



**Pallbearers  
Grandsons, Nephews, and Family**

**Floral Bearers  
Granddaughters, Nieces and Family**

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***Acknowledgements***

The Family of  
**Mother Ellen Bracey Maple**

is deeply appreciative of all acts of kindness expressed, implied, or demonstrated to them during their bereavement. May God bless each of you for your love and support during this most difficult time.

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**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Alpha  
July 3, 1925

Omega  
May 3, 2026



*Mother Ellen Bracey Maple*

Friday, May 8, 2026  
11:00AM

St. Paul AME Church Shaw  
1495 North St. Pauls Church Road  
Sumter, SC 29154

Rev. Dr. Friendly Gadson, Eulogist  
Rev. Eric Dent, Officiant

## LIFE REFLECTIONS

Mother Ellen Bracey Maple was born on July 3, 1925, to the late Mr. Charles Bracey and Mrs. Mary Ramsey Bracey. On May 3, 2026, Mother Maple peacefully transitioned from this earthly life at her home, surrounded by the love and presence of her family.

She received her early education in the Sumter County public school system, attending Green School. At an early age, she developed a strong foundation of faith, hard work, and dedication that would guide her throughout her life.

Mother Maple was married to the late Mr. Isaiah “Nick” Maple, Sr. Together, they built a legacy rooted in love, family, and entrepreneurship. As the owner of Maple’s BBQ, Mother Maple poured her heart into the business. Her kindness, dedication, and personal touch turned it into a true cornerstone of the community.

At an early age, she joined St. Paul AME Church, where she remained a faithful and devoted member for a lifetime. Through her years of faithfulness, she became the Mother of the Church. She was a longtime member of the Senior Choir and faithfully served with the Women’s Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Delaine Community Center, where she spent time with friends and enjoyed fellowship within the community.

Mother Maple was truly a pillar of her community and family, holding the honor of being one of the oldest and most cherished members. Her presence, wisdom, and strength were a guiding light to all who knew her.

She enjoyed the simple things in life. Time spent with her children and grandchildren meant the most laughing, talking, and simply being together. She loved watching *Wheel of Fortune*, *Jeopardy*, westerns, and wrestling, and those moments will forever live on in the hearts of her family.

In addition to her beloved husband and parents, Mother Maple was preceded in death by four brothers: Charles Bracey, Gaymon Bracey, Curtis Bracey, and Ernest Bracey; one sister, Fannie Bracey-Rembert; three daughters, Annie Mae Wilder, Geneva Vaughn, and Lucille Maple; three sons, Isaiah “Pete” Maple, Jr., Larry Maple, and Bobby L. Maple; one son-in-law, William Vaughn, Sr.; two daughters-in-law, Ella Mae Maple and Luether Maple; and one grandson, James Maple, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, her loving children: James “Buck” Maple, Sr., Daniel (Mary) Maple, Vermell (William) Anderson, Barbara Hill and Lucious (Mildred) Maple all of Sumter, SC, Dennis (Loretta) Maple of Columbia, SC and Darlene Vaughn of Columbia, SC; twenty-five grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will truly miss her.

Her legacy of love, faith, and strength will forever live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and her memory will continue to guide and inspire generations to come.

## Tribute

*For 100 beautiful years,  
God allowed us to share life with you.*

*And for that...we are grateful.*

*Grateful for your love,  
Your strength,  
Your presence in our lives.*

*You gave so much of yourself  
To your family, your community  
And everyone who crossed your  
path.*

*We will miss you deeply,  
But we will never stop thanking God  
For the time we had.*

*Because having you was  
A blessing we will cherish forever.*

## The Maple Family



## Order of Service Reverend Eric R. Dent, Officiant

- Prelude ..... Soft Music
- Processional ..... Clergy and Family
- Opening Hymn #394 ..... We Are Often Tossed & Driven
- Prayer ..... Rev. Lemuel Washington
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament..... Psalm 23  
Reverend Ruth Robinson
  - New Testament ..... John 14:1-4  
Rev. Wallace Preston
- Selection #381 ..... There’s Not A Friend
- Reflections:
  - Church ..... Bro. Walter Nathaniel Sr.
  - Family Friend ..... Sis. Viola Myers
  - Community ..... Delaine Community Center
  - Family ..... Ellen Nicole Fullwood-Maple
- Acknowledgements ..... Sherino Maple
- Selection #45 ..... Time is Filled with Swift Transition
- Words of Comfort ..... Rev. Dr. Friendly Gadson
- Recessional ..... Musician



**Committal, Benediction & Interment  
St. Paul AME –Shