

## Obituary

Mrs. Emma Lucille Smith Anderson was born on December 28, 1934, in Sumter, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late James Timmons Sr. and her mother, the late Georgiana “Honey” Galloway. Emma transitioned from this life on September 30, 2026. She was the wife of the late Herbert Sims, Sr. and the late Sidney Anderson, Sr.

Emma was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She worked as a state employee with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health for 25 years.

Sister Anderson was a dedicated member of St. Matthew Baptist Church, of Eastover, South Carolina. She was a member of the Usher Board, the Senior Choir, and served as president of the Pastor’s Aid. Her dedication and commitment to God, Faith, and Church Family were reflected in her service.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her other mother, Ms. Ella Smith; both husbands, Herbert Sims, Sr. and Sidney Anderson, Sr.; her siblings, Ann Marie Galloway, Lula Mae Galloway, William Billy Galloway, and James Timmons, Jr.; daughter, Belle Taft; and grandchildren, Octavia Wilson, Ernest Dunlap, Jr. and Terry Lavon Smith, Jr.

Emma leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Alberta Jones (Aaron) of Columbia, South Carolina, Linda Etheredge of Hopkins, South Carolina, Herbert Sims (Lily) of Killeen, Texas, Derrick Sims of Hinesville, Georgia, Rosa Smith of Columbia, South Carolina, Sidney Anderson, Jr. (Sandra) of Mukilteo, Washington, Christopher Alphonso Anderson of Hopkins, South Carolina, and Tonya Burke (Gaumal) of Hopkins, South Carolina; her sister, Ms. Julia Timmons Whitaker, of Enfield, North Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Stafford and Mattie Brunson Jennings; 26 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Emma was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will always be remembered as a “Prayer Warrior “. She was a true woman of faith. She also would give the best advice. She would say, “Be good to others, but be extra good to yourself” and “Keep on living.” She will always be loved and dearly missed.

## Memories



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir

Old Testament.....Deacon Gaumal Burke

New Testament.....Deacon Lorenzo Washington

Prayer.....Reverend Michael Baker

Poem.....Ms. Linda Etheredge

Remarks.....Deacon Gaumal Burke

Mr. Aaron Jones

Mr. Christopher Anderson

Mrs. Rosa Smith

Selection.....St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Tommy Gibson

Recessional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Postlude



## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Fort Jackson National Cemetery  
4170 Percival Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*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, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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 share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free.*

## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Emma Lucille Smith Anderson, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Our hearts will always be grateful for your kindness, as we pray for a special blessing to be bestowed upon each one of you.

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# *In Loving Memory of*

**Mrs. Emma Lucille Smith Anderson**



**Thursday, October 8, 2026**  
11:00 a.m.

**St. Matthew Baptist Church**  
752 Old Congaree Run  
Eastover, South Carolina

**Reverend Tommy Gibson**  
-Officiating-