<u>Mothers Never Die</u> They Just Keep House Up In the Oky

By: Sharon Craver Hayley

When we are children, we are happy and gay And our Mother is young and she laughs as we play; Then as we grow up, she teaches us truth And lays life's foundation in the days of our youth. And then it is time for us wherever we roam; For all that she taught us and all that we did When we were so often just a "bad, little kid" We will often remember and realize That Mothers Are Special and Wonderfully Wise... And as she grows older we look back with love Knowing that Mothers are "Gifts From Above" And when she "goes home" to receive her reward She will dwell in God's Kingdom and "Keep House For the Lord" Where she will "light up" the stars that shine Through the night And Keep Moonbeams "sparkling and bright." And then with the dawn, she will put the darkness away And the sun "scours" the sky to brilliance each day... So dry tears of sorrow for Mothers Don't Die They just move in with God and "Keep House in the Sky;" And There in God's Kingdom, Mothers watch from above To welcome their children, with their undying love!

> We Love You, The Family

Pallbearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Lela B. Middleton, would like to thank the Doctors and Staff at National Health Care – Parklane and Prisma Health- Richland for the excellent care and services that was provided for our loved one. To our family, friends, and love one, we sincerely thank each and every one of you and appreciate all of the prayers, acts of kindness, and words of encouragement. We ask that you continue to pray for us that God will provide us with the strength we need as we continue with this chapter in our lives.

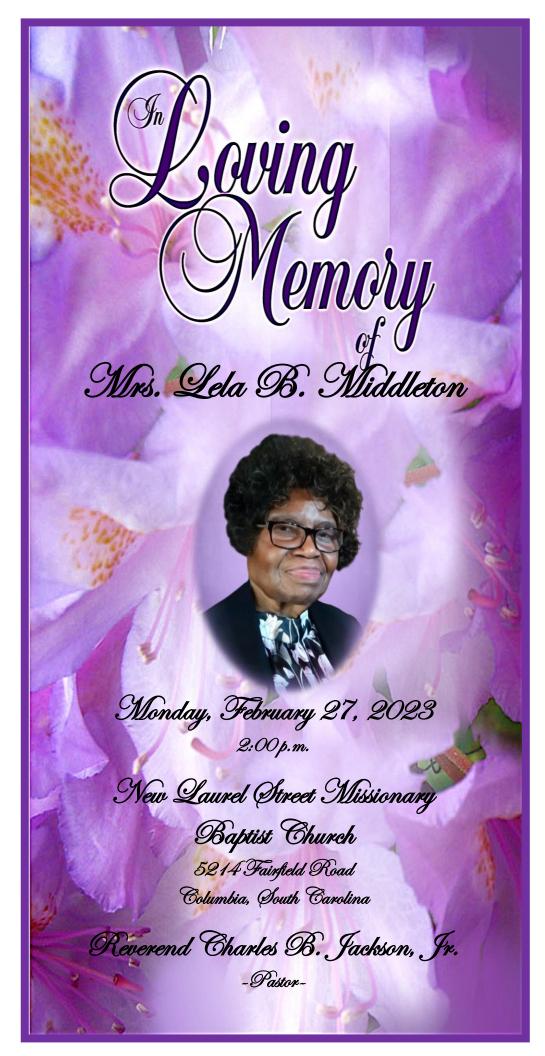
May God Bless Each of You.

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New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church

Services Entrusted To:





Obituary

On Sunday, February 19, 2023, Lela Bell Middleton, affectionately known as *Gran Gran*, was called home to be with the Lord. She was born to the late Thomas Middleton and Della Lee Jones Middleton, Lexington County.

She was educated in the public schools of Lexington County, South Carolina. After twenty-five plus (25+) years of service working at Dreher Packing Company, a Baker at the University of South Carolina, and she ultimately retired from South Carolina State Hospital.

Lela was baptized at an early age at Tabernacle Baptist Church, in Leesville, South Carolina. She later moved her membership to Laurel Street Baptist Church, which later named New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church.

Gran Gran was best known for her delicious down home cooking and baking. She had no greater joy than to feed family and friends. There were no strangers at her table nor was there a recipe that challenged her. She enjoyed watching the roller derby, wrestling, and her soap operas and at any giving hour the news was always on the T.V.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Thomas and Della Lee Jones Middleton; siblings, Louise Austin, Betty Middleton, Essie Middleton, Wilhemenia Brimfield, Horace Middleton, Rosa L. Gates, Charles Middleton, Edward Middleton, Pernell Middleton, and Thomas Middleton; grandson, James Foxworth; and great-grandson, Brandon Jones.

Those left to cherish her memories are: her sons, Reverend David Middleton, of Columbia, SC and Bobby (Angela) Middleton, of West Columbia, SC; daughters, Rosa Marie Middleton, of Queens, New York, Lois Middleton and Gloria "Tina" Middleton, both of Columbia, SC; two sisters, Eartha Kelly and sister/daughter, Dorothy Middleton (reared in the home), both of Columbia, SC; brother, George Middleton, of Hopkins, SC; granddaughter, Pamela (Antonio) Porter; niece/granddaughter, Valerie Middleton, both of whom were reared in the home; twelve (12) grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren, great, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, many other relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



















Recessional

Postlude













H Service of Remembrance

Prelude
Processional
Viewing Funeral Directors
Opening Song
Old Testament Assistant Pastor Damion Brown
New Testament
Prayer Bishop Kevin Nelson Fruit of the Spirit Christian Fellowship Church
Remarks(Limit, 2 minutes Please) Mrs. Angela Middleton, Daughter-in-Love Deacon Charles Washington, Family Member Dr. Constance Lorick, President of Prescott Terrace Community Minister Rubin Thurmond, Family Member Other Family and Friends
Solo
Words of Comfort



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery 4900 Farrow Road Columbia, South Carolina