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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Words cannot fully express how deeply we appreciate the outpouring of love, support, and compassion shown to our family during this difficult time. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have brought us comfort, and we will forever hold your generosity in our hearts. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. ~ The Family



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*Celebrating His Life
Honoring His Legacy*



Mr. Lavassit Wendell
MADDEN

SUNRISE
MAY 18, 1978

SUNSET
JULY 09, 2026

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026 | 2:00 P.M.

BETHEL GROVE AME CHURCH
1802 BETHEL GROVE CHURCH RD.
GRAY COURT, SC 29645

REVEREND GREGORY SINGLETON, OFFICIATING
REVEREND DEIDRICK SMITH, PRESIDING

A LIFE WELL LIVED
A LEGACY Remembered

Mr. Lavassit Wendell Madden of Fountain Inn, South Carolina departed this life on Thursday, July 9th, 2026.

He was born in Laurens County, South Carolina on May 18, 1978, to Mattie Madden and the late Johnny Belton Madden.

Lavassit, affectionately known as “Poo” by family and friends, dedicated his career to Greenville County Schools, where he made a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues. A talented athlete, he was a former football, baseball, and basketball player who continued his passion for sports by coaching and mentoring young athletes. His commitment to helping others both on and off the field will be remembered by all who knew him.

Above all else, Lavassit loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, and proud grandfather. His greatest joy was spending time with his loved ones, especially his granddaughter, Kori, whom he deeply admired and cherished. He was known for his strong mind, unwavering determination, and the strength of his convictions. His presence, guidance, and love will be profoundly missed.

Lavassit is survived by his loving wife, Michelle Madden of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; his mother, Mattie Madden of Gray Court, South Carolina; his sons, Kijana Madden of Bessemer City, North Carolina (Christen Ledford), Lavassit Madden of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, and Zacchaeus Madden of Fountain Inn, South Carolina; his cherished granddaughter, Kori Madden of Bessemer City, North Carolina, along with Akira and Aiden Big of Bessemer City, North Carolina; and his brothers, Courtney Madden of Mauldin, South Carolina, and Corey Madden of Gray Court (Katie Voege), South Carolina.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Belton Madden.

Lavassit’s legacy will live on through the lives he touched as a coach, mentor, family man, and friend. He will be remembered for his strength, his love for sports, his dedication to his family, and the lasting impact he made on those fortunate enough to know him. Though he is gone from our sight, his memory will forever remain in our hearts.

Forever in Our Hearts

“In Loving Memory of My Loving Husband



Lovingly submitted by your loving wife, Michelle

Of all the special gifts in life
However great or small,
To have you as my husband
Was the greatest gift of all.

May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear,
“We love and miss you
And wish that you were here.”

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept
To love and cherish and not forget.
No more tomorrows we can share
But yesterdays are always there.
A silent thought, a secret tear
Keeps your memory ever near
In our hearts forever.



“Our First, Our Forever”

You were our first hello, the one who helped pave the way,
A loving son, a devoted brother whose memory will never fade away.
To a mother you were a precious gift, a blessing sent from above.
Your smile brought comfort to her heart, and your life was filled with love.

To your brothers you were a protector, a teacher, a trusted friend.
The bond we shared can never be broken, not even by life’s end.
Though our hearts are heavy with sorrow, and tears fall day by day,
We find peace in knowing that God has called you home to stay.

We will miss your laughter, your voice, your strength, your care.
Yet in every cherished memory, we know you’ll always be there.
Until we meet again, rest peacefully in God’s embrace.
You will forever be my oldest son, our beloved brother,
Our guiding light whose love time can never erase.

Love, Your Mother and Brothers

ORDER OF Service

Reverend Deidrick Smith, <i>Presiding</i>	
Prelude	Mr. John Merrill, <i>Musician</i>
Processional	Clergy and Family
Final Viewing	Family and Friends
Opening Selection	Poplar Spring AME Church Choir
Prayer	Dr. Annie Myers
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	<i>Psalm 46: 1-5</i> Reverend Billy Cleveland <i>Pastor, Greater Trinity AME Church</i>
New Testament	<i>2 Corinthians 1:2-5</i> Reverend Jeffery Stevens <i>Pastor, Red Hill Baptist Church</i>
Duet	Mr. Marquise Anderson and Mr. Antwoine Jones

REFLECTIONS

<i>Three Minutes Please</i>	
Mr. Taurin Lee	Mr. Lee Judy Mr. Corey McDowell
Acknowledgements	Mack Rice Funeral Home Staff
Solo	Reverend Benita Madden
Words of Comfort	Reverend Gregory Singleton <i>Pastor, Pine Grove AME Church</i>
Closing Prayer	Minister
Recessional Selection	Poplar Spring AME Church Choir
Committal Services	
Prayer, Committal, and Benediction Graveside	

Interment

Bethel Grove AME Church Cemetery
1802 Bethel Grove Church Road
Gray Court, South Carolina 29645