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**Acknowledgements**

The family of

**Frances Lee Leonard Brunson**

would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you, for your prayers, cards, food, visits, and words of encouragement during our time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. May God richly bless you for your love and support!

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Funeral Service

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

*Frances Lee Leonard Brunson*



**May 18, 1928 - May 1, 2026**

**Saturday, May 9, 2026  
1:00PM**

**Unionville AME Church  
1330 Swimming Pen Rd., Mayesville SC 29104**

**Reverend Jerome McCray, Eulogist  
Reverend Alvin E. Webb, Presiding**

## *Life Reflections*

Frances Lee Leonard Brunson, daughter of the late Wiley D. Holmes and Martha Jane Leonard Nelson, was born May 18, 1928, in Sumter, South Carolina. She entered eternal rest on May 1, 2026, leaving behind a life marked by faith, family, grace, purpose, courage, and love.

Frances was educated in Sumter County and was a graduate of Lincoln High School (Class of 1946). She carried throughout her life the values of discipline, order, perseverance, and dependability. These qualities were evident in her work and community involvement, from her years of employment at Crescent Tools, to her service as a South Carolina poll worker, and her participation in community outreach with United Ministries.

Frances was united in marriage to the late Linton Eugene Brunson in Sumter, South Carolina, in 1949. Through their union and family life, she became the beloved mother of the late Calvin E. Brunson, Sadie A. Razor, Deborah B. Stewart, and Ronald E. Brunson. She modeled steadfastness, devotion, and discernment for her family, helping to build a foundation rooted in love, faith, responsibility, and perseverance.

A devoted member of Unionville AME Church, Frances gave her time, gifts, knowledge, and heart to the work of the church for many decades. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Society for more than 70 years, served as a former President of the Missionary Society, lifted her voice as a dedicated choir member, and served on the Usher Board.

For more than 50 years, Frances served faithfully as Church Secretary, helping preserve the records, history, order, and life of the congregation. She also held the distinction of becoming the first female member of the Steward Board at Unionville AME Church, a meaningful reflection of the respect, confidence, and trust she earned through years of devoted service.

Her spiritual leadership was honored when Reverend Jerome McCray affectionately named her "Mother of the Church," a title that reflected the gratitude, esteem, and affection of her church family.

Frances was a woman of intelligence, dignity, humor, curiosity, and grace. She was known for her insight and guidance, and many relied on her as a walking book of knowledge, especially regarding the AME Church. She carried history, memory, and understanding in a way that helped others find direction.

She also had a vibrant and adventurous spirit. She loved to travel and welcomed new experiences with courage and curiosity. Her significant trips included: Hawaii and Israel. During her travel in Hawaii, she completed a memorable trail experience on Hawaii's Big Island and received a certificate of completion. In Israel, a journey of which she was especially proud, she was baptized in the Jordan River by Reverend Jon R. Black, whom she lovingly called "Jon the Baptiste." During that time, she also had the opportunity to ride a camel. Her independence, boldness, and openness to life remained part of what made her so memorable.

Notably, she embraced technology with uncommon enthusiasm. She was affectionately known as "Ms. High Tech." She used her iPhone to email, text, and stay connected through Facebook well into her later years. She loved flowers and remained connected to family, friends, church members, and community with warmth, interest, and care.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, Martha Jane Leonard Nelson and Wiley D. Holmes; her husband, Linton Eugene Brunson; her son, Calvin E. Brunson; and her half-sister, Sylvia Yvonne Holmes.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Sadie A. (Willie) Razor of Sumter, South Carolina, Deborah B. (Marion) Stewart of San Diego, California, and Ronald E. (Loretta) Brunson of Sumter, South Carolina; her grandchildren, James A. (Aiesha) McLeod of Summerfield, North Carolina, J'Shaun A. McLeod of Smyrna, Georgia, Erik Stewart of Los Angeles, California, and Michael (Amreen) Stewart of San Diego, California; her grandchildren-in-love, Monica Moses of Columbia, South Carolina, Michael (Calaundra) Razor of Sumter, South Carolina, Kimberly Bowers of Sumter, South Carolina, Kibwe Jones of Sumter, South Carolina, and Adrana Jones of Sumter, South Carolina; her nephew, Jamison Daudi Holmes of Sumter, South Carolina; her fifteen great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and a host of other relatives, church family, and friends.

Her life was a living example of devotion: devotion to God, to family, to church, and to purposeful work. She gave of herself faithfully and consistently, never seeking recognition, but always moved by a heart devoted to helping others. Her presence brought order, memory, guidance, resilience, and love to those around her.

Her earthly work is complete, but her legacy remains. Her faith continues to speak. Her example continues to inspire. Her guidance continues to lead. Her love continues to live through all who were blessed to know her.





# "The Final Flight"

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the end of the  
day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's  
touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE Rev. Alvin E. Webb, Presiding

- Prelude** ..... Medley of Sacred Music
- Processional** ..... Clergy and Family
- Selection** ..... *We've Come This Far By Faith* ..... Unionville Mass Choir
- Prayer of Comfort** ..... Reverend Joshua Dupree
- Old Testament Reading** ..... Psalm 27:1-9 ..... Reverend Cynthia Myers
- New Testament Reading** ..... 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ..... Reverend Larry Clark
- Musical Selection** ..... *My Soul Has Been Anchored in the Lord* ..... Unionville Mass Choir

### Reflections, Resolutions, and Tributes

- Family Reflection** ..... Brother Nathaniel Brunson
- Church Reflection** ..... Brother Hampton Rembert
- Community Reflection** ..... Sister Geneva Hudson
- Musical Selection** ..... *The Lord Is My Light* ..... Unionville Mass Choir
- WMS SED President** ..... Sister Felita Grady Hicks
- WMS NECB President** ..... Sister Earline Davis
- WMS Sumter Area Chairperson** ..... Sister Barbara Martin
- WMS Local Church President** ..... Sister Patricia Hammett
- SED Lay President** ..... Brother Keith Britton
- Musical Selection** ..... *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* ..... Unionville Mass Choir
- Poem** ..... Brother Ronald E. Brunson, son
- Acknowledgements** ..... Sister Elouise Gardner
- Musical Selection** ..... God's Grace
- Words of Comfort** ..... Rev. Jerome McCray
- Recessional / Recorded Selection** ..... *I'm Going Away* by Walter Hawkins/Medley of Songs

**Interment**  
Unionville AME Church Cemetery

**REPAST**  
The family invites everyone to join them for a repast immediately following the service in the  
**Unionville Dining Hall**

