

## Pallbearers

Hopkins High School Class of 1969

## Floral Bearers

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## *Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,*

*I am not there, I do not sleep.*

*I am a thousand winds that blow.*

*I am the diamond glint on snow.*

*I am the sunlight on ripened grain.*

*I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you wake in the morning hush,*

*I am the swift, uplifting rush*

*Of quiet birds in circling flight.*

*I am the soft starlight at night.*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.*

*I am not there, I do not sleep.*

*Do not stand at my grave and cry.*

*I am not there, I did not die!*

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Viola Middleton, are sincerely grateful for the many acts of kindness extended to us, during this most difficult time. May God bless each of you.

## Special Thanks

A special thank you to Trustee and Mrs. Herodious (Barbara) Ladson, Ms. Rebecca Amiker, and Ms. Romona Booker, for your love and caring hearts. Having you by my side during this season of my life meant so much to me. Thank you for showing me love and for always being there. No matter how hard the task may have been, you were there just when I needed you the most. Thank you, Agape Hospice, for your professional service, love, compassionate care, and making my final days comfortable and peaceful.

~Love Viola

## Repast

“On the Hill”

1432 Crosshill Road

Hopkins, South Carolina 29061

## Services Entrusted To:

### Taylor Street Chapel

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

I. S. Leevy Johnson  
-Owner & Director-

## **Leevy's**

FUNERAL HOME

Chris Leevy Johnson  
-President & Managing Director-

### Lower Richland Chapel

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

Leverette A. Williams, II  
-General Manager-

## *Home Going Service In Loving Memory of*

# MS. VIOLA MIDDLETON



WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022  
1:00 P.M.

LADSON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
7156 CABIN CREEK ROAD HOPKINS,  
SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. STANLEY LADSON  
-PASTOR-

# Obituary

*"When you hear of my homegoing, don't worry about me!"*

Viola **Pookie** Middleton was born on December 30, 1950, in Columbia, SC, to the late Mrs. Georgia Mae **Pink** Middleton (Mr. James Sumter, Sr.) and Mr. Frank Burden. She was the oldest of seven children. Viola peacefully gained her wings from her earthly home on Friday, May 20, 2022.

She was educated in the public school system of Richland District One, where she was a 1969 graduate of Hopkins High School, under the principalship of Mr. Joe E. Brown. After graduation, she became employed with Allied Chemical. She retired after 30 years of service. After retiring from Allied, she joined the staff of Richland District One Student Nutrition Services, where she retired after 14 years of service. Viola enjoyed making sure the students were well fed for breakfast, lunch, and the after-school program. Most of all, she enjoyed being in "Viola's Kitchen," where you always found her baking her famous Lemon Pound Cake and her most sought-after Red Velvet Cake.

She was baptized at an early age at New Light Beulah Baptist Church. She later joined Jerusalem Baptist Church. At Jerusalem, she served on the usher board, and as a hospitality clerk. After her cousin, Reverend Dr. Stanley Ladson, established Ladson's Chapel Baptist Church, she became one of the first members to assist in its establishment. At Ladson Chapel, she served on the usher board, kitchen ministry, and decoration ministry, until her health began to decline. You could always find Viola at the door greeting you with her beautiful smile saying, "hello, how are you?"

Viola leaves to cherish her precious memory: her devoted caregiver and sister, Doris Sumter Williams; remaining sisters, Juanita Sumter, Patricia Sumter Archie, and Pamela Sumter; brother, James Sumter; godmother, Estell Taylor; uncles, Ishmell Sumter and Reverend Thomas Sumter; godchildren, Courtney Turnipseed, DeQuadra Martin, and Kennedie R. Fee; best friend, Edna Ross; cousin, Margaret M. Sumpter; sister-in-law, Mary Sumter; aunts, Eliza Burden, other loving relatives, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

*"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."*  
*Psalm 84:10*

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Hymn....."Because He Lives"
- Scripture Readings
  - Old Testament.....Evangelist Leah Jackson
  - New Testament.....Reverend Thomas Sumter
- Prayer.....Minister Joan Jones
- Selection.....Minister Joan Jones
- Remarks.....Deacon Zachary Young, *Church*
- Selection.....Ladson Chapel Praise Team
- Remarks and Acknowledgements.....Ms. Margaret Sumpter, *Family*
- Solo.....Ms. Stella Goodwin
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Stanley Ladson
- Selection.....Reverend Dr. Stanley Ladson
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



# Committal, Benediction, and Interment

**Ladson Chapel Missionary Baptist Cemetery**  
**7156 Cabin Creek Road**  
**Hopkins, South Carolina**