

Loving Memories



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 Taseon Johnson

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 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.

