

Acknowledgement

God knew that our family would have to lean heavily on the strength and support of our friends and loved one as we perform the most difficult task of laying our beloved Leslie to rest. There are no words to describe the immense loss we feel. We are comforted to know that God's grace will sustain us through this time and that Leslie's spirit and legacy will continue to live in us *and* through us every day.

There has been a huge outpouring of love and support from so many whose lives Leslie touched. For that we are eternally grateful. As we continue the healing process, we ask that you continue to lift us in prayer that the Almighty will continue to strengthen us through this time of challenge and transition. May God keep you in His care.

The Family of Leslie B. Ellis

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends



*I was supposed to spend the
rest of my life with you
and then I realized....you spent
the rest of your life with me*

Pall Bearers
Family and Friends



HONORING LIVES. EMBRACING FAMILIES.

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IN LOVING MEMORY



Mrs. Leslie Darlene Ellis

SUNRISE: July 24, 1967

SUNSET: August 16, 2026

*Her sunset on Earth became her sunrise in Eternity
At sunset she entered eternal rest and everlasting peace*

Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 3:30 PM

SPRINGFIELD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

500 JERSEY STREET, LAURENS, SC 29360

Dr. Bryant S. Cheek, Sr., Pastor

Dr. Johnny Johnson, Presiding

ORDER OF *Service*

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Pastor, White Plains Baptist Church; Mountville, SC

Musical Prelude

Processional

Final Viewing

Musical Selection

Old Testament Scripture

New Testament Scripture

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Tributes

Acknowledgements

Musical Selection

Words of Comfort

Prayer of Strength

Solo

Recessional

Clergy and Family

Family and Friends

White Plains Mass Choir

Minister Linda Rice

Minister Tony Ellis

Minister Deanna Franklin

SMBC Choir

Sister Dorinda Crawford

Sister Angela Hollaway

Mack Rice FH & C Staff

United Voices of Christ

Dr. Bryant S. Cheek, Sr.

Pastor, Springfield Missionary Baptist Church; Laurens, SC

Reverend Catherine Moore

Minister Sharon Watts, sister

Interment

Calvary Memorial Gardens

Graveside Service

Committal Rites, Parting Prayer & Benediction

A Life Well Lived...A Legacy Remembered





If I Am Called Before You

If I am called before you
 And you're left to carry on
 Some things I'd like to ask of you,
 When my time here is done

I'd like to be remembered
 For the kindness I once shared
 I'd like to be remembered
 For the way I loved and cared

To honor me, keep reaching out
 Stand tall, and walk with love
 Know that I'll be smiling down
 As I watch from above

I know that you will miss me
 And that there will be tears shed
 But please remember the good I've done
 And how my life was led...

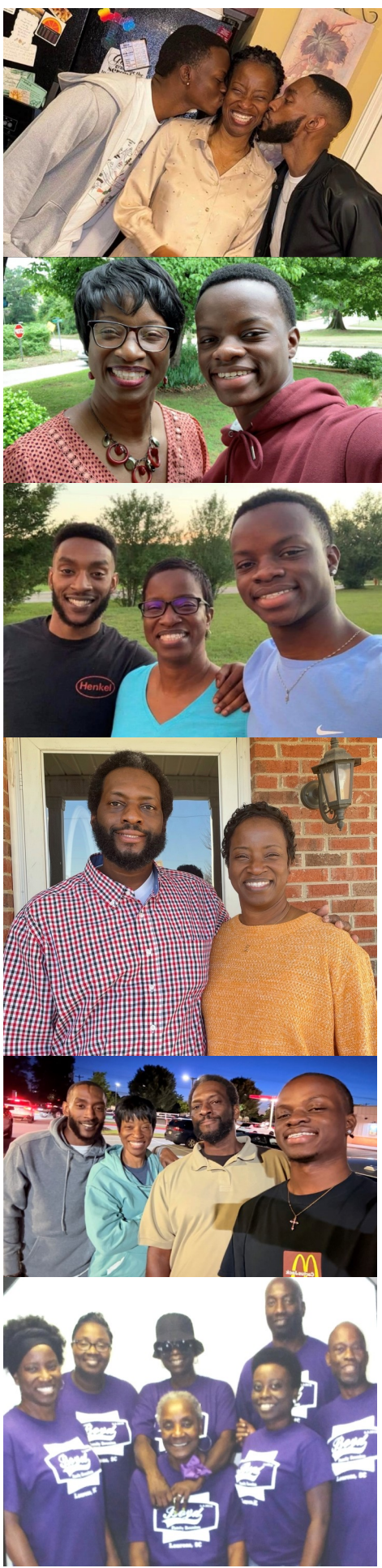
Find happiness in little things
 As from grief you recover
 Reach within and find some hope
 Then hand it to another

To honor me, and the love we shared
 Just do this simple thing;
 Find the song within your heart
 And sing my loved ones...sing

I wish so much for you, dear ones;
 That strength takes over fears
 That when you're sad you persevere
 That laughter takes your tears

So do your best, and live your life
 And know with certainty
 That I'm watching over you
 Although you cannot see

Soon enough your day will come
 We'll be together then
 Remember me with love and smile
 Until we meet again



Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her.
 Luke 1:45

REFLECTIONS ON A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Mrs. Leslie Darlene Boyd Ellis

Some people pass through this world quietly, leaving only faint memories behind. But others leave a mark so deep, so full of warmth and love that their presence never truly fades. It lives on in every smile, every story shared and every heart that they touched. Leslie Darlene Boyd Ellis was that kind of person. She was a woman of unwavering faith, deep compassion and remarkable strength whose life touched countless people.

On July 24, 1967, Daisy and Charles Boyd welcomed the birth of their daughter, Leslie Darlene. Leslie's birth was a quiet, but powerful start to a life journey well spent. She was educated in Laurens County School District 55, and was a 1985 graduate of Laurens District 55 High School. In adulthood, Leslie was admired as a tireless and dedicated employee of Walmart Distribution Center for thirty-five years. Her strong work ethic and determination earned the respect of her colleagues. She approached responsibility with excellence, grace and perseverance.

Leslie's strong faith was fully rooted in her personal relationship with God. She led a life strongly committed to service, her church and her community. A faithful and devoted member of Springfield Missionary Baptist Church, Leslie served with love and dedication as president of the Outreach Ministry. Her generous spirit and commitment to helping others was the heart of her ministry. She believed strongly in uplifting others, offering encouragement, support and kindness whenever it was needed. One of many examples of this is that during a thunderstorm and pouring rain, she was determined to take hot soup and cornbread to a sick church member. Upon arrival at the member's home, Leslie saw another need and addressed that need as well.

Known for her warm heart and giving nature, Leslie often bought food for the needy herself rather than wait for them to receive assistance elsewhere. She was a mentor to young people, especially her sons' friends when they were growing up. She was a listener to those who needed to vent and a source of wisdom to those who needed good advice. She was wise beyond her years. Her creativity and innovative ideas inspired those around her, and her vision helped to bring positive change. When a senior member of the church expressed her loneliness, Leslie started the ministry of "Seniors on the Go". Most recently she suggested "Golf Carts of Glory" for the 2026 Laurens Juneteenth Parade.

Leslie was a pillar of her family...a loving and supportive wife, a nurturing mother and a steady source of strength to the other members of her family. Her family was her joy, but her greatest pride and joy was her sons, Gabriel and Joshua. She devoted her life to being their mother. The Bible reminds us in Matthew 6:19-21 not to store up treasures here on Earth, where they fade and perish; but to build treasures to heaven. Leslie truly understood that calling. She lived a life of service, pouring herself into her sons and others...giving freely of her time, her love and her wisdom. Her treasures were never material. They were eternal, found in the lives she shaped.

There are those who come into our lives for a season, and there are those rare souls who become woven into the fabric of our life forever. Leslie was that rare soul for her husband, Rodney. The memories of her laughter, her warmth and the life they shared will remain in his heart for the rest of his days.

On August 16, 2026, Leslie Darlene Ellis passed from time to eternity. Like all who have found comfort in the shelter of the Most High, she now rests under the shadow of the Almighty. She was preceded in death by her father Mr. Charles Boyd.

Mourning her passing with dignity and grace are her loving husband of twenty three years, Rodney; her sons, Gabriel Boyd of Clinton, SC and Joshua Ellis of Laurens, SC; her mother, Mrs. Daisy Boyd of Laurens, SC; two brothers: Russell (Magnolia) Boyd of Laurens, SC and Ronald Boyd of Clinton, SC; three sisters: Pamela (Barry) Wheeler and Sharon (Carlos) Watts both of Laurens, SC and Dimetria Boyd of Simpsonville, SC; her mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Mae Ellis; three brothers-in-law: Craig Ellis, Minister Tony Ellis, and Bobby Ellis; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. A special heartfelt acknowledgement is also given to Leslie's friends and extended family. Those who knew her had a loyal, lifetime friend.

We are comforted in knowing that Leslie's purpose is completed. She was a quiet pillar of strength, independent, calm and unwavering in her love for others. So, today we not only mourn, we honor. We honor a life well lived, a love well given and a legacy that will never fade. Her voice, her laughter, her gentle corrections and her endless care will echo in us forever. She is in the arms of the Lord. Rest Well.

A WOMAN OF STRENGTH

A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape...But a woman of strength builds relationships to keep her soul in shape. A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...But a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear. A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...But a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone. A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...A woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be unexpected blessings and capitalizes on them. A strong woman wears a look of confidence on her face...But a woman of strength wears grace. A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong...

