

# A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Nathan Chaplin, Presiding

Musical Prelude.....Agape Praise and Worship Team  
 Processional  
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
 Welcome.....Reverend Nathan Chaplin  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend James Williams  
 Timmonsville Church of God  
 Old Testament.....Reverend Geneva Dunn  
 New Testament.....Evangelist Sharon Mills  
 Musical Selection.....“Lord You Are Worthy”  
 Reflections.....Minister Mary Armstead  
 Sister Delena Stoner  
 Mr. D’Shawn Powell, Grandson  
 Minister Ameache Epps  
 Ms. Dede Garrison, Niece  
 Acknowledgements.....Minister Wanda Brown  
 Solo.....“His Eyes Are On The Sparrow”  
 Words of Comfort.....Bishop Jonathan Ziegler  
 Musical Selection.....“You Are My Strength”  
 Recessional  
 Postlude



## Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Green Haven Memorial Gardens  
 11020 Two Notch Road  
 Elgin, South Carolina

# Pallbearers

Deacons of Agape Worship Center International  
 Deacon Eureka Washington      Deacon Gerald Wright  
 Deacon Ivory Chestnut      Deacon Ernest Pearson  
 Deacon Darrin Stoner      Deacon Mark George  
 Deacon Michael Walker

# Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

# Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Lala Varetta Collins, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. A special thank you to the Agape Worship Center Church Family and the Leevy’s Funeral Home Staff. During a time like this, we realize how much our family and friends mean to us. Your kind expressions of sympathy and love will always be remembered.

Repat Immediately following interment at:  
 Agape Worship Center International

# Services Entrusted To:

<p><b>Taylor Street Chapel</b>          1831 Taylor Street          Columbia, SC 29201          (803)771-7799          I. S. Leevy Johnson          -Owner &amp; Director-</p>	<p><b>Leevy's</b>          FUNERAL HOME          Chris Leevy Johnson          -President &amp; Managing Director-</p>	<p><b>Lower Richland Chapel</b>          9120 Garners Ferry Road          Hopkins, SC 29061          (803) 776-6922          Leverette A. Williams, II          -General Manager-</p>
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# Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Ms. Lala Varetta Collins



Saturday, March 23, 2024  
 11:00 a.m.

Agape Worship Center  
 International  
 424 Lee Road  
 Columbia, South Carolina

Bishop Vincent Collins  
 -Pastor-

# Obituary

On October 20, 1942, Winter Haven, Florida, welcomed a shining light into the world, Miss Lala Varetta Collins. Her earthly journey, marked by unwavering faith, boundless love, and dedicated service, reached a peaceful conclusion on March 12, 2024. As the beloved youngest daughter of the late Henry and Allie Collins, her life was a radiant example of Christian faith, love, and unwavering dedication to service, leaving a legacy that will forever imprint on the hearts she touched.

Miss Lala excelled in Polk County's public schools and graduated from Jewett High School. She was committed to excellence and lifelong learning and pursued higher education, attending Lakeland Business College, Polk County Community College, and Maryland State College.

Her professional path was distinguished by her roles across various industries in Florida, where she left an unforgettable mark. Miss Lala dedicated twelve years to Manpower/Kelly Temporary Services, Montgomery Ward, and Lil's Childcare, demonstrating unparalleled dedication, service, and excellence. Furthermore, her career in retail services was marked by over nineteen fruitful years with Sears Roebuck and Co., where she was not just an employee but a beloved figure. Her exceptional talents and passion for fashion earned her rave reviews, requests by name, and invitations to many events. Her knack for creating beauty, matched with her quick wit and generous heart, left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Her faith journey began early, with baptism marking the start of a lifelong devotion. For most of her adult life, Miss Lala was a steadfast pillar of the Hurst Chapel AME Church in Winter Haven, Florida. She later continued her spiritual service and leadership at Agape Worship Center International in Columbia, South Carolina, where she embraced the role of Church Mother.

# Memories



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Through her involvement in the hospitality team, the Life-Giver's ministry, and her beautiful floral arrangements, Miss Lala embodied the spirit of giving, stewardship, and beauty, reflecting the love of God in every endeavor.

Her family was at the heart of Miss Lala's world—her ultimate pride and joy. She was the one family member you would get a phone call to check on you and share the goodness of the Lord. She stood as the family's historian, eagerly tracing the family lineage and celebrating every milestone. Her generosity knew no bounds, sharing wisdom, laughter, and many resources, from food to home decor, enriching the lives of those around her. Her home reflected her essence—each room was a vibrant showcase of elegance and inspiration.

Her impeccable sense of style, complemented by an innate grace and the careful selection of accessories, mirrored the beauty of her spirit. Miss Lala left an indelible mark on all fortunate enough to know her through her presence and her many contributions to her community.

Miss Lala was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Allie Collins; brothers Robert L. and David A. Collins; sisters, Ollie V. Wright, Ora L. Tugerson, Eva Mae Hunter, and son, Kelvin Powell.

Miss Lala leaves to mourn her passing her sister Geneva Smarte, of Winter Haven, Florida; a son Bishop (Dr.) Vincent D.L. Collins (Christle) of Columbia, South Carolina; four grandchildren, Christy M. Collins (Darrell), Kelvin M. Powell, Jr., Kristopher S. Matthews, and D'Shawn L. Powell; two great-grandchildren, Asa and Ryan; a host of nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; many other loving relatives; and caring friends (Darrin and Delena Stoner), all who will miss her dearly. They will carry forward her memory with love and fondness, forever cherishing her impact on their lives. Leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and unwavering dedication, Miss Lala's life stands as a testament to the transformative power of servanthood and the enduring strength of a life lived in Christ's love. Her memory lives on in the hearts of those privileged to know her, a guiding light to continue her legacy of compassion, grace, and love.