

Obituary

Mrs. Estelle Simmons Lassiter passed away on Friday, May 31, 2024, at the age of 95, in Columbia, SC. Estelle was the oldest of fourteen children born to Ernest and Georgia Simmons on July 27, 1928, in Leesville, SC. After being born, Estelle’s parents relocated to Columbia, SC. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Estelle was a caring and charismatic individual who took great pride in her family and in helping others.

Estelle graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1947 and received her bachelor’s degree from Allen University. She then went on to obtain her master’s in Early Childhood Development from South Carolina State College. While at Allen, she met the love of her life the late William Pulaski Lassiter, they were happily married for 53 years and blessed with three beautiful children.

Estelle had a successful career in the public school system as a teacher. She ventured into various entrepreneurial pursuits alongside her late husband, including operating a daycare facility, package store, thrift store, and working as a real estate agent.

She worshipped at Jones Memorial AME Church, and later attended Reid Chapel AME Church. Estelle had a passion for gardening and spent much of her time tending to her yard and greenhouses, where she cultivated beautiful flowers and plants. She also enjoyed traveling with her late husband and spending time with her family.

Estelle leaves to treasure her memory: children, Felecia Brown of Columbia, SC, Cassandra (Charles) Hickman, and Vernon (Sheryl) Lassiter; three grandchildren, Chavonte Davis of Columbia, SC, William (Jasmine) Davis III of Columbia, SC, and Jonathan (Maureen) Lassiter of Jacksonville, FL; great-grandchildren, Hayvin Davis and Khary Eva Davis both of Columbia, SC; her sisters, Catherine Spigner of Columbia, SC, Clara Simmons of New Jersey, and Tiny Mae Simmons of Detroit, MI; brother, Bennie Lee (Josephine) Simmons of Columbia SC; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Estelle was preceded in death by her husband, William Lassiter. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude
 Processional
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Selection.....“Well Done”
 Recording by: Deitrick Haddon
 Scripture Readings.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson
 Old Testament – Proverbs 31:10
 New Testament – John 14:1-6
 Prayer.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson
 Selection..... “Never Would’ve Made It”
 Recording by: Marvin Sapp
 Remarks.....Reverend Nathan Scott
 Mr. William Davis III
 Selection.....“Walking Up The Kings Highway”
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson
 Recessional
 Postlude



Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Memorial Gardens of Columbia
 9301 Wilson Boulevard
 Columbia, South Carolina

I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me

Forget your griefs and fears,

For I am in a perfect place,

Away from pain and tears.

It's far away from hunger,

And hurt and want and pride.

I have a place in Heaven

With the Master at my side.

My life on Earth was very good,

As earthly life can go,

But Paradise is so much more

Than anyone can know.

My heart is filled with happiness,

And sweet rejoicing, too.

To walk with God is perfect peace,

A joy forever new.

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Estelle Simmons Lassiter, would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love and support shown to us during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

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Wylie Kennedy Family Life Center
1037 Eastman Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 T. 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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Homegoing Celebration *for* *Mrs. Estelle Simmons Lassiter*



Wednesday, June 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

*1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

Reverend Chris Leevy Johnson
-Officiating-