

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Mom

NOW THAT I'M OLDER...
As I look back on the years,
I begin to understand.
All my life you have loved me,
Only has a mother can.
I see the love that surrounded,
The countless sleepless nights,
The scraped knees and hurt feelings,
Your hugs and kisses magically made right.
Your sound advice and guidance,
When I really needed you
And happy days spent together,
Talking and laughing as we do.
The many times you went without,
To build a better life for me.
Your endless love has made a difference,
In who I've come to be.
Mom, your love has come full circle,
As I now love and honor you.
You are always in my heart,
For all you are and all you do.

-Teri Harrison (2000)

Repast

Word of God Church and Ministries International
Immediate Family (maximum 75)
Friends and Guest Gathering at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sumpter
723 Winslow Way, Columbia, SC 29229

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803)771-7799

Leevy's
FUNERAL HOME

Lower Richland Chapel
9120 Garners Ferry Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
(803) 776-6922

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-Owner & Director-

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-President & Managing Director-

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*In
Loving Memory*

Mrs. Mary Lou Wider



Saturday, December 4, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Word of God Church and Ministries International
119 Diamond Lane
Columbia, South Carolina

Obituary

Ms. Mary Lou Wider was born on September 25, 1944, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Roberta Louise Stephey and Houston Bracey, Sr. She departed this life on Monday, November 22, 2021.

Ms. Wider was educated within the public school system in Eastover, South Carolina. She continued her education and later became a licensed cosmetologist, a career that brought joy to her and also all of her clients. Ms. Mary was known for being the best press and curl stylist within her community.

Ms. Mary was reared in the Baptist faith where her knowledge and love for God begun, a blessing that carried her throughout the remaining years of her life. Ms. Mary's love for God guided her to the Word of God Church & Ministries International, where she attended regularly. Ms. Mary loved gospel music and enjoyed attending the "Gospel Quartet Shows."

Ms. Mary was blessed by God to give birth to five beautiful children, which she raised with love and devotion. She was a mother that was firm and full of faith, and she raised all of her children in the church.

Ms. Mary Lou Wider was preceded in death by: her parents; a brother, Wade Stephey; and a sister, Molly Hayes.

Ms. Mary Lou Wider leaves to celebrate her life: her son, David Tyrone Wider; daughters, Pratibha (Jack) Sumpter, Barbara Wider, Alexius Wider, and Frances Wider; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other loved ones, and many friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Mary Lou Wider, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one.

Order of Service

Pastor John Davis, Presiding

Prelude	
Processional	
Opening Hymn.....	Word of God Singers
Old Testament – Psalm 23.....	Minister Brian McLaughlin
New Testament – John 14: 1-6.....	Minister Eddie Adamson
Prayer.....	Minister Cedric Myers
Selection.....	Word of God Singers
Remarks.....	Mr. Tyrone Davis Ms. Lolitta McMichael Ms. Stephany Wilson Mr. Darrell Brantley
Acknowledgement	
Reading of Cards.....	Ms. Patricia Evans
Solo.....	Ms. Terrie Beatly
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Derrick Hutchins,
II	
Viewing	Funeral Directors
Recessional	
Postlude	



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina