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Acknowledgment and Thank You!

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude for your many acts of kindness and support during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, phone calls, cards and gifts are deeply appreciated.

DC Services Entrusted To:

Ronald Taylor, II Funeral Home
1722 North Capitol St., NW • Washington, DC
(202) 882-2732

SC Services Entrusted To:

EB. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, SC
(803) 276-1206

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.



A Celebration of Life

Sarah Edna Singley Graham

Sunrise
January 11, 1936

Sunset
April 8, 2019

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
1:00 P.M.

Bethlehem Baptist Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Smith, Officiating
Reverend Anderson Gray, Eulogist

A Beautiful Life
Sarah Edna Singley Graham



Sarah Edna Singley was born on January 11, 1936, in Newberry County, South Carolina, to the late Mary Means Singley and Ernest Singley. She received her formal education in the Newberry County Public School System, graduating from Gallman High School. While she loved playing on the girls’ basketball team (point guard), her favorite class was Home Economics. As a result, sewing and cooking became some of her favorite past times. In her junior year at Gallman High, she met Joseph Graham. They were married in August 1953. While living in Newberry, they had their first two children, Marilyn and Joesph. The entire family permanently moved to Washington, DC, in 1957. With Joe serving in the military, Sarah briefly returned to Newberry to have their two youngest children, Furman and Betty.

After working various jobs, Sarah seized the opportunity to enter the federal government work force and accepted a job at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital. Working in the Mental Health environment helped her realize how much she enjoyed helping others. This also motivated her to continue her education. She returned to school and received her Associates Degree from Federal City College and her BA in Psychology from the University of The District of Columbia. Sarah retired from St. Elizabeth’s in 1986, and decided to enjoy life and take care of her family, mostly her grandchildren.

After settling down in DC, Sarah and her family joined the John Stewart Methodist Church, which later merged with East Calvary Methodist Church, and became Lincoln Park United Methodist Church. She was a faithful member until her untimely death. Sarah really loved her church and was a devoted servant in numerous capacities; Outreach Ministry, voting member of the Administrative Board, Feed the Hungry program, Methodist Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Communion Steward, SHARE program, Women’s Day Chair, liaison for Capitol Hill Group Ministry (which she later became the president), Usher Board #2, Gospel and Mass Choir. She was also a faithful member of Charles Thompson and Psalms Ensemble. In her later years, when she was no longer able to serve on ministries, she looked forward to attending service to fellowship with her church family and hear Pastor Black bring forth the Word of God.

Sarah was a faithful member of the Naomi Chapter, Chapter #9 of the Order of the Eastern Star Associate Grand matron. She also loved to travel. She and Joe took regular “road trips” to visit with family and friends. For years, she had family dinner on Sundays, bringing everyone together on a regular basis. She was a great cook and everyone looked forward to Sunday dinner!

Sarah adored her entire family immensely, everyone knows her favorite roles in life were that of mother, grandmother and wife. In August 2018, she and Joe celebrated sixty-five years of marriage.

Sarah will truly be missed. She was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph A. Graham and Jackie Lindsay; sister, Geneva Sligh; brother, Rickie Singley; and a niece reared in the home, Bernice Watkins. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Joseph Graham; children, Marilyn Platt, Furman (Denise) Graham, and Betty Graham; three grandchildren, Jacque Curtis, Amanda and Antione Graham, who will forever cherish her memory; two great-grandchildren, Jacelyn Curtis and Kenneth “Lil Mac” McManus IV; sisters, Willa Mae Brown and Hazel B. Starks; brother, Ernest Singley (Becky); sisters-in-law, Alice Marie Singley, Verna Mae Robinson, Bernetha Gladney and Zella M. Davis; brothers-in-law, Ralph and JW Houston and Lewis Suber; one great-aunt, Arelia Means; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. She also leaves many “adopted” sons and daughters.

Celebration of Life
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 • 1:00 P.M.
Reverend Smith, Officiating

Prelude	
Processional	
Final Viewing	Family and Friends
Selection	Terrance Henderson
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	John Robinson, Jr.
	Psalms 23
New Testament	Willie Houston
	John 14
Opening Prayer	Odell Means
Obituary	Please Read Silently
Solo	Robin Johnson
Acknowledgments	Connie Sligh
Remarks (Please Limit to Two Minutes)	Family and Friends
Solo	Aaron Singley
Eulogy	Reverend Anderson Gray
Benediction	
Repast Immediately Following	Fellowship Hall

Interment
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 12 Noon
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
4170 Percival Road
Columbia, South Carolina

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” —John 14, 28