

Obituary

Born on July 28, 1938, in Todd County, Kentucky, Lula lived a life marked by grace, strength, and unwavering devotion to her family. She was the proud and loving mother of one son, Quinn Cunningham, who was the light of her life and the center of her world. A cherished mother, beloved family member, and treasured friend, departed this life on August 5, 2025, at the age of 87.

Mrs. Cunningham was educated in the public schools of Hopkinsville, Kentucky and graduated from Attucks High School. She attended West Kentucky Vocational Technical School in Paducah, Kentucky and Limestone Business College in South Carolina. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church and was a part of the Jubilee Choir. The choir was award winning and Lula was recorded on a gospel record. Her vast careers include working at NCR, Richland County schools, Delta airlines, and SC ETV. Additionally, she was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. After retiring, she became a full-time nanny for many children in the Columbia area.

Lula was known for her warm heart, gentle spirit, and quiet resilience. She found joy in the simple things such as cooking, especially baking, reading, attending church, bowling, golfing, working with children, traveling, and sewing. Her kindness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Her legacy lives on through her son, Quinn Cunningham and through the countless lives she impacted with her compassion and wisdom. Lula will be remembered for her unwavering love, her nurturing soul, and the strength she carried through life's challenges. She was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest and Mildred Shanklin, husband Kenneth Cunningham, sister Juanita Andrews, brother Fred Shanklin, and grandsons Orlando and Rolando Harmon. She is survived by her son Quinn (Dr. Tonya) Cunningham of Columbia, South Carolina; sisters Barbara West of Indianapolis, Indiana and Dorothy Chambers of Louisville, Kentucky; sister in law Marcia (Bill) Masterson of Lexington, Kentucky; niece and nephew Evelyn Andrews (Richie) Mayes of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren Monica Harmon of Orange, New Jersey; Tristen and London Rhett of the home, and many other loving relatives and caring friends, all of who will miss her dearly.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude.....“Going Up Yonder”
Recording by: Walter Hawkins
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Solo.....Mr. Dean Stewart
- Scripture Readings.....Elder Dr. Barbra A. Woods
The Well Church, Columbia, SC
- Prayer.....Reverend Brant Nichols
First Nazareth Baptist Church
- Reflections.....Mrs. Laurie Collins
Ms. Emma Young
Mrs. Teresa Harvin Joyner
- Solo.....Mrs. Teresa Harvin Joyner
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Micky Joyner
Pastor, Brown Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction, Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-
God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

Callbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Lula Mae Cunningham, would like to thank each of you for all your prayers 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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Chris Leevy Johnson
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-General Manager-

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Lula Mae Cunningham



*Sunday, August 10, 2025
3:00 p.m.*

*Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Mickey Joyner
-Officiating-*

