

Mom  
You are our Queen;  
The one who has given us life.

We have walked together for a long time,  
Eating, praying, and confiding in one another.  
You have sacrificed immensely along the way.

We have fought to keep you safe.  
As good children should.

You have respected the life we have tried to lead,  
Your encouragement reaches far and wide;  
Into the depths of our heart & soul  
We sing "Oh Mother Of Mine" anytime of day;  
With thoughts of your love, kindness, and generosity.  
Humble is how you have taught us to be.

We always wished for you to be happy:  
No matter what the situation might be.  
For to see a smile on your face,  
Or to hear a jovial laugh.  
Brought a smile to our very hearts.

We have not always understood your thought process;  
Or figured out your frame of mind;  
But in the end, we always know,  
That your love is unconditional,  
And will last the test of time.

We Dedicate our life & love to you;  
There is nothing less that we can possibly do  
We love you Mom, and will miss you always...your  
Children.



## Interment

Emanuel A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
Prayer, Committal & Benediction



## Pall Bearers

Family & Friends

## Flower Attendants

Family

Dear family and friends,

I must leave for a little while, please do not grieve or shed a tear and hug your sorrows through the years. I took His hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back on it all; To join my love ones that have already gone. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys. Feed not your loneliness on empty days, but fill each waking hour in useful ways. For my sake and in my name, live and do all Things the same. Reach out your hand in comfort and cheer and I will in Turn, will comfort you and hold you near; And never, never be afraid to die, Because I will be waiting for you with open arms in the sky.

## Acknowledgement

We, the family of Helen Cleckley would like to express sincere gratitude to those who took the time to remember and celebrate her life. The family is especially thankful for prayers. May God bless you all and always be with you.

*-The Cleckley Family*

### Arrangements Entrusted to:

Simmons Funeral Home and Crematory of Orangeburg  
Simmons Funeral Home of Santee

Paul A. Simmons, Founder and President  
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# Home Going Celebration for Ms. Helen Odessa

## CLECKLEY

ALPHA: AUGUST 26, 1940 OMEGA: SEPTEMBER 23, 2019



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 AT 1:00 P.M.**

*Simmons Funeral Home Chapel*

*2868 Columbia Road  
Orangeburg, SC 29118*

**PASTOR LEON PRINCE, OFFICIATING**

# Order of Service

**PASTOR LEON PRINCE, OFFICIATING**

*Prelude*

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

*Hymn of Comfort..... "What A Friend"*

*Scriptures*

*Old Testament..... Psalm 23*

*New Testament..... John 14:1-6*

*Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Leon Prince*

*Solo ..... Theodora Wilson*

*Reading of Obituary..... La'Sandra Cleckley*

*Eulogy..... Pastor Leon Prince*

*Recessional*



## **2 Timothy 4:7-9**

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me



# Reflection of Life

*Helen Odessa Wright* was born August 26, 1940, in Trenton, New Jersey. She was sent to South Carolina and raised by Ms. Cornice Cleckley.

Helen attended the public schools of Orangeburg County and was a graduate of G.W. Carver High School.

Helen then relocated to New York in 1965.

Helen attended Manhattan Citadel Church where she volunteered to help feed the hungry and did kettle collection donations. Helen worked as a home health aide until she retired in 2006.

Helen was a mother to nine children and was preceded in death by a son, James Daniel Cleckley.

She leaves eight children to cherish her memory in the order of their birth: Helen Myers of Orangeburg, SC, Edith White of Bronx, NY, Morris (Cassandra) Cleckley of Cope, SC, Cornice Jackson of Albany, NY, Neva (Thumpy) Powell of Texas, Wanda (Anthony) Cleckley of Fort Worth, TX, Dashym (Shawana) Auset of Hackensack, NJ and Sy Cleckley of Queens, NY; twenty-two grandchildren, Chedney, James, Mario, Devon, La'Sandra, Tevin, Estelle, Sandy, Megan, Nefretiti, Josseline, Jessica, Janelle, Jayson, Lawrence, Vinney, Trey, Neishi, Lawrence, Jordan, Sy Jr., Zoey; eighteen great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.