

Don't Cry for Me

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.
I want you to be happy and try to stray strong.*

*Don't cry for me. It was just my time,
But I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.*

*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the
morning.
Psalms 30:5*

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Bearers

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Acknowledgement

The family of Fay Sumter would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and well wishes. We take comfort in knowing that Fay is at rest with the Lord in His Kingdom. Although Fay had only two biological children, she was a mother figure to countless others. She left an indelible influence on everyone she came into contact with. The testament of Fay's purpose on this earth was evident in how she lived. May we all strive to laugh more, be happy, and show love – just as she did.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant!" ~ Matthew 25:21

We, the staff of Nelson-Haile Funeral Home, sincerely hope that our service has been a source of comfort to each of you. Our goal, for the past five generations, has been and continues to be to provide excellent services to those families we are privileged to serve.



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Moments of Meditation

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"Five Generations of Excellent Service"

IN HONOR AND LOVING MEMORY



Mrs. Fay
D. SUMTER

Sunrise
July 24, 1949

Sunset
May 22, 2021

**Thursday, May 27, 2021
11:00 AM**

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
2325 Flat Rock Road
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Reverend Gregory Mallory, Pastor

Life Reflections

Mrs. Fay D. Sumter was born in Camden, SC, on July 24, 1949, to the late Deacon Steve Drakeford, Sr., and Mary Lee Drakeford. She entered into eternal rest on May 22, 2021.

Mrs. Sumter was educated in the Kershaw County Public School System, where she graduated from Jackson High School. She then attended South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, SC, where she graduated with a BS degree in Business Administration in 1973.

Mrs. Sumter worked for many years in the Kershaw County Public School System as a substitute teacher and in the Camden High School Guidance Department, where she assisted students through the college admissions process.

Mrs. Sumter was a faithful member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Camden, SC, where she utilized her spiritual gifts to worship her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fay was blessed with an angelic voice, and she used this gift as the lead singer of the Young Adult Gospel Choir. Fay had a passion for doing the Lord's work; she shared His messages as a teacher/leader of the Adult Sunday School class at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Mrs. Sumter loved people. She demonstrated this love by providing encouragement through words, peace and comfort through song, or strength through sustenance to anyone in need. Fay always put others first and she wanted to make sure that the needs of others were met before she considered the needs of herself. Fay knew her purpose in life and she tirelessly worked to fulfill the Master's plan.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Drakeford, Jr. Those left behind to continue her legacy of love are her husband, Arthur Sumter of Camden, SC; her children, Tasha (Lamont) Thomas of Greenville, SC, and Kelton (Melody) Sumter of Rock Hill, SC; her siblings, Emily Mickle of Columbia, SC, Loretta Williams of Aiken, SC, William (Janee') Drakeford of Cary, NC, Stanley Drakeford of Camden, SC, and Blease (Agnes) Drakeford of Camden, SC; her grandchildren, McKayla, Mason, and Kaleb; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Processional..... Minister & Family

Selection..... Macedonia Church Choir

Scripture Readings

Old TestamentRev. Carl Dais

New TestamentRev. Carl Dais

Prayer..... Deacon Robert Mickle

Poem Tony Drakeford

Remarks..... Steve T. Drakeford

Reading of the Obituary

Song Macedonia Church Choir

EulogyRev. Gregory Mallory

Committal

Benediction

Interment..... Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery