

Daughter's Eternal Love To Her Mother:

God gave me to you just 63 short years ago. Our journey was never easy but we never gave up on each other as John 16:11 states These things I have spoken unto you that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

No one but you and I may have understood our relationship but God-ordained our journey. I am so proud to have had you for 63 short years. You are my foundation, my strength, and my joy.

-Linda Ann Jefferson, Daughter

I count myself extremely blessed to have had such an amazing grandmother and a true woman of God. Thank you for being a supportive and praying great granny to Christian. We will miss you so much. The lives you have impacted and the prayers you have prayed will never be forgotten. You walked with a bold step and had no fear! You taught me to fear God only and to pray. As I traveled down memory lane, I remembered all the good times we've shared and your "fussing" to keep me on point. I can't help but miss you every day and the calls to say, "Hey Kel", It's Granny", I promise to always keep your memory alive and practice all the things that you taught me to become a praying, bold, loving, humble, and better person, just like you.

-Vickel and Christian

*Granny,
You are in heaven. You touched everyone's life while you were here. God saw fit that you earned your heavenly wings. You soared up, up above as an Eagle because he saw you fought a good fight and finished your course. Sleep on and take your rest. We Love You but God Love You Best.*

-Rashad, Clarissa, Larry, DeGeorge, Saniya, and RJ

Heaven gained a beautiful soul! Granny, I was so proud to be your Boo, your Saralin, your Shadow and Confidante. We had each other's heart. I am truly going to miss our daily talks. I know without a shadow of doubt, everytime I smile, you will be smiling back at me with an extra layer of sunshine and your protection covering me.. Please give my parents a hug and kiss for me. I will forever love and miss you.

-Yolanda, Douglas, and DaMarcus

To the woman that I was named after, the Officiant of our Wedding, our Grannie, and now, our forever Angel. May you rest in peace until we meet again. We love you Grannie

-Sarah Lydel, Christian, Jayla, C.J. and Nic

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

If We Could Bring You Back

If we could bring you back for one more hour or day,
We'd express all our unspoken love;
We'd have countless things to say.
If we could bring you back again,
We'd say we treasured you,
And that your presence in our lives
Meant more than we ever knew.
If we could bring you back again,
To tell you what we should,
You'd know how much we miss you now,
And if we could, we would.

-Joanna Fuchs

Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts, we express sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness and love that were shown during the passing of our beloved Mother and Granny. Please continue to pray for our family, as we pray that he will continue to keep and bless all of you.

-The Jefferson Family

Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg

Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

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A Celebration of

A GRAND LIFE

ALPHA: AUGUST 1, 1937

OMEGA: JUNE 12, 2020



Pastor
Sarah Ellen Jones Jefferson

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.

Simmons Funeral Home Chapel

2868 Columbia Road

Orangeburg, SC 29118

REV. CHARLES HUTCHINSON, OFFICIATING

Order of Service

BISHOP COPELAND RILEY, PRESIDING OFFICER IN CHARGE

- Prelude**
- Processional/Final Viewing.....Clergy & Family**
- Scripture**
Old Testament Evangelist Viola King
New Testament Evangelist Viola King
- Prayer of Comfort Evangelist Viola King**
- Song of Praise..... Evangelist Debra Darby**
- Reflections (Limit to Two Minutes)**
- Special Daughter/Church Member..Minister Sandra Hickman**
Community/Family Friend..... Evangelist Bernice Lee
Special Friend Mrs. Anna McClendon
- Acknowledgements**
- Song of Praise..... Elder Dr. Stephanie Hart**
- Words of Comfort..... Rev. Charles Hutchinson**
Platt Springs Baptist Church
West Columbia, South Carolina
- Song of Praise..... Evangelist Debra Darby**
- Recessional**



Interment

Belleville Memorial Gardens
2900 Belleville Road
Orangeburg, SC 29115



Reflection of Life

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7 KJV

Pastor Sarah Ellen Jones Jefferson, daughter of the late Edward and Cora Bell Jones, was born on August 1, 1937 in Fort Motte, South Carolina. She departed this life peacefully on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Providence Health.

Raised in Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties, she is a graduate of Orangeburg School District Five. She matriculated at South Carolina State College (University) in Orangeburg, South Carolina, where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Christian Leadership from the Body of Christ School of the Great Commission and International Bible Institute in Columbia, South Carolina.

"Mother Jefferson" or "Granny" as she was affectionately known, loved sharing the word of God. She was the Pastor and Founder of Jefferson Street Full Gospel Holiness Church in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She built her church from the ground up. She pastored Jefferson Street for over 43 years. Pastor Jefferson believed in leading by example. She loved praising God and sharing the Word with all whom she came in contact with. She preached and lived her life through holiness. She believed that Holiness is the only way to God's kingdom. She was a member of the Women of Faith and Spirit Ministry of the Cope and Orangeburg areas. Most recently, she became a member of Platt Springs Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina.

An exceptional Woman of God, she can be described by using the following adjectives: God-fearing, Saved and Sanctified, Prayer Warrior, Proud, Honest, Loyal, Loveable, Powerful, Trustworthy, Peaceful, and a Motivator.

She worked for The Regional Medical Center for 37 years. After retiring from the Regional Medical Center, she was employed with Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four as a Special Needs Para Assistant. She also worked with Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five as a substitute teacher.

She was married to the late Marion Cleveland Jefferson and to this union, four beautiful souls were born: Blake Cleveland, Linda Ann, Victoria Delorise, and Marion, Junior.

She was preceded in death by her husband and three of her children, Blake Cleveland, Victoria Delorise, and Marion, Junior.

She prided herself in being a wonderful mother, a terrific grandmother, a loving and supportive great grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, devoted church leader and a true woman of God.

She leaves to cherish fond memories: a loving daughter, Linda Ann Jefferson of Columbia, South Carolina, four wonderful grandchildren: Dr. Vickel M. Darby of Orangeburg, South Carolina, Dr. Rashad Y. (Clarissa) Darby of Augusta, Georgia, Yolanda S. (Douglas Richardson) Darby of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Sarah L. (Christian) Ayler of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; nine awesome great-grands: Christian V. Owens of Orangeburg, South Carolina, DeGeorge R. Darby and Larry Hatchett of Augusta, Georgia, SaNiya A. Darby of Columbia, South Carolina, DaMarcus J. Darby-Richardson of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Jayla Ayler, Christian Ayler, Junior, Nicholas Ayler of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Rashad Y. Darby, Junior of Augusta, Georgia; one caring sister, Leonoria Riley, and one supportive brother, Henry Jones of Columbia, South Carolina, very special families: The Bovains, Archie, Hickman, Davis, Simon, Stacks, and Williams Families, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted daughters and sons, friends, Platt Springs Baptist Church and Jefferson Street Full Gospel Holiness Church families.

Pastor Sarah Jefferson possessed an abundance of love, holiness, mentorship, energy, praying hands, and patience. She was indeed a "Rock" to all who needed her. Every day she lived for holiness. In her own words, "Holiness is the Only Way to Heaven".