

## EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

We the beloved family of **SSG Martha Lee Gadsden** wish to thank each of and every one of you for the outpouring of love and wonderful acts of kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with his mercy.

### PALLBEARERS

Family & Friends

### FLORAL BEARERS

Family & Friends

### A WONDERFUL GRANDMOTHER

I had a wonderful grandmother,  
One who never really grew old;  
Her smile was made of sunshine,  
And her heart was solid gold;  
Her eyes were as bright as shining stars,  
And in her cheeks fair roses you see.  
We had a wonderful grandmother,  
And that's the way it will always be.  
But take heed, because  
She's still keeping an eye on all of us,  
So let's make sure  
She will like what she sees.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE FOR

# SSG Martha GADSDEN



**THE LIFE CELEBRATION**  
SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021 11:00 AM  
ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
WALTERBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
SSG MARTHA LEE GADSDEN  
**THE FUNERAL MASS**

**ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
925 S. Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro, South Carolina

Entrance Hymn  
Amazing Grace

First Reading:  
Wisdom 3:1-6, 9

Responsorial Psalm: 23

Second Reading  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-9

Gospel  
John 12:23-28

Communion

Communion Hymn

Closing Hymn  
How Great Thou Art

Remarks from friends and family

**Officiating Minister** Father Jacob Joseph, Pastor  
**Altar servers:** Norma Dopson, John F. K. Washington  
**Lector:** Brenda Washington,  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Geraldine Jenkins  
**Musician/Soloist:** Minister Juanita Bright Ferguson

*Due to COVID-19, there will not be a formal repast and visiting after the service.  
Cold beverages and light refreshments will be available to carry with you after the service*

*Tributes*

**WHEN I MUST  
LEAVE YOU**

When I must leave you  
for a little while  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you  
through the years.  
But start out bravely  
with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name,  
Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you  
in the sky!

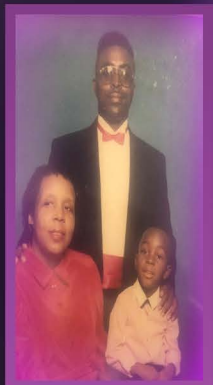
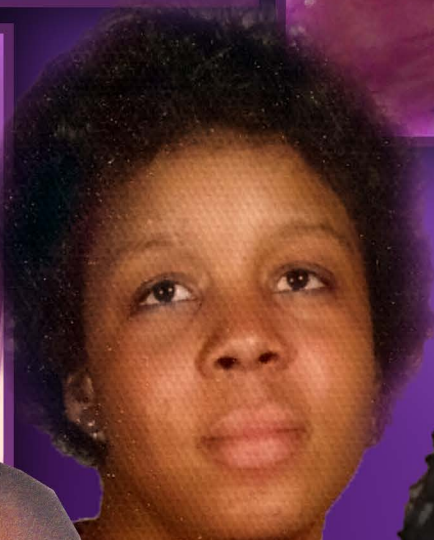
**REMEMBER ME**

Don't remember me with sadness,  
Don't remember me with tears,  
Remember all the laughter,  
We've shared throughout the years.  
Now I am contented  
That my life it was worthwhile,  
Knowing as I passed along the way  
I made somebody smile.  
When you are walking down the street  
And you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
Only half a step behind.  
So please don't be unhappy  
Just because I'm out of sight,  
Remember that I'm with you  
Each morning, noon and night.

