

"I Love You!"

Jesus loves you!
 If you love Him, you will love others
 as He has loved you. Jn. 14:21
 Jn. 15:12

Jesus loves you!
 If you love others, you become His friend,
 and His blessing will be with you.
 He will comfort you,
 encourage you,
 give you peace, and
 surround you with His loving care.

"Lord Jesus,
 Help me to be Your friend.
 Help me to choose Your ways.
 Help me to live in oneness with You,
 showing mercy to all.

Oh, Lord,
 You are my Hope,
 You are my Friend, and

I Love You, Too!"

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Pallbearers

Wardell Epps III
 Lindsey R.S. Jones

Donnovan Epps, Jr.
 LaBruce Grant, Jr.
 Bryant Grant

Thomas Epps
 Tremaine Grant

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters
 &
 Great-Granddaughters

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Sister Lucille Reese Epps, sincerely appreciate the many wonderful expressions of love and kindness that have been extended to us. Your gracious acts of God's love during these hours have helped to sustain and encourage our walk with God. May our Father richly bless each of you individually and collectively in His love, grace and favor.

Repast

Antioch Baptist Church

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<p>Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-</p>	<p>Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-</p>	<p>Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-</p>
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In Loving Memory of
Sister Lucille Reese Epps

Saturday, September 28, 2024
 12:00 Noon

Antioch Baptist Church
 5715 Keen Road
 Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Byron A. Dixon
 -Pastor-

Obituary

¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (KJV)

When God called His servant on September 22, 2024, at approximately 4:20 p.m. to come home for her eternal rest. Lucille Reese Epps answered with a resounding “Yes Lord!” Today family and friends celebrate her long, fulfilling, glorious life of 99 years, all to the glory of God Almighty.

Sister Lucille Epps was born on July 19th, 1925, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the beloved daughter of the late Deacon Henry and Sister Mary Jane Davis-Reese. Sister Epps was preceded in death by six sisters and one brother.

Sister Lucille Epps was married to the late Mr. Wardell Epps, Sr., on May 5, 1941. This blessed union lasted 44 years until his transition into eternity in 1986. To this union ten (10) healthy children were born. She also reared four (4) grandchildren, Thomas, Tracey, Bryant and LaBruce as her own.

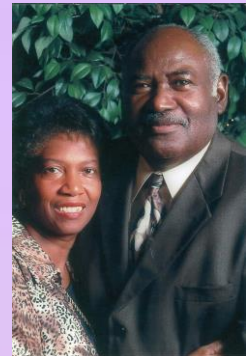
Sister Lucille Epps attended the public schools of Richland County, S.C. She was honored for her dedicated service to the Benedict College Child Development Center (CDC) as a Foster Grandparent on April 30, 1999.

She accepted the Lord into her life at an early age; at the Antioch Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina; where she served faithfully for over 70 years. She was a member of the Senior Missionary Ministry, Antioch Women’s Auxiliary (AWA), Pulpit Aide and the Noon Day Prayer and Bible Study.

Sister Lucille Epps had a green thumb when it came to maintaining greenhouse plants. They were amazing to behold. Her skill was evident with day lilies, amaryllis, azaleas and with annuals too. The kitchen was her domain. She enjoyed preparing, cooking and presenting the meal to her family and others, especially for her Pastors. Some of the dishes they raved over were her collard greens, corn bread stuffing, biscuits, pound cake and her infamous sweet potato Umh Umh. She knew how to stretch a meal/pot to accommodate all at the table. “Mother,” as Gerald called her; enjoyed listening to Sunday morning worship at Antioch Baptist Church and afterward she listened to Brother Jimmy Swaggert’s gospel singing services with her sister Mary Ann. There were two sayings that Sister Epps coined when family or friends were departing in person or on the phone, **“I love you more!”** and **“Hold it in the road!”**

Sister Lucille Reese Epps’s precious memories will be cherished by her five (5) children; Wardell (Ella) Epps, Jr., Maxine Murphy, Marilyn Sealey, Donovan (Jackie) Epps, and Gerald Epps; twenty-two (22) grandchildren; thirty-four (34) great-grandchildren; seventeen (17) great-great-grandchildren; two (2) sisters, Mary Ann Jenkins and Edna Delbridge all of Columbia, South Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and dear friends; to include her “Chicks” as she called them (Betty, Peggy and Patricia); special church friends, Mildred Johnson, Catherine Whatley, Sandra Kennedy and Sarah Williams; who will surely miss her.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Byron A. Dixon, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional.....“You Are My Strength
- Viewing Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....“Standing On The Promises”
- Old Testament.....Deacon Ronnie Arnold
Ecclesiastes 3:1-10
- New Testament.....Trustee Charlie Edmond
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister
- Song of Praise.....Antioch Baptist Church Senior Choir
“Sweet, Sweet, Spirt”
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Ella Epps
- Song of Praise.....Minister Diane Sease and Sister Mary Smith
- Reflection.....Deacon Robert Currie, Chairman, Antioch Baptist Church
Sister Rosa Oree Jackson, Niece
Marietta, Vicky, and Erica, Granddaughters
Tremaine, Grandson
- Church Resolution.....Sister Jennifer Jones, Church Clerk
- Song of Praise.....Mrs. Marietta Epps-Williams, Granddaughter
- Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. A.A. Neal
- Invocation..... Reverend Byron A. Dixon
- Recessional.....“Going Up Yonder”
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

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