

A Celebration of Life

Reverend Dr. Dennis Broughton, Jr. Presiding

Prelude
Processional
Opening Hymn.....#200.....Grands Incorporated
Invocation.....Reverend John A. Lewis
Old Testament.....Reverend Ronald McFadden
New Testament.....Reverend Moses Rembert
Selection.....Grands Incorporated
Remarks.....Former Councilwoman Bernice Scott
Mrs. M. LaNelle Kohn, BTW Foundation
Ms. Vivian Ricks, Community/Friend
Mr. Daniel Harper, Adopted Brother
Mrs. Nathalene Jenkins, Friend
Mrs. Dawn Bradley Cooper & Ms. Iris Jackson, Family/Goddaughter
Mr. Edison Dupree, Class Leader
Reverend Charles Epps, Pastor, Haskell Heights Baptist Church
Mr. Kentrell Edmonds, Grandson
Acknowledgements.....Ms. Anitra Jeffereson
Resolution.....Mrs. Carolyn Whetstone, Brown Chapel A.M.E Church
Selection.....Mrs. Toni Butts, Mrs. Terrie Beatty, and Mr. Darris Hassell
Words of Comfort.....Senior Pastor Darrell Jackson
Pastor, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road
Viewing.....Funeral Directors
Recessional
Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Brown Chapel A.M.E Church Cemetery
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Pallbearers and Floral Bearers
Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church Missionary Society and Stewards
&
Family and Friends

A League of Her Own

To so many, she was Josephine
To so many, she was Mama Jo
To many, she was extraordinary
To many, she was a gifted person

We, her sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and family,
describe her as:

Loving, kind, meek, and mild.
Who nurtured us and truly loved us
And a guiding light of her own

You won't find her in an encyclopedia
No matter how hard you look
Her words of wisdom are not found in a schoolbook
but you can find them in one of her many poetry books

A legacy in her own time
A Matriarch that now belongs to the ages
Her mission accomplished
Rest well with God and your loved ones
Until we meet again

Original poem by: Mrs. Josephine Hall
Recreated by Lakeisha Edmonds

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Josephine Jefferson Hall, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, and expressions of sympathy shown during this time of loss. Your support has brought us comfort and peace, and we are deeply thankful.

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IN LOVING
Memory
of 
Mother Josephine Hall



Tuesday, September 2, 2025
11:30 a.m.

Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church
808 Barnes Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Dennis Broughton, Jr.
-Pastor-

Obituary of Mother Josephine Hall

Mrs. Josephine “Mama Jo” Theresa Mae Henrietta Jefferson Hall, 99, was born on November 12, 1925, to Willie Jefferson, Sr. and Laura Toliver Jefferson in the Little Camden Community of Columbia, South Carolina. She completed her earthly journey on Tuesday, August 25, 2025, at MUSC Hospital Northeast in Columbia, South Carolina. For twelve years she was the only girl among her brothers until her first sister Ida was born.

She was married to the late William James Hall until his death May 26, 1994. They were the parents of three daughters, Brenda Jo Hall who predeceased them on January 15, 1992, Brenda Joyce Hall who predeceased her, N.D, and Sarah Hall.

Mrs. Hall grew up and lived most of her life in the community where she was born. She attended the Public Schools of Richland County and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1943 with a certificate of Cosmetology, that she utilized to become one of the neighborhood cosmetologists. She was a member of the 4-H Club under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Thomas. Her career in Manufacturing expanded over sixty years at Capital City Dress Manufacturing, Femwear Dress Manufacturing, Oxford Dress Manufacturing, Textile Spread Factory, and Appletree Fashions. She worked in the garment district in Harlem, New York for a short period of time. Mrs. Hall also worked at the Olympia Precinct as a poll worker during election times.

Mrs. Hall most of all enjoyed writing her original poems, short stories, and plays. She was a poet and author of three published books of original poems including, The People and Places of My Heart, Special Family Edition (2005), and Poems of Endearment for Special Occasions with Love (2009). She received the first place Talent Award in Nassau, Bahamas at the Captain’s Dinner while on a Caribbean Cruise and narrated the play “Pilgrim Vision” under the direction of the Rev. Lindsey E. Crumlin. In 2024 she was featured in a Story Corps interview with Dr. Bobby Donaldson of the University of South Carolina for preservation in the U. S. Library of Congress.

Mrs. Hall was a lifelong member of Brown Chapel AME Church where she served faithfully and was active in her church at the age of 99. She served as a Stewardess, Trustee, Secretary and Second Leader of the Brown Chapel AME Church Usher Board, a member of the Missionary Society, the Willing Workers Club, the Pastor’s Aide, and was a Class Leader, and current Mother of the Church. She has held active membership in the Women’s Missionary Society for over 70 years.

Memories



She served as Assistant Chaplain and Mother of the Willing Workers Progressive Usher’s Union. She was a supporter of the Brown Chapel Allen University Alumni Chapter and a Former Board Member of the Booker T. Washington Foundation. She was a member of the Progressive Social and Savings Club and the Little Camden Community Organization. She was a previous member of the Olympia and Perrin Thomas Senior Centers, and was currently attending the Bible Way Church of Atlas Road’s Senior Program on Thursdays, where she looked forward to playing Bingo and fellowshiping with other Seniors. She served in the Foster Grandparent Program for 8 years, working with teachers and students at Logan Elementary School. She received numerous awards including recognition by Senator Darrell Jackson at Bible Way Church as a Community Leader, and an award presented by Senator Jackson on behalf of the South Carolina State Senate. She was recognized as a Woman of Faith by the Presbyterian Church in 2009 and Woman of the Year by Northminster Presbyterian Church. She was recognized by the Newberry Area Women’s Missionary Society for Women’s Herstory Month Spotlight at the Columbia Conference.

She was the beloved Matriarch of the Toliver-Harrington, Jefferson, and Hall Families. In 2019, she was blessed with a brand-new home on the street where she was born. She and her sister Ida enjoyed sitting outside, talking with each other on the phone as they both sat on their porches. They also enjoyed waving at the cars as they passed by during Carolina Football Games.

Mrs. Hall was called on by the community at large, family, and many others to recite her original poetry at special occasions and celebrations. She also did a Storytelling Workshop during her Family Reunion and recently attended her Family Reunion in Charlotte, North Carolina where she shared words of wisdom with her family. She brought so much joy to others as she delivered her poetry in such a lively, expressive, delightful, and meaningful way. She would dress for the role and use props like her infamous cotton balls during her poem, “Ole Miss Tanzy Sly.” Her favorite scripture was “Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5).

Mrs. Hall leaves to cherish her precious memories one daughter, Sarah Hall of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, one granddaughter, LaKeisha Nicole Edmonds of the home, one grandson, Kentrell Edmonds of Columbia, five great-grandsons, Emmanuel Edmonds of Columbia, Caleb Edmonds, Joshua Edmonds, and Joel Edmonds (all of the home); and Kentrell Edmonds, Jr. of Columbia, one great-granddaughter Mia Nashae Edmonds, of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Jackson, and Mrs. Betty Hassell, (both of Columbia); one sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy Jefferson of Irmo; two goddaughters, Iris Jackson of Columbia and Dawn Bradley-Cooper of Atlanta, Georgia; one special friend and classmate, Mrs. Nathalene Jenkins, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and other loving relatives and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.