

# Tribute

Donte was a loving, caring, passionate person. He was loved by so many. He was well known for his smile, compassion, ambition, and his daily positive Facebook quotes. His favorite motto and signature quote that he lived by was, "Stay down & Come up." D-Black, as he was affectionately called, was a very positive, humble man with a great spirit. He loved to get "fly" and often asked, "take a picture of me." D-Black met no stranger and lit up every room he entered. He was a peacemaker, a listening ear, a friend, and most importantly, a loving son and brother. He will be deeply missed by his family, his barbershop family, and the Sumter community.

-Santana Hilton



*Interment*  
Bradford Cemetery  
Prayer, Committal & Benediction



*Pall Bearers*  
Sumter High School Class of 2007

*Flower Attendants*  
Sumter High School Class of 2007

*Acknowledgement*  
The family of the late Mr. Gregory Donta' Middleton wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to the many friends and family who helped us through this period of bereavement with your compassion, kindness, thoughtfulness and concern. Thank you for the cards, flowers, phone calls, your presence here today, and especially, your prayers. May God bless each of you.

-The Middleton Family

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*  
Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg  
Simmons Funeral Home of Santee  
Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President  
2868 Columbia Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118  
803-534-2646



8824 Old #6 Highway, Santee, SC 29142  
(803) 854-2044

*Home Going Celebration for*  
*Gregory Donta' Middleton*

ALPHA: NOVEMBER 26, 1988 OMEGA: SEPTEMBER 8, 2019



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M.

*Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church*  
*325 W. Fulton Street*  
*Sumter, SC 29150*

REV. DR. JAMES BLASSINGAME, PASTOR



# Order of Service

PASTOR RICKY SIMMONS, PRESIDING

Prelude

Processional/Final Viewing .....Clergy, Family & Friends

Hymn of Praise..... ‘Precious Lord, Take My Hand’

Scriptures..... Old Testament: Reverend Willie Wright, Jr.  
New Testament: Pastor Ricky Simmons

Prayer.....Bishop Marvin Hodge

Selection ..... The Singing Angels

Poem ..... Evelyn Bradley

Selection ..... Living Church of Christ

Remarks ..... Barbershop Crew  
Jefferey Wilson, Uncle  
Samuel Wilson, Uncle  
Derrick Hastie, Cousin

Selection.....Living Church of Christ

Words of Comfort.....Minister Ron McBride

Recessional



# Reflection of Life

*Mr. Gregory Donta’ “D-Black” Middleton*

was born November 26, 1988 in Sumter, SC. He departed this life on September 8, 2019 at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital. He was the son of Lavandia Wilson and the late Gregory Middleton.

Donta’ was an attendee of The Meeting Place Church.

Donta’ was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 2007 graduate of Sumter High School. He then matriculated to Denmark Technical College.

Donta’ loved basketball, football, cooking, and spending time with his family and friends. Donta’ was a part of the Barbershop Crew.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John and Maggie Bracey Middleton; great paternal grandparents, Isaac and Anne Williams; paternal uncle, Maurice Middleton; maternal grandmother, Lovanna Hilton Wilson; and maternal great grandparents, Julia Wilson, Earline Hilton and Susan Dennis.

He leaves to cherish loving memories: his mother and step-father, Lavandia Wilson and William Lewis; one brother, Derante’ Wilson; two sisters: Kimanty Lewis and Keasha Grant all of Sumter SC; his maternal grandfather, John N. Wilson; five aunts: Sheryl Wilson, Latonya Wilson, Ramona (Van) Mcfadden, Zanobia Singleton and Abena Alexander all of Sumter, SC; five uncles: Curtis Hilton, Jeffrey Wilson, Samuel Wilson, Corey Dingle and George McCulough all of Sumter, SC; one grand uncle, Abe Weeks of Wilmington, Delaware; a special friend, Vontrell Lane; two step-children: Karisian Moore and Kay’Shaun Rutherford; and a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.