

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.

Repast

New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church

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-
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Mothers Never Die

They Just Keep House Up In the Sky

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

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Lela B. Middleton



Monday, February 27, 2023

2:00 p.m.

New Laurel Street Missionary

Baptist Church

*5214 Fairfield Road
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr.

-Pastor-

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



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing Funeral Directors
- Opening Song.....
New Laurel Street Missionary Baptist Church Choir
- Old Testament Assistant Pastor Damion Brown
- New Testament Reverend James Sumpter
- 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 Reverend James Sumpter
- Words of Comfort Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Jr.
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

**Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina**