

*To Those Whom I Love & To Those
Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too
Many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good
years.*

*I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve me for a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.*

*I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.*

*Though you can't see or touch me, I will be
near.*

*And if you listen with your heart, you'll
hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a, 'Welcome
Home'.*

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Elease Najwa Joyner Aquil sincerely thank everyone for your prayers, love, support, calls, visits, flowers, food, and the many acts of kindness shown during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

Repast

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Home Going Service In Loving Memory of Mrs. Elease Najwa Joyner Aquil



Saturday, September 12, 2026
1:00 p.m.

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

Bishop Kenneth Taylor
-Officiating-



Obituary
of
Mrs. Elease Najwa Joyner Aquil

Mrs. Elease Najwa Joyner Aquil was born January 4, 1948, in Barnwell County, and reared in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the beloved daughter of the late Horace and Marie Joyner. She departed this life on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Elease was educated in the public schools of Richland County, where after graduation she married her devoted husband of 60 years, Dawud "Hambone" Aquil.

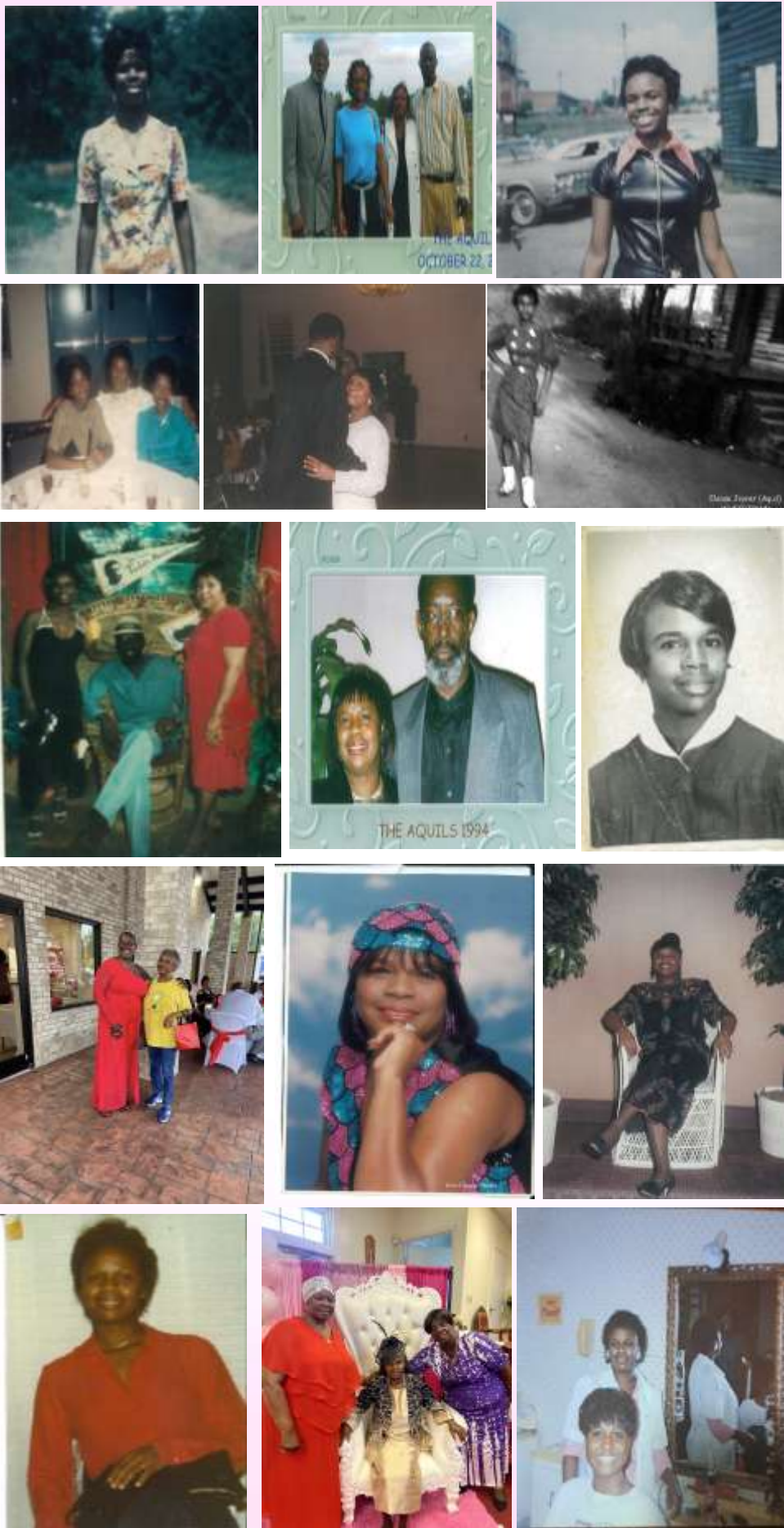
She found employment at the Olympia Cotton Mills. However, her passion for doing hair and her entrepreneurial spirit led her to begin taking classes at the Waverly School of Beauty. Shortly after graduation, she and her dear friend Kay Lewis opened Sophisticated Lady Beauty Salon, where she worked doing what she loved for 38 years.

Above all, El was a devoted and loving mother. She was always there for her children, not only in the joyful moments, but also through the difficult and uncertain times. She was a steady source of love, encouragement, strength and comfort. Her love did not depend on circumstances or achievements; it was unconditional, unwavering and constant. Though she is no longer physically here with us, the lessons she taught, the memories she created, the sacrifices she made and the love she gave will remain in our hearts forever.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Hattie Mae Joyner, Janie Stone and Leola Brooks; and brothers, Horace Joyner Jr, Floyd Joyner and Pastor Allen Joyner.

Elease leaves to cherish her loving memory: her husband, Dawud Aquil; daughter Nicole Aquil; sons Omar Aquil and Abdullah (Ashley) Aquil; sisters, Lessie (Kenneth) Taylor and Susie Goodwin; sisters-in-law Stella and Annette Taylor; brother-in-law Eddie (Lizzette) Taylor, ten grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Musical Selection.....Mr. Greg Peterson
- Old Testament.....Elder Lessie Chase
- New Testament.....Elder Susie Joyner
- Prayer.....Pastor Khalilah Juitt
- Musical Selection.....Fresh Oil Outreach Ministries
- Remarks.....Mrs. Kay Lewis, Friend
Mrs. Karen Erinfolami, Daughter in Love
Ms. Kimoni Aquil, Granddaughter
- Musical Selection.....The Well Encounter Ministry
- Eulogy.....Bishop Kenneth Taylor
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and
Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina