



PALLBEARERS

The Class of 1990
Macedonia High School

Greg Whitaker
Bernard Singleton
Peroy Bishop
Ausy McConnell

FLORAL BEARERS

Family and Friends

IN APPRECIATION

The family of
Sadie Mae Nelson Alston
acknowledges all expressions of love, kindness and comfort shown to us during the passing of our loved one. Our lives are now changed by her passing, but so wondrously blessed by the preciousness of her memory. May God continue to shower you with His blessings.

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CELEBRATING THE *Life* OF SADIE MAE

“*Ness*” NELSON

Alston

FEBRUARY 29, 1972 - JUNE 8, 2025



Tuesday, June 17, 2025
11:00 A.M.

**CHRIST TEMPLE
A KINGDOM CHURCH**
1309 Sumner Avenue
North Charleston, SC



“Ness” LIFE STORY

Sadie Mae Nelson, affectionately known as “Ness” to many, was born on February 29, 1972—a cherished Leap Year baby—and was the eighth of ten children born to the late Joseph and Mary McKnight Nelson. She departed this life on June 8, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of loving life, strong faith, and truth telling.

Sadie was raised in the close-knit Bonneau community, known as “41.” From a young age, her radiant personality and nurturing spirit made her a beloved daughter, sister, and friend. She is a proud graduate of Macedonia High School, Class of 1990. At Macedonia is where she developed her sense of style and was voted best dressed of the senior class. Sadie furthered her education at Midland Technical College and earned her certification in Property Management from Trident Technical College.

Sadie’s spiritual journey began early as a faithful member of Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was actively involved in Sunday School, the Choir, and the Usher ministries. Not a summer passed without her participation in Vacation Bible School.

She later joined Christ Temple, where she actively served on the Hospitality Committee, always welcoming others with her warm smile and gracious heart. Professionally, Sadie was a dedicated and hardworking employee of Fairway Management for the past five years. Her colleagues and tenants remember her for her reliability, compassion, and the joy she brought into every room.

Sadie was a true lover of people—generous, warm-hearted, and full of life. She never met a stranger and had a remarkable gift for making everyone feel seen, heard, and loved. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her family and friends, sharing laughter, wisdom to her nieces and nephews, and showing unconditional love.

Ness was adored by her older siblings and was the “baby” of the family for many years. She was unforgiving of the twins who removed her from the baby pinnacle. To family, Ness was the “life of the party.” She served as the family Emcee who always gave of herself willing to ensure everyone enjoyed themselves. A proud and passionate San Francisco 49ers fan, Sadie cheered on her team with unmatched enthusiasm.

ORDER of SERVICE

Apostle Robert A. Vandross, Presiding

Processional - “I Won’t Let You Fall” Ministers and Family

Greetings

Song of Praise Christ Temple Music Ministry

Prayer of Comfort Minister Anthony Nelson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 91:1-5, 9-12, 14-16 Reverend Lillian Washington
New Testament - 2 Timothy 4:6b-8 Mr. Ausy McConnell

Solo Sister Patricia Johnson

Reflections

Employer- Fairway Management Tara Friedman, *Supervisor*
Macedonia High School Class of 1990 Friends

Musical Tribute Miss Brittney James

Reflections

Church Minister Angie Gibbs
Deacon Joseph Washington Family

Selection Christ Temple Music Ministry

Words of Comfort Pastor Kenneth Grizzard

Selection Christ Temple Music Ministry

Altar Call

Benediction

Recessional

Committal and Interment

Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery
1245 Forty One Road| St. Stephen, South Carolina 29479



Poem on Behalf of the Nieces and Nephews
By Janae Nelson

Cheers

To our girl. Every moment, you made your own. Every platform, you owned. And every mic, you knew just what to do with it. Every heart you touched and it never skipped a beat.

There are pieces of you left in all of us wrapped in confidence, sass, and that don't play with it truth. With that alluring charm you showed us how to walk in a room and own it. Today is the day and now we're left to go fishing on our own, and we know just what to do to get that big fish.

You were indeed the biggest, the largest...And yes, the one who made "everybody want to be a Nelson".

Here's to you. And another Sadie Mae production.

"I sustain myself with the love of family."
— *Maya Angelou*

Ness was an exquisite designer and decorator; she could turn simple items of furniture, wall ornaments, and colors into a magazine showroom. Her home was an elegant reflection of her skills. She coordinated her wardrobe with finesse and style, often using "super cute" to denote her approval

Sadie's vibrant spirit, loving heart, and deep faith in God will be remembered by all who knew her. She touched countless lives and to say she will be deeply missed is an understatement. We are profoundly grateful to the Almighty God for Lord God for blessing us with our beloved Sadie. She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved son, Joshua Maleek Francis, and precious grandson, JaZiel Mateo Francis.

Sadie is survived by her devoted siblings: Delores (Peter) Johnson of Cross, SC; Joyce (Delmar) Yeadon of Moncks Corner, SC; Rev. Dr. Constance "Connie" (Rev. Jacob) McLeod of Walterboro, SC; Nathaniel "Moses" (Annette) Nelson of St. Stephen, SC; Cheryl Nelson of Atlanta, GA; JoAnn Nelson of Goose Creek, SC; Faith (Sherman) Mouzon of Moncks Corner, SC; Olanda Nelson of Columbia, SC; and Rolanda Nelson James of Summerville, SC.

She is also survived by a nephew raised as a brother, Anthony Nelson (McKenzie) of Columbia, SC; uncles, Louis (Virginia) Nelson of Goose Creek, SC, and Leroy (Nancy) Nelson of Bonneau, SC; and an aunt, Gaynell Nelson of Bonneau, SC.

Also cherishing her memory are her nieces and nephews, classmates—especially Terri Price—colleagues, cousins, extended family members, and friends. She is fondly remembered by her dear friend and former husband, Corey Alston.

Her love, laughter, and legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.



FOREVER *In Our Hearts*