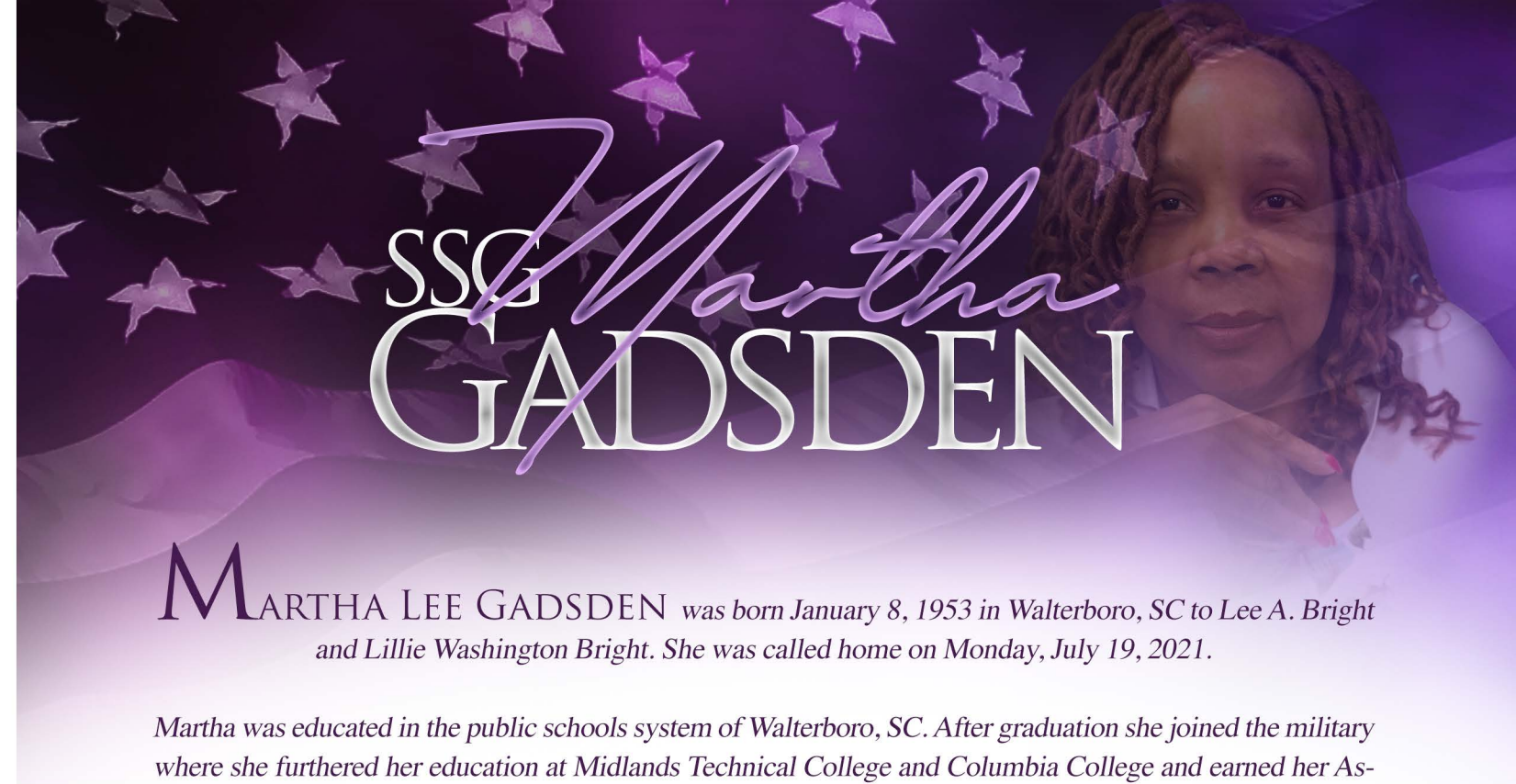




SSG *Martha*  
GADSDEN







**M**ARTHA LEE GADSDEN was born January 8, 1953 in Walterboro, SC to Lee A. Bright and Lillie Washington Bright. She was called home on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Martha was educated in the public schools system of Walterboro, SC. After graduation she joined the military where she furthered her education at Midlands Technical College and Columbia College and earned her Associates Degree. Martha served in the military for 20+ years where she worked as a postal supervisor. She received numerous awards while serving our country. Her awards include Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and her marksmanship qualification badge with rifle bar. While serving in the military she met the love of her life, Henry G. Gadsden. They became married on January 26, 1984 in Copenhagen, Demark and to this union there were two beautiful children born, David E. Gadsden and Shevon R. Gadsden. After retiring from the military Martha worked at the PX as a sales associates and in her spare time she enjoyed cooking, going on vacations and spending as much time with family as she could. Martha had a beautiful personality and could remember everyone's birthday at a drop of the hat. If Martha knew you then you was sure to receive a hand written birthday, Christmas and Valentine's Day Card. She would send you a special hand written card for any special occasion. Martha enjoyed talking on the phone with her sisters where they would talk for hours (that brought so much joy to her heart).

Mrs. Gadsden was preceded in death by her mother, Lillie Washington Bright; father, Lee Arthur Bright Sr.; siblings, Lee Arthur Bright, Jr, Mary Bright Darby, Jeremiah A. Bright and her grand-nephew, Aiden Martin

Martha is survived by her husband, Henry G. Gadsden; son, David E. Gadsden of Nevada; daughter, Shevon R. Gadsden of Charlotte, NC; granddaughter, Saniya Raye Bass of Charlotte, NC; siblings, John W. Bright of Walterboro, SC, Eva (Lloyd) Goodwin of Walterboro, SC, Queen Young of Fayetteville, NC, Edith Washington of Walterboro, SC, Judy Williams of Walterboro, SC, Robert F. Bright of Walterboro, SC, Rose Simpson of Walterboro, SC; sister-in-law, Geraldine Bright of Walterboro, SC; brother-in-law, Joseph Darby of Charleston, SC; nieces and nephews, LaShonda Singleton, Jason (Cherisse) Darby, Derrick Bright, Danielle Park, Jeremy (Hayley) Darby, Jelaine Young, Lillian Young, Arika (Marvin) Brown Corinthians Johnson, Jacqueline Young, Hannah Simpson; grand-nieces and grand-nephews, Nicole Robinson, Jada Robinson, Akai Martin, Skyler Bright, Aidren Brown, Jax Darby, Zora Darby Naomi Darby, Anaiah Roper and a host of other family and friends whom will all miss her dearly.