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H. & L. Middleton Memorial Garden
1185 Betaw Road, St. Stephen, South Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late
Leola Ladson Knowles
acknowledges with grateful appreciation
all expressions of loving concern shown during the
passing of our loved one. We recognize and thank all who cared
for Leola, providing loving compassionate care,
during the years of her illness; her individual caregivers,
(Sharon, Nadine, and Lateshia) in New York and
the staff of Arbor Terrace Sudley Manor and Ascent Concierge,
LLC. We are forever grateful for your support and service.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
LEOLA
LADSON
KNOWLES

SUNRISE: APRIL 1, 1943
SUNSET: AUGUST 7, 2026

Friday, August 21, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.
St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church
272 Church Road | St. Stephen, SC
Reverend Alexander Washington, Pastor



A LIFE *Well Lived*

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”— 2 Timothy 4:7

Leola Knowles was born on April 1, 1943, in St. Stephen, South Carolina, to Anna Bell Middleton Ladson and Richard Ladson. On Friday, August 7, 2026, she departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest at Fair Oaks Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Delores Ladson Henry and Johnny Ladson.

Leola, lovingly called “Sister,” was raised on her family's farm. She learned early the values of hard work, compassion, generosity, and love for family. At the age of twelve, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by the Reverend Henry Haskel. After relocating to New York City, she faithfully served at Mount Nebo Baptist Church and later Second Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she sang in the Senior Choir, supported the Pastor's Aide Club, and taught Youth Sunday School.

Leola graduated from Russellville High School in 1960 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Benedict College in 1964. She later enjoyed a distinguished career with the City of New York, serving for approximately thirty years and rising to become an Adult Protective Services Unit Manager.

In 2000, Leola married her beloved companion and travel partner, Willis A. Knowles, with whom she shared many wonderful years until his passing on June 22, 2022. Leola enjoyed traveling, cooking, playing various board games, especially Scrabble, playing in a bowling league, spending time with family and friends, and returning often to her beloved South Carolina.

Leola will be remembered most for her faith, loving heart, generosity, and willingness to help others. She especially valued education and found great joy in supporting others in their educational pursuits. Caring for and giving to others was truly a way of life for her.

Left to cherish her memory are: her sisters, Mary Ladson Greene (Aaron), (foster sisters) Evelyn Scott Dewitt (Jasper), Hilda Singleton, and Delethia Crosby (Tony); niece, Janelle Greene Trice; nephews, Jermaine Henry and Eric Greene; goddaughter, Allison Michelle Bethea; and a host of relatives, lifelong friends, and loved ones.

Leola lived a life devoted to faith, family, friendship, service, and love. Though our hearts are saddened and she will be deeply missed, we give God thanks for the eighty-three years He gave her to us and find comfort in knowing that she has finished her earthly journey and is now resting in the presence of the Lord she faithfully served.

She will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered.

In dedication to my sister Leola: **THE SERVANT’S REWARD**

One day, when you are in heaven, someone will come up to you and thank you for the way you touched their life with hope and encouragement. The person’s words will take you by surprise. Soon another person will seek you out, and then another, and another.

As you listen to each one’s story, you will begin to discover all of the ways that God used your life when you were completely unaware of it. You will find that it was not only through the big things you did, but also through the small things – through a spoken word that was not planned, a spontaneous act of kindness, a loving attitude, or a simple prayer of concern.

To your joy, you will discover that in all these ways and more, God used you to deposit and eternal measure of His love into many needy hearts.

-Roy Lessin

“... Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master’s happiness!” - Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

ORDER OF *Service*

Reverend Alexander Washington, Officiating

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Opening Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Readings
Old Testament..... Psalm 23
Reverend Delbert Brown

New Testament Romans 14:7-9
Minister

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Larry S. Moultrie
Garden of Prayer, St. Stephen, SC

Solo – “Blessed Assurance” Brother Jackie Blanding

Reflections Sister Evelyn Scott Dewitt
Sister Mary L. Greene

Acknowledgments/Resolutions ... Sister Delethia Singleton Crosby

Selection – “My, God is Real” Sister Mary L. Greene

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Alexander Washington

Committal

Benediction

Recessional “I’ll Fly Away”

