

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
Believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight.
In my immortal flesh I'll rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
And shout while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell sweet hour of prayer!"

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Essie Mae Lyles wishes to thank each of you for the many sincere and loving acts of kindness extended to them during this most difficult time. We especially want to thank the entire staff of Heart of Hospice for the compassionate and dedicated care they provided for the last two and a half years. We truly appreciate the excellent care and attention she received from her caregivers, Patricia Way and Patricia Jones. May the Lord continue to bless you with His grace and mercy.

Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be.
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way.
We all were meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slower.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

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In Loving Memory



Mrs. Essie Mae Young Lyles

October 3, 1927 – June 17, 2020

Graveside Services
Monday, June 22, 2020
11:00 A.M.

Round Baptist Church Cemetery
120 Round Top Court
Blythewood, SC 29016

Reverend Fleming O. McClinton, Pastor



Order of Service

Reverend Fleming O. McClinton, Presiding

Processional -----

Scriptures-----

Reverend Willie J. Davis, Jr., Pastor
Zion Pilgrim Baptist Church
Columbia, SC

Old Testament-----Lamentations 3:21-26

New Testament-----I Thessalonian 4:13-18

Prayer -----

Reverend Stanley Ladson, Pastor
Ladson Chapel Baptist Church
Hopkins, SC

Reflections from Mrs. Martha Kelly-----

By Mrs. Bernadette Dewitt

Solo -----Ms. Glorastine Williams

Words of Comfort -----

Bishop Emmett Johnson, Senior Pastor
Gateway Ministries
Millbrook, AL

Recessional ----- Funeral Directors

Committal Rites and Presentation

**Round Top Baptist Church Cemetery
Blythewood, SC**

Essence of Essie

Mrs. Essie Mae Young Lyles was born October 3, 1927 in Richland County, South Carolina and she departed this earthly life on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was the tenth child of eleven children born to the late Nick and Janie Young.

Essie attended a one-room schoolhouse in Blythewood and completed the eighth grade. At an early age, Mrs. Essie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined Round Top Baptist Church where she was a life-long member. She was a member of the Missionary Ministry and was the longest serving member of the Jubilee choir where she served for over 70 years. Mrs. Essie sat and sang with the choir until December, 2019.

She helped her family in the house and on the farm until she began to work for the Department of Mental Health at Crafts Farrow where she worked for 34 years.

Upon retirement, Mrs. Essie was a capable and loving caregiver to her husband of 34 years, Lonnie Lyles. As a widow, she led a full and active life; joining the then Columbia Mall Walkers where she won many competitive awards. She and her sister, Sara, quilted and maintained bountiful vegetable gardens.

Mrs. Essie Lyles leaves to hold an abundance of memories of a life well-lived: one sister, Sara Y. McDaniel; a daughter, Lovetta (W. James) Williams, a son, Odell (Brenda) Lyles; six grandchildren, all residents of Georgia: Lesley (Derrick) Smith; Sena Dennis; Sean (Charwanda) Lyles; E. Dinero (Sharonda) Novoa; Lamar W. Smith; Nicole (Kinte) Dunn; twelve great-grandchildren, Jessica White, Michael Dennis, Miko Smith, DeAndre Lyles, Phillip Rodgers, Destiny Rodgers, Daejahlyn Novoa, Lalani Bonner, Cameron Lyles; eight great-great- grandchildren; a special niece, Melvina (David) Haigler; and Mr. George Robertson, a faithful and honorable companion of 27 years; many other extended family members and friends that will hold memories of her as well.

Mrs. Essie Lyles was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Lyles and her oldest child, Betty Elaine Novoa.

