

*Celebration of
"A Life Well Lived"
Mrs. Minnie Gates Davis*



Monday, May 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

*New Bethel A.M.E Church
500 South Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina*

*Reverend Dr. Elaine Eskew, Officiating
Interment, Springhill A.M.E Church
Gilbert, South Carolina*

Life Reflections

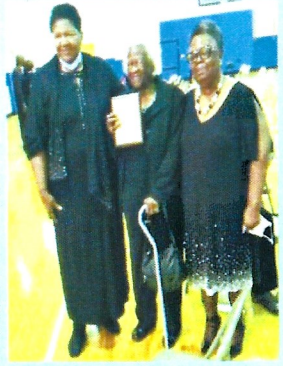
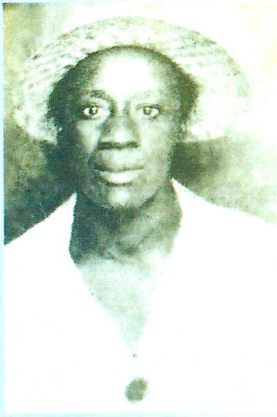
Minnie Gates Davis, affectionately known by family and friends as "Mimmy," was blessed by God with the gift of LOVE. She demonstrated love by the way she embraced her family and community. At one time she was the community's "hair dresser." Later she baked and decorated cakes for special occasions. She joined New Bethel AME church and received Christ as her Savior at an early age. At New Bethel, she lovingly was a member of the Steward Board, Pulpit Aid Club, the Senior Missionary Society, Senior Citizens Circle of Friends and the Stewardess Board, Emeritus.

She graduated from Lexington Rosenwald High School in 1946. She received her Cosmetology license in 1956 and a Diploma in Industrial Education in 1972. She later received Continuing Education credits in Sewing at Lexington Vocational School.

Minnie was preceded in death by her Parents: Cleophus Gates Black, Norman Padgett, and Stepfather, Freddie Black Sr; her Bothers: Paul E. Gates and Heyward G. Black; her Husband: Herbert H. Davis; and Children: Ella Vernice Gates, Marvula Jenelle Davis, Barbara H. Keisler and Jimmy Lewis Wise (Virginia; and Granddaughter, Beverly Williams also preceded her in death.

Left to cherish her memories: Son: Eddie D. Davis Sr. (Rachel); Daughters: Marilyn B. Davis, and Kathy C. Davis; Brothers: Freddie H. Black, Jr. (Catherine) Allen R. Black; Sister: Mary Alice Black all of Lexington, SC.; Adopted Sister: Evelyn P. Smith Newton Falls, Ohio; Grandchildren: Norman Justin Scott Davis, George Damon-Barrett Davis, Marcus O. Davis, Kristopher R. Davis, Sharia C. Davis, Eddie Damon Davis, Jr. Chelsea Davis, Melanie Williams, and Matea Keisler; Sonya Davis Brown; 22 Great grands; Goddaughters: Kristen Gates, April Gardner, Greta Robinson; Godson: Alfred Brown; Son-in-law: Clayry Keisler; Special Cousins: Woodrow and Mary Jackson, Sylvia Gates, Patricia Briggs and Frank B. Felder, Jr.; Special Friends: Mrs. Nathalee Jones, Mrs. Thelma Strother, Mrs. Elaine Johnson, Mrs. Ernestine Yeadon; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Loving Memories



Order of Service

- Processional ----- Voices of New Bethel
- Presiding ----- Rev. Dr. Vincent Johnson
- Solo ----- Marietta Williams
"Precious Lord"
- Prayer ----- Rev. Dr. Deborah Scotland
- Scripture
- Old Testament ----- Evangelist Claudietta Davis
Psalm 23
- New Testament ----- Rev. Dr. Odell Glenn
Revelation 21:14
Romans 8:31-39 ----- Rev. Vernon Dixon
- Selection ----- April McGuire
"May The Works I've Done Speak for Me"
- Reflections ----- Rev. Dr. Vincent Johnson
- Remarks - Please limit remarks to 3 minutes
- Class Leader ----- Jennie Simpkins
- Senior Citizens Circle of Friends ----- Sandra Lytes
- Stewardess Board ----- Phyllis Taylor
- American Legion
Auxillary Post # 217 ----- Tiny Younginer
- Family Member ----- Kristopher Davis & Scott Davis
- Saxophone Solo ----- Frank B. Felder, Jr.
"Amazing Grace"
- Acknowledgements & Resolution ----- LaDoris Walker
- Solo ----- Shirley Harris & Springhill Choir
- Selection ----- Voices of New Bethel
- Word of Comfort ----- Rev. Dr. Elaine Eskew
- Recessional ----- Venev Gates & Harold Wise
"I Want To Be at The Meeting"
- Committal ----- Springhill, AME Church Cemetery
- Interment ----- Springhill, AME Church Cemetery

God saw she was getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So *He* put *His* arms around her
And whispered, "Come with *Me*."

With tearful eyes we watched her suffer
And saw her fade away,
Although we loved her dearly
We could not make her stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the BEST.



Honorary Pallbearers
American Legion Post # 217

Pallbearers
(The Gates Family)
Nephews and Cousins

Honorary Floral Bearers
American Legion Auxillary Post # 217

Floral Bearers
Antonietta Entzminger
Gloria Jones
Arlene Gates
Anjanette Smith
Leticia Wilson
Faye Davis

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank each of you for all your acts of kindness. Your love and prayers have been a source of strength and comfort during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.



Maynard Robinson
Manager/Director



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