
awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands
have made I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe
displayed
2. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to
Thee, How great Thou art, How great
Thou art, Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to Thee, How great Thou art, How
great Thou art
3. And when I think that God,
His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die,
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin
4. Then sings my soul, my Savior God
to Thee, How great Thou art, How
great Thou art, Then sings my soul,
my Savior God to Thee, How great
Thou art, How great Thou art
- 5.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart, Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, my God, How great Thou art

REFRAIN

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art,
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art





Hymn THREE AMAZING GRACE



1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and
snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus
far, And grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

5.
When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.



REFRAIN

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.*



*A Legacy of Faith
A Life of Love
Forever in Our Hearts*



Memories
TO CHERISH

Your life was a blessing,
your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure.

"You are altogether beautiful,
my love;
there is no flaw in you."
SONG OF SOLOMON 4:7

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"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed... Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

— Proverbs 31:26–31

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The family of
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our heartfelt gratitude for every act of kindness,
prayer, visit, call, and expression of love during
this time of loss.

May God continue to bless each of you.

Love Always,
Colvin Springer and
The Family



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Raven Springer
Nicholas Springer
Kassidy Springer
Jajuan Gibbons



A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

Kim, thank you for the countless ways you
loved and cared for Nunnie and Poppie
over the years. You were always there with
a kind word, a helping hand, and a heart
full of compassion. When we couldn't be
there, we found comfort knowing that
you were. Mommy loved you deeply and
always considered you one of her
daughters. Today, with grateful hearts, we
proudly bestow upon you the title we all
know was yours—you were and always
will be "Nunnie's Baby Doll".



We love you, and we thank you for loving
her so well.



We would also like to thank the staff of
Rogerson House and the Hospice Care
Team... especially Ms. Sandra Hines and Ms.
Larissa, for their constant, kind care of our
mom.

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FAMILY IMAGES AND TO
SHARE A MEMORY OR
LIGHT A CANDLE

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

MATTHEW 5:4

