

LIFE AND LEGACY

Dr. Annie Saint Lawrence Gause Cain was born on February 9, 1933 in Mullins, South Carolina. She was one of five children born to the late Johnny and Julia "Friend" Gause.

Ann was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Willie Lowman Cain, who preceded her in death. To this union, they were blessed with one son, Whitney Lowman Cain.



Ann, as she was affectionately known, accepted Christ as her Savior and was a faithful member of Mt. Prospect Baptist Church. She served as Director of the Board of Christian Education, and facilitated Leadership Training Workshops and taught Vacation Bible School, with a special affinity for the Juneteenth Celebration. She always gave all praise to God and expressed love for her family, friends and her church.



Ann earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Allen University in 1954, a Masters of Education Degree from Winthrop University in 1978, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Education from the University of South Carolina in 1980. After retiring from teaching in Rock Hill School District #3, Ann was a Professor at Winthrop University's School of Education and an Assistant Principal in the Beaufort County School District. Ann finished her career with Carolina Community Actions, Inc. where she worked for 21 years.

Ann authored *I Know My Colors*, a book for preschoolers about diversity, and also collaborated on two books with the late Representative Dr. Bessie Moody-Lawrence: *The Role of the Principal in Dropout Prevention*, and *So You Want to Drop Out of School – You Ought to Know the Facts*.

Ann became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mu Chapter, in 1951 at Allen University. She served as past President of Eta Alpha Omega Chapter, and also received the honor of Soror of the Year and the status of Golden Soror having been a member of AKA for 63 years. She continued to serve and remained actively involved in her sorority until the time of her passing.



Ann's greatest love was being a grandmother to her six grandchildren. She touched the lives of everyone with whom she came in contact with her humor, her positive attitude, and her zest for life. She will be sorely missed.

Ann was preceded in death by one brother, Mr. Johnny Gause, Jr; and two sisters, Ms. Leatrice Williams and Ms. Nancy Gause. She leaves behind loving family and friends who will never forget her words of wisdom. Ann is survived by her only son, Whitney (Comie) Cain; six grandchildren: Mercedes, Whitney II, Logan, Cruz, Cai, and Cassell; a sister, Ms. Eliza Flowers; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other close relatives and friends.

