



GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. celebrates the life and legacy of

*Mrs. Mary "Peaches" Deshields*  
*Etheredge*

*June 26, 1946*

*July 30, 2022*

*May You Rest in  
Eternal Peace*

# *Mary "Peaches" Deshields Etheredge*

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. celebrates the life and legacy of our beloved Commissioner Mary "Peaches" Deshields Etheredge.

## **Celebration of Life**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 3:00pm**  
**Hebron Baptist Church**  
**118 Buice Circle**  
**Clinton, South Carolina 29325**  
**Child's Funeral Home of Clinton, SC**

## **Visitation**

**The family will receive friends at the home:**  
**300 Piedmont Avenue**  
**Clinton, South Carolina 29325**  
**Monday – Wednesday 12:00pm until 7:00pm**  
**Thursday and Friday 10:00am until 7:00pm**

The GLEAMNS Family extends our condolences to the Babb, Deshields, and Etheredge Family and all those touched by Mrs. Etheredge's life and legacy. Mrs. Etheredge served on the GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners for over twenty years, participating in various committees from recruitment to fundraising, and chairing the Finance Committee. We hope her loved ones find comfort in knowing "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

## *Remembering Mrs. Etheredge...*

Betty Boles, GLEAMNS Board Chair, remembers Mrs. Etheredge as a willing, dependable asset to the Board. "She was such a sweet and gentle soul. When I first joined the Board, I was somewhat timid, but her energy was so warm, so welcoming, and inviting...she embraced me with open arms. She let me know early on that I had her full support. Even when I became Board Chair, she always reminded me that her support for me and the Board was unwavering. Personally, she and her daughter, Treca, really embraced me and made me feel as if I were a part of their family. Mary even called me 'Love', and although I know that is a common term of endearment, when she said it to me, it meant something. It was special because I know it is truly what she thought of me. My heart is full. She will be missed dearly."

Shunna V. Jeter, GLEAMNS CEO, remembers Mrs. Etheredge as a dedicated, committed Board Member and champion for GLEAMNS. She was the definition of a servant leader, always putting the needs of others first and advocating on behalf of the children and families GLEAMNS serves. "Although her voice was quiet, it was powerful, and when she spoke, you listened." Mrs. Jeter also reflects on their personal relationship. "Before I knew her as Commissioner Etheredge, I knew her, affectionately, as Miss Peaches. While preparing her dinner, she sat me on her counter and said repeat after me, 'If you have some questions in the corners of your mind and traces of discouragement and peace you cannot find.' Jesus is the Answer is the very first song Miss Peaches taught me. As we all mourn the loss of her beautiful life, when the grief becomes unbearable, remember the words she taught me....Jesus is the answer, above Him there's no other, Jesus is the way."



## In Loving Memory

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too.  
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.  
All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part.  
God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

*Commissioner Mary Deshields Etheredge*

Representing Laurens County Public Sector

*Rest in Peace*