Obituary

Mrs. Willie Mae Askew of Montgomery, Alabama was called home on November 12, 2026 surrounded by her loving family.

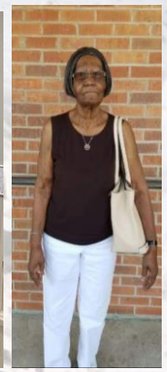
Mrs. Askew was born December 24, 1928 in Montgomery, AL to Ernest Hale and Ella Lee. She gave most of her life devoted to what she loved most, nurturing others. She was a dedicated homemaker that extended love to all the children she cared for over 30 plus years. Mrs. Askew cared for dozens of children from Ft. Jackson to her home in Woodfield Park.

Mrs. Willie Mae Askew was a loving wife to the late Willie Askew (US Army) and mother to 9 children the late Willie Askew III, the late Gloria Fair (late Bernell Fair), Kathy Ewing (Bobby), Anthony Askew (Jennifer), Mary Askew, Tony Askew, Michael Askew, Wanda Askew-Martin, and Cedric Askew (Elvi) and her only surviving sister, Watha Claiborne, 14 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great-children, nieces; nephews; great-nieces and nephews; cousins, and many other loving family and friends.

Memories










Order of Service

Prelude…….…….. “Pass me not, O Gentle Savior” (Piano)

Processional

Opening Selection…..……..... “I’ll Fly Away” (Piano)

Scripture Readings. Reverend Taliaferro Robinson- Heyward
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4
New Testament: Romans 14:8

Prayer……. Reverend Taliaferro Robinson- Heyward

Remarks……..……..…. _ Tracey Purifoy Canada
_ Anthony Askew
_ Ashante’ Smith
_ Tiakka Marthin

Words of Comfort….. Reverend Taliaferro Robinson- Heyward

Recessional……..…. “Going Up Yonder” (Piano)

Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment

Lincoln Cemetery
4900 Farrow 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. Willie Mae Hale Askew, would like to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.



Homegoing Service
In Loving Memory
of

Mrs. Willie Mae Hale Askew



Saturday, November 21, 2026
1:00 P.M.

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