

## *If Roses Grow In Heaven*

If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my mom's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,

Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for awhile  
Because remembering her is easy  
I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will never go away.

### *Pallbearers*

Nephews and Family

### *Floral Bearers*

Deaconess and Friends

### *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Deaconess Mary Lee Perkins, wish to express sincere appreciation for the concerns, love, and sympathy expressed during our bereavement. Please remember us in your prayers. May God continue to pour his blessings upon you.

## *A Celebration of Life In Loving Memory Ms. Mary Lee Perkins*



*Monday, August 11, 2025*

*11:00 a.m.*

*Jones Memorial A.M.E.Z. Church*

*2400 Barhamville Road*

*Columbia, South Carolina*

*Reverend Solomon McCuley*

*-Pastor-*

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# Obituary of Mrs. Mary Lee Scott Perkins

Mrs. Mary Lee Scott Perkins was born on December 18, 1947 to the late Roseziner Barr and Johnson Scott in Hemingway, South Carolina where she was the youngest of eight children. Mary peacefully transitioned from this life on August 4, 2025 at Prisma Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mary received her education in Hemingway, South Carolina where she graduated from Chavis High School in June 1965. She later moved to Brooklyn, New York where she joined her brothers and sisters and continued her education in mathematics. Mary began her career at Bell Atlantic (which later became Verizon) where she worked faithfully in the field of telecommunication

In January 1982, Mary united in marriage with Charles E. Perkins of New York. From this union, they were blessed with a daughter, Shalandra. Mary became an active member of Rush Temple AMEZ Church in Queens, NY. She served on the Usher Board, EG Choir and the South Carolina Club, and she chaired events like Women's Day, always offering her help wherever needed. After retiring from Verizon in 2003, Mary returned to South Carolina and joined Jones Memorial AMEZ Church. Mary served on the choir, trustee board, class leader and deaconess board.

Mary was a woman of deep faith, genuine love, and boundless generosity. She welcomed everyone with open arms, always offering warm hugs and a beautiful smile. A true believer in God's word, Mary gave freely of her time, spirit, and care to anyone in need.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roseziner and Johnson Scott, and her siblings, Willie Scott, Leroy Scott, Maude Scott, Alberta Green, Franklin Scott.

Mary's life was a blessing to all who knew her. Though we loved her dearly, we know God loved her most. She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted daughter, Shalandra P. Andrews (Russell Andrews); two sisters, Sarah Wilson and Jannie Doughty; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and many others she embraced as family. Her presence, wisdom and love will be deeply missed.

# Memories



# A Service of Remembrance

Reverend Dr. Thelma Gordon, Presiding

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Invocation.....Reverend Solomon McAuley
- Hymn of Praise.....Sanctuary Choir
- Old Testament.....Reverend Christopher Scott  
Flat Rock Baptist Church, Piedmont, South Carolina
- New Testament.....Reverend Anthony Hardick  
Fairview AME Zion Church, Great Falls, South Carolina
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Reid White  
Greater Jones AME Zion Church
- Song of Praise.....Sanctuary Choir
- Acknowledgements.....Ms. Janice Smith
- Reading of Obituary
- Special Tributes.....(Two Minutes, Please).....Mr. Simon Scott, Nephew  
Mr. Dwayne Scott, Nephew  
Mr. Lonza Scott, Nephew  
Mr. Carolyn Canton, Niece  
Mrs. Shalandra P. Andrews, Daughter
- Solo.....Mrs. Wilhelmenia Scott, Sister-In-Law
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend Solomon McAuley
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



# Committal, Benediction, and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina