

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Estelle Griddine Portee, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. 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. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

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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Celebration of Life In Loving Memory of Mrs. Estelle Griddine Portee



"Little Bit"

Friday, March 22, 2024
1:00 p.m.

Brookland Baptist Church
1066 Sunset Boulevard
West Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson Sr.
-Pastor-

Obituary of Mrs. Estelle Griddine Portee

Our dear Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Friend, received her wings peacefully in the comfort of her home surrounded by loving family on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Mrs. Estelle G. Portee, affectionately known as "Lil Bit" was born to the late Solomon and Carriell Griddine on November 10, 1940. Mrs. Portee was married to the late Mr. Eddie James Portee, Sr. for 65 blessed years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Solomon and Carriell Griddine; sisters, Flossie Mae Pringle and Geneva Taylor.

Mrs. Portee was born and raised in Columbia, S.C. She graduated from Booker T. Washington High School, class of 1958. After serving twenty-years at Allied Chemical, she retired and continued her education at Midlands Technical College. Mrs. Portee's love for children led her to become an assistant teacher in Richland County School District II instructing special education children.

Mrs. Portee was a dedicated member of the Brookland Baptist Church and served faithfully on the Senior Missionary Ministry before experiencing health challenges. She was quiet in nature and a beautiful Christian woman who let her light shine.

Traveling, gardening with her husband, antique shopping with girlfriends. Spending time with her children were her greatest joys. Mom loved all her family but she held a special love in her heart for her little sister, Susana. They laughed and shared so much of their lives together. Mom and Sue were dear sisters and close friends until God's Angels appeared on Sunday Morning. This joy extended to spending the last thirty Christmas holidays with her loving family at Myrtle Beach S.C. Being near the ocean filled our dear mother's heart with so much peace and tranquility; the brilliant sunshine provided welcomed warmth during the chilly morning walks on the beach and the evening sunsets were highly anticipated with excitement of God's majestic splendor.

Mrs. Estelle Griddine Portee leaves to mourn her passing her four children, Eddie James Portee, Jr., (Kelly) of Greenville, S.C, Frances Portee-Lewis, Wanda Newkirk (Carlton) and Regina Charlene Portee; two sisters, Louise Kennedy, of Atlanta, GA, Susana Beatty of Columbia, S.C, three brothers, Sam Griddine (Doris), of Atlanta GA; Richard Griddine (Pam) of Columbia, S.C; Eugene Griddine, of Columbia, S.C; five grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; nieces; nephews, great-nieces; great-nephews; many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Pastor Jackie Williams, Presiding

- Musical Prelude.....Mr. Harold Booker, Minister of Music
- Processional
- Opening Hymn..... “Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”
- Old Testament.....Ms. Alexias Anderson
- New Testament.....Ms. Alexias Anderson
- Prayer.....Elder Eddie James Portee, Jr.
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Shawn Bigby
- Remarks.....Ms. Shirley Kennedy, Dear Family Friend
Mrs. Louise Williams, Dear Family Friend
Mrs. Frances Portee Lewis, Daughter
- Musical Selectio.....”Lilly of the Valley”..... Ms. Sherri Williams
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr.
- Musical Selection.....“Cooling Water”
Recording by: Lee Williams
- Recessional
- Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment

St. Luke A.M.E. Church Cemetery
4990 McCords Ferry Road
Eastover, South Carolina

