Bablee “Big Beb” Briggs

Bablee R. Briggs, was born October 21, 1954 in Clarendon County, to the late General Sr. and Mittie B. Ragin. She exchanged her cross for a crown on January 12, 2015, at Clarendon Memorial Hospital, Manning, SC.

Bablee was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County and was a 1973 graduate of Scott’s Branch High School. After graduation she moved to New York City, where she worked in the public school system. In the late 70’s, Bablee returned to River Road Community of South Carolina, where she continued to education the students of Clarendon School District One, as a substitute teacher. After which Bablee was called to the health care field and was employed with Community Long Term Service.

“Big Beb” as she was affectionately called, was preceded in death by five siblings; Arthur Lee, Ozzie, Ethel, Thomasena and Timothy.

Her remarkable and loving spirit will be celebrated by her son, Anthony (Shalonda) Ragin, four grandchildren, Malquan of Summerton, Trevon of Baltimore, Diani of Orangeburg and Annaiya of Columbia; three brothers, General Ragin Jr., General Lee “Ricky” Ragin of Summerton, and Hercules (Carolyn) Ragin of Columbia; six sisters, Janette (Edward) Chandler, Joyce Ragin of Summerton, Shebia Hatcher, Carolyn (John) Dow, Linda Ragin of Pinewood, and Ieshia Butler of Baltimore Md. She is survived by her former husband, John Briggs of Summerton.; an uncle, Mackey (Wilma) Issac of Summerton; four aunts, Willie Bell Frierson of New York, Alice Marshall of Sumter, Blanch Issac of Mobile, Alabama and Gene Ragin of North Carolina; brother-in-law, Samuel Murray of Pinewood; a sister-in-law, Mary G. Ragin, of Manning; a niece as a daughter, Kimberly Ragin; a very special grandniece and grandnephew she help raised as her own, Toni Richardson and Tiyone “Pookie” Bannister of the home; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; special friends, Marvin Stinnie, Ernestine Thomas, and Chris Riley.