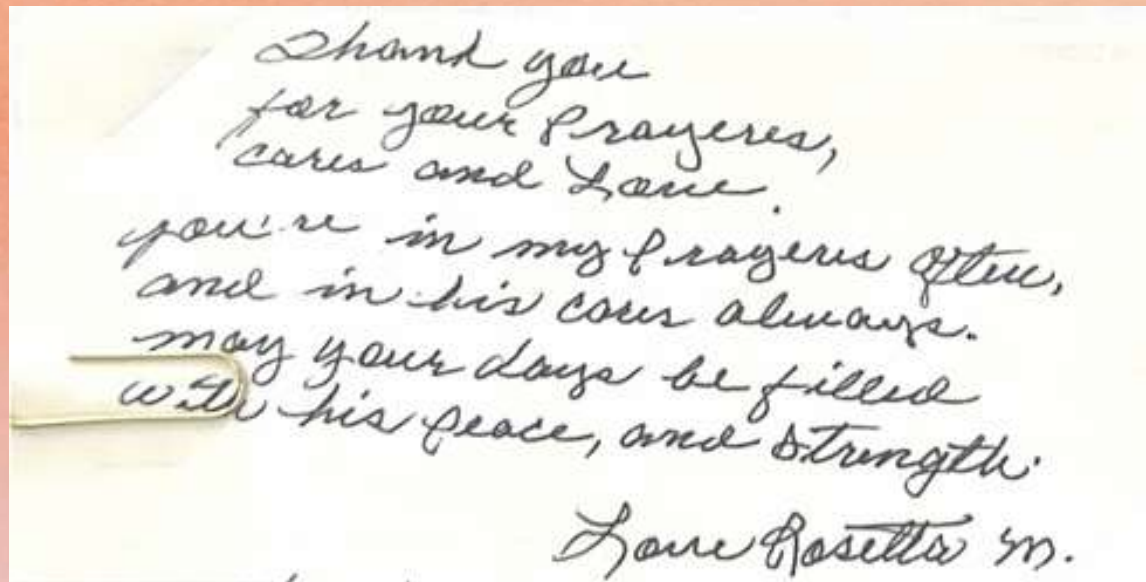


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Michael Randolph Torrian Stone Michael Ritter, Jr.
Ja'Juan Belgrave Lamont Kennedy

Floral Bearers

Jordan Belgrave Courtney Randolph Daunya Belgrave
Ebony Sumter Alisha Taylor Lashunda Geter
Tiana Stone Janaè Belgrave Valerie Roberts
Naja Dreher Nikki Katio



*A Celebration of Life
In Loving Memory
of*

MS. ROSETTA DAVIS MELETTE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

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Life's Reflections

Ms. Rosetta Davis Melette, affectionately known as “Rose,” a beacon of light and love was born November 20, 1929, the ninth child born to the late Julius Ceasar Davis, Sr. and Carrie Belle Pack Davis, in Sumter, South Carolina. On March 11, 2026, at the age of 96 she was reunited with God, as he saw fit to bring his child home to rest.

Rosetta joined Enon Baptist Church in Sumter, SC, at the tender age of three, growing up within its congregation and eventually being baptized there. During her youth, she attended the only public school in Sumter County available to African American children. She often recalled the long walks to school, watching the school bus pass them regardless of the weather. By the innocent age of six, she was already picking cotton, assisting her mother with housework and playing with her siblings. At fourteen, seeking a better life and further education, Rosetta moved to New York to help her sister raise her children—a move that showcased the strength, maturity, and selflessness that defined her entire life.

While living in New York, Rosetta built a life she truly enjoyed. She discovered a love for sewing at Sheardan Sportswear—a skill that served her well for years. To create a better life for her children Rose earned her Practical Nursing certificate. In 1971, the desire to return to her southern roots, Rose moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where she became the first in her family to purchase a home. She worked at US Textile before finding her true calling at Forest Hill Nursing Home. Her passion for caring for others led her to become an EMT and later transitioned to a distinguished corrections career for the South Carolina Department of Corrections. After 14 years, she retired as a Sergeant to care for her granddaughter, but her spirit of service remained; at 72, she returned to work as an aide for Caring Inc. for several years. Later in life at 83 years of age, she ran a small in-home daycare, which allowed her to spend precious time with her great-granddaughter while also caring for the children of her granddaughter’s friends. She nurtured and loved seven little ones, ranging from six weeks to three years old. Rosetta’s life was defined by her desire to give back and make a difference in the lives of everyone she touched.

Rosetta was a woman of deep and abiding faith who kept God first in her life. She joined and became a devoted member of St. James Baptist Church in Hopkins, South Carolina, where she stood as the oldest member of the church. She dearly loved her church family and gave of herself generously through her many gifts and talents. With her gifted hands, she sewed numerous chair cushions, choir robes and neck ties for the church and during the COVID-19 pandemic, she lovingly made masks for church members, family and friends.

Rosetta was the treasured matriarch of her family, known for her fierce spirit, remarkable strength, sharp memory, and unwavering determination. She taught her family the value of perseverance and excellence, often sharing her favorite saying: “Good, better, best—don’t let it rest until the good is better and the better is best.”

In her quiet moments, Rose found joy in watching Murder, She Wrote, Perry Mason, Ghost Hunters, and Emergency! She loved sewing quilts and pillows, writing in her journal, chatting with her friends, completing crossword puzzles, and watching church services on television. She always enjoyed cooking and baking her delicious recipes. Her life was rich with purpose, wisdom, and love.

Rosetta was preceded in death by her parents, her two sons, Ronald Mellette and Barry Melette; daughter, Joyce Gayle; six sisters, Bethel, Omega, Catherine, Annabelle, Susie and Carolyn; four brothers, Marion, Julius, Jr, Simon and Raymond; one granddaughter Angela; two great-granddaughters Seacole and Y’Terrani; and one great-great-grandson, Ace.

Rosetta leaves to cherish her memory with beloved daughters, Evelyn Reneè Alexander and Barbara Beaman; her remaining loving sister, Evelyn Billups, whom she loved and adored; her six grandchildren, David Rickey (Kim) Belgrave III, Ralph Randolph, Jr., Michael (Tangee) Ritter, Sr., JaJuan Beaman, Catheta Kelly, Michelle Mellette and Monique (Daryl) Bailey. She also leaves behind 30 great-grandchildren, 19 great-great-grandchildren, a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family, friends, son-in-love, David “Beep” Dantzler and her dearest friend, Ms. Nezzie Burgess. In addition to her family, she proudly embraced many honorary children and grandchildren who were blessed by her love, wisdom and motherly care. ALL whom she loved dearly.

Rosetta’s impact is immeasurable. She was not only the heart of her family, but also its foundation and guiding light to many. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, matriarch and cherished pillar of both her family and community. Her strength, sacrifices, faith and steadfast love will continue to live on in all who were blessed to know her. Her legacy of faith, resilience, love, and excellence will never be forgotten.

And in the words of our beloved Rosetta Davis Melette, “Let the life I live speak for me.”

Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds*



**May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warmly against your back
And the rain fall softly upon your fields.
May God hold you in the palm of His hands.
Until We Meet Again!**

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude.....“I’ll Fly Away”.....Recording by: Hezekiah Walker
 Processional
 Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Quietness”
 Reflections of Life.....Ms. Christena Reed
 Old Testament.....Psalm 31:10, 17-31.....Mr. Michael Randolph
 New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Miss Sariah Rose Brown
 Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon George Hampton
 Musical Selection..... “Don’t Call The Roll”.....Recording by: Debra Snipe
 Remarks.....Mr. David Rickey Belgrave III
 The Dantzler Family
 Ms. Catheta Kelly
 Musical Selection..... “Jesus Is My Rock”.....Reverend Gerald Thompson
 Words of Comfort.....Reverend James W. Abrams, Jr.
 Musical Selection.....“Lily In The Valley”
 Viewing.....Funeral Directors
 Recessional
 Postlude



**Committal, Benediction, and Interment
 Lincoln Cemetery
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 Columbia, South Carolina**

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Me and Grandma Rose



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SGT ROSE MELETTE
 Our Friendship is a rainbow
 that wraps around the heart.
 Making each day brighter,
 even when the showers start.
 The colors in our rainbow
 make the world a brighter place.
 Reflecting warmth and
 sunshine in a good
 friend's smiling face!
 W.C.C.
 3rd Shift

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