

# *"In Memoriam"*

by William Morecomb

For a second you were flying  
Like you always wanted to  
Now you'll fly forever  
In skies of azure blue

We'll see your smile in every ray  
Of sunshine after rain  
And hear the echo of your laughter  
Over all the pain

The world's a little quieter now  
The colours have lost their hue  
The birds are singing softly  
And our hearts are missing you

Each time we see a little cloud  
Or a rainbow soaring high  
We'll think of you and gently  
Wipe a tear from our eye.



## *Pallbearers*

Friends of the Family

## *Floral Bearers*

St. Stephen Chapter OES #158

Ushers

## *Expression Of Gratitude*

The family of the late

**Mozelle Barbara Middleton-Griffith**

would like to express sincere thanks to all who have shown kindness to us during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Gethers Funeral Home management and staff for taking loving care of Barbara. May God forever bless and keep each of you.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Mozelle Barbara*  
MIDDLETON  
**GRIFFITH**

MAY 12, 1943 - MAY 14, 2025

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

**St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church**

272 Church Road | St. Stephen, South Carolina

*Reverend Alexander Washington, Pastor*





# Life STORY

Mozelle Barbara Middleton Griffith, was born May 12, 1943, in St. Stephen, South Carolina to the late Hamp Middleton Sr. and the late Willie Mae McGowan Middleton. She made a peaceful transition from earth to glory in the early morning hours on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at her home.

Mozelle, affectionately known as "Barbara", gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ at a young age at St. Stephen Baptist Church. She graduated from Russellville High School with the class of 1961. After graduating from high school, she moved to New York where she joined Second Tabernacle Baptist Church and worked dutifully as an usher. During her stay in New York, she received her degree as an LPN. After receiving that milestone, she began her career at Mount Sinai Hospital in Bronx, New York. She was employed in New York for many years and received numerous service awards and commendations.

Barbara's favorite saying was "If I can help somebody as I pass along the way, then my living shall not be in vain." She returned to St. Stephen in 1988 to care for her ailing mother because she knew that her calling was far from being over. After the death of her mother, she continued her career with employment at Trident Hospital and Berkeley County Health Department until her retirement.

Upon returning to St. Stephen, Barbara was always on the go and stayed busy. She was a devoted Christian and became an active member in several organizations in St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church and her community. Throughout her life, her servanthood and memberships were to several organizations including St. Stephen Chapter #158 Order of the Eastern Star, St. Stephen Baptist senior choir, nurse's ministry, the usher's ministry, the Antioch Baptist Association convention choir, and inspirational choir. Barbara had many hobbies. To list a few, she enjoyed bowling, traveling and fishing. She always considered herself as the boss of all her sibling and others.

Barbara loved her family and was an ever-present figure at community functions and family holiday gatherings. She was a great inspiration to all who knew her, she cherished her friendships, nurtured lifelong bonds with her friends and touched countless lives with love.

Barbara was united in matrimony to Frank Griffith, who preceded her in death. Although she did not have biological children, she embraced her niece, Althreasa Precia, nephew, William Bethea Jr. and Cheryl Russell as her own.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Hamp and Willie Mae Middleton, husband, Frank Griffith, sisters, Madaline, Gearldine and Janie Middleton.

She leaves to cherish memories: her siblings, Alice (Dea. William) Bethea, Gertie (Dea. Robert) Brock, Evelyn (Elder Jasper) Dewitt, Hamp (Sheila) Middleton, Althreasa (Clinton) Precia, Shelton Graham and Vera Gates. Special Friends, Gloria Browne Daly and Pasty Richardson, along with a host of many nieces, nephews, relatives and other friends.

## *The Broken Chain*

We little knew that morning  
that God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
you did not go alone;  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,  
your love is still our guide;  
And though we cannot see you,  
you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.

# ORDER OF *Service*

*Reverend Edna Bryant, Presiding*

**Processional** ..... "When We All Get to Heaven"

**Hymn**.....Choir..... "I'll Fly Away"

**Scriptures:**

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.... Elder Jasper Dewitt, Sr.  
New Testament – John 14:1-4.....Reverend Franklin Wiggins

**Prayer** ..... Reverend Delbert Brown

**Solo** ..... Sister Darlene McKelvey

**Reflections** (3 minutes please)

Friend ..... Retired Captain Ulysses Greene  
Ushers.....Brother Jake Myers  
Family .....Deacon William Bethea, Sr.  
Church ..... Deacon Ed Milford

**Acknowledgement/Resolution** ..... Sister Trishell Edwards

**Selection** ..... Choir

**Words Of Comfort** ..... Pastor Alexander Washington

**Committal** ..... Pastor Alexander Washington

**Benediction/Recessional**..... Pastor Alexander

## **INTERMENT**

H and L Memorial Gardens  
Betaw Road | St. Stephen, South Carolina

## **REPAST**

St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

