

*Pallbearers and Floral Bearers*  
Nephews and Nieces

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**In Appreciation**

The family of Azalee Floyd Gayle extends heartfelt appreciation to each of you for every act of kindness expressed, implied or demonstrated to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for your cards, phone calls, text messages, visits, floral arrangements, deeds and prayers.

**I'm Free**

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 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 heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

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Home of Distinctively Finer  
Funeral Service

**Celebration of Life**  
*Azalee Floyd Gayle*  
September 25, 1930 - January 28, 2026

**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**1:00pm**

**Orangehill Independent  
Methodist Church**  
Wedgefield, South Carolina

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**Rev. J. C. Lane**  
Officiant

## *Life Reflections*

...Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.” John 14:27 (NIV).

**Mrs. Azalee Floyd Gayle**, 95, widow of Dave “Sonny” Gayle and daughter of the late Style Floyd, Sr. and Sarah Brown Floyd, was born September 25, 1930, in Richland County, South Carolina. She transitioned this earthly life Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at Prisma Health, Tuomey in Sumter, South Carolina, leaving behind a legacy of service, love, and dedication to her family.

After her union to Sonny, Mrs. Gayle, also known as “Dot,” became a lifelong member of Orangehill Independent Methodist Church in Wedgefield, SC. She was also the “Mother of the Church.” Mrs. Gayle was a member of the Senior Choir, Women’s Missionary Society, Kitchen Committee, and Stewardess until her health failed. She also worked with and supported other organizations of the church. She retired from South Carolina State Forestry Commission and spent her free time traveling, visiting friends and often doing charitable works in the community. Her faith and devotion to God was only matched by her dedication to family.

Azalee was the CEO of her own corporation, multitasking and worked various positions. Her organizational skills were exceptional in handling the daily tasks of homemaking and raising 11 children with ease. She was an accomplished cook, seamstress, and gardener of flowers, fruits and vegetables. Her skillful hands and kind heart were a blessing to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Gayle was preceded in death by two sons: Herbert and Burnie; one grandson, Karanja Miles; seven brothers: Leroy, Style, Jr., Roosevelt, Johnnie, George “Plucky”, James, and Benjamin; two sisters: Gracie Floyd Hunter and Nancy Floyd Bradford.

Her life and witness is celebrated by her surviving children: Dorothy Miles (Lawrence), Atlanta, GA; David Gayle (Bawana), Wedgefield, SC; Jean Howard, Wedgefield, SC; Robert Gayle, Wedgefield, SC; Inez (Ellis) Belton, Elgin, SC; Patricia Epps, Sumter, SC; Leroy Gayle (Tammy), Clarksville, TN; Linda Gayle (William), Wedgefield, SC; Wanda (Wendell) Wells, Evans, GA; four sisters: Evelena English, Dalzell, SC; Louise Floyd McCoy, Janie Floyd Hunter, and Rosa Floyd all of Hopkins, SC; sisters-in-law Magnolia Miller Floyd, Florence, SC and Beulah Dawson Floyd, Dalzell, SC; brother-in-law Henry “Boo” Bradford, Rembert, SC; twenty-one grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; special friends Naomi Franklin and Maggielean Thomas; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation and special thanks to her caregivers Andrea Farmer and Wille Mae Murdock, Delany McDonald of Prisma Health Palliative Care and Hospice Services, and Chaplin Angela Shaw.



**Order of Service**  
*Rev. J. C. Lane, Presiding*

Prelude ..... Soft Music

Processional ..... Clergy and Family

Opening Hymn ..... *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand*

Prayer

Scripture Readings:  
Old Testament ..... Psalm 23

New Testament ..... John 14:1-7

Solo ..... Natalie Gooden

Reflections:  
Church ..... Sister Jannie E. Jackson

Family ..... Trever Gayle

Acknowledgements ..... Ms. Gwendolyn Floyd, niece

Solo ..... Mike Tindal

Words of Comfort ..... Reverend J. C. Lane

Recessional ..... Medley of Songs

**Interment**  
**Orangehill Independent Methodist Church**  
**3005 S Kings Hwy, Wedgefield SC 29168**



