

*I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard His call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found the peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-  
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*



*Pallbearers*

Marvin Goodson  
Cedric Kitt  
Harry Reed, Jr.

Terrell E. Reed  
Timothy Whitman  
Peter C. Whitman

*Floral Bearers*

St. Phillip A.M.E. Church Ora Bell Nelson Missionary  
Society

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of the late Lillie Reed Edmonds, would like to thank and extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown during our time of bereavement. For the many expressions of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, prayers, and comforting words, we say "Thank You." May God bless each of you.

~The Edmonds Family

**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  
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-Owner & Director-

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-General Manager-

*In  
Loving  
Memory*

*of  
Mrs. Lillie Reed Edmonds*



*Friday, October 7, 2022*

*11:00 a.m.*

*St. Phillip A.M.E. Church  
4351 McCoards Ferry Road  
Eastover, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Flowers  
- Officiating -*

## Obituary

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith, Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not only for me but to all who have loved His appearing.*

*II Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV*

Mrs. Lillie Ann Reed Edmonds was born on January 26, 1959, in Eastover, South Carolina. She was the seventh child of the late Eugene L. Reed, Sr. and Annie Mae Robinson Reed. Lillie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior at an early age, and became a member of St. Phillip A.M.E. Church. As a child, she participated in most of the youth activities.

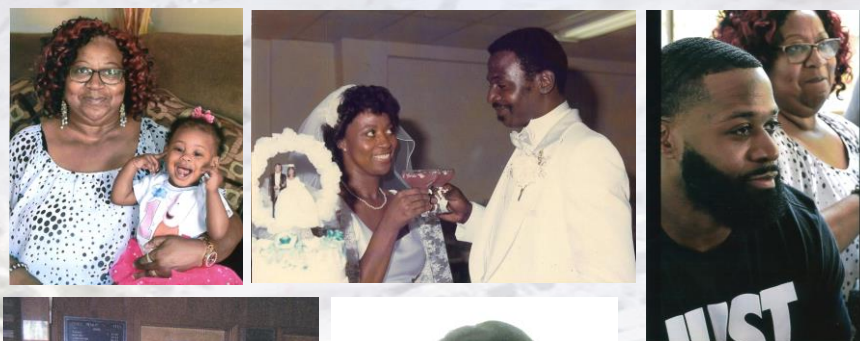
Lillie attended the public schools of Richland County and graduated from Lower Richland High School, class of 1977. She continued her education at Midlands Technical College, where she obtained an associate's degree in Business Administration.

She married her high school sweetheart, Melvin O. Edmonds, who was the love of her life. To this union three children were born. She was a loving and caring wife and mother. Lillie made sure the children were active in Sunday School, YPD, and all the youth activities. She was an active participant in the education of the children as well.

Lillie was employed with the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for 34 years, where she performed various duties. She retired in January 2017.

In the early morning hours of September 28, 2022, at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Columbia, South Carolina, Lillie transitioned to her heavenly home. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving and caring husband of 37 years, Melvin O. Edmonds; three children, Latisha S. Edmonds, of Sumter, South Carolina, Jason C. and Kimberly N. Edmonds, of Hopkins, South Carolina; one granddaughter, Jaelah A. Wilson; two brothers, Eugene L. (Catherine) Reed, Jr. and Harry L. Reed, both of Eastover, South Carolina; four sisters, Lelia M. Reed, of Columbia, South Carolina, Sylvia (Melvin) Davis, of Eastover, South Carolina, Vivian A. Whitman, of Hopkins, South Carolina, and Linda A. Reed, of Columbia, South Carolina; mother-in-law, Ethel W. Edmonds, of Hopkins, South Carolina; brother-in-law, Wilbert (Mary) Edmonds, of Hopkins, South Carolina; sisters-in-law, Lateefah Muhammad, of Chicago, Illinois and Connie Edmonds, of Hopkins, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

Prelude.....Minister of Music  
 Processional  
 Opening Hymn.....“Come Ye Disconsolate”  
 Hymn #227  
 Invocation.....Reverend Ernestine W. Pringle  
 Old Testament.....Psalm 23.....Minister  
 New Testament.....John 14:1-3.....Minister  
 Selection.....St. Phillip A.M.E. Church Choir  
 Remarks:  
 Classleader.....Sister Francenia Pringle  
 Friend.....Sister Barbara Ellison  
 Friend.....Sister Lula DeBose  
 Family.....Sister Kimberly Edmonds  
 Musical Selection.....St. Phillip A.M.E. Church Choir  
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Stanley R. Flowers  
 Viewing.....*In the Vestibule*.....Funeral Directors  
 Recessional  
 Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

St. Phillip A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
 4351 Mccords Ferry Road  
 Eastover, South Carolina