

# Loving Memories



## PALLBEARERS

Vaughn Smalls  
David Stafford  
Daron Johnson  
Justin Smalls  
Terrence Smalls  
Taseon Johnson

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Kia Stafford  
Kiona Stafford  
Kamron Stafford  
Luther Smalls  
Kenisha Stafford  
Bryce Smalls  
Mataise Johnson

## FLORAL BEARERS

Ushers Of The Church

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late **Mother Eliza Williams Stafford** would like to acknowledge and thank each and everyone or all the expressions of prayer, love, sympathy, and care that was shared during our time of bereavement.

*-The Family*



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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



MOTHER

*Eliza*  
WILLIAMS  
**STAFFORD**

SEPTEMBER 21, 1926 - FEBRUARY 20, 2025

"GRANDMOMMY"

Sunday, March 2, 2025 | 1:00 PM

New Hope United Methodist Church Life Center  
152 Heywardridge Lane  
Huger SC 29450

Reverend Cheryl Johnson, *Pastor*  
Reverend Lee Johnson, *Associate Pastor*



# GRANDMOMMY'S *Life and Legacy*

**Mother Eliza Williams-Stafford**, the daughter of the late Ceaser Williams and the late Maybell Gant. She was born on September 21, 1926.

Eliza was united in holy matrimony to the late Luther Stafford in November 1944. To this union 12 children were born.

Eliza accepted Christ at an early age, under the leadership of Reverend Elijah McNeil. At 13, she decided to work in the church and became an usher. Eliza served as an usher for 85 years until her health failed.

She became the mother of New Hope United Church in 2020 until God said “*Well done, my good and faithful servant.*”

Eliza loved to fish, garden, and tend to her pet chickens and dogs. She loved to sing the songs of Zion and was known for her favorite, “Tell me how did you feel when you came out of the wilderness.”

She was mostly known as “*Grandmommy*”.

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:45 pm, Eliza transitioned to be with the Lord.

Eliza was preceded in death by her parents, Caesar and Maybell Williams; two brothers, Henry Smith and Willie Spells; two children, Bertha Mae Stafford and David Stafford, and two grandchildren, Sharon Suzette Watson and Sharona Cantele Stafford.

Those left to cherish her memories are her children: Kenneth (Rev. Virginia) Stafford, Mildred (Bishop Duffie, Sr.) Johnson, Katherine Smalls, Richard (Josephine) Stafford, and Melvin (Reverend Stephanie) Stafford, all of Huger, SC; daughter-in-law, Elder Geneva Stafford; 31 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, and 39 great-great-grandchildren; a special nephew, Dr. Joe (Bertha) Stafford from Philadelphia, PA; a special niece, Jackie Smith from Huger, SC; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

**Reverend Geneva Stafford, Officiating**  
**Francis Burns United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC**

Prelude.....Musician

Processional.....”When The Saints Go Marching In”

Greeting..... Reverend Cheryl Johnson

Opening Hymn..... #368 “ My Hope Is Built”

Prayer.....Reverend Duffie Johnson, Jr.  
*Johnson Temple and King Of Glory Church*

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament: Psalm 23 .....Reverend Stephanie Stafford  
Bluff Road U.M. Church, Columbia, SC  
New Testament: John 14:1-7 ...Reverend Lee Johnson, Associate Pastor

The Affirmation of Faith #881  
The Gloria Patri

Selection..... Sister Jawanna Singleton

Remarks **(Please limit to 2-3 minutes )**  
Mr. Henry Cromedy, *Class Leader*  
Usher Of New Hope United Methodist Church Board #1-2  
Children and Grandchildren

Poem

Acknowledgements/Resolution .....New Hope Church Secretary

Selection.....”I Won’t Let You Fall” ..... Combine Choir

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Cheryl Johnson

Selection.....”Great Day” .....Combine Choir

Committal

Benediction

Parting View ..... The Staff of Dickerson Mortuary

Recessional

*Her time had come, She had done her best*  
*We all love her so, but it was time for her to rest*  
*Grandmommy was strong, determined, and true*  
*The Lord had plans, that only he knew*

*Don’t cry, don’t moan*  
*God has taken her to a better home*

# I’M FREE

*Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free*  
*I’m following the path God has laid you see.*  
*I took His hand when I heard him 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 found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void*  
*Then fill it with remembered joy.*  
*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss*  
*Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*  
*Be not burdened with times of sorrow*  
*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*  
*My life’s been full, I 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 hearts and peace to thee*  
*God wanted me now; He set me free.*

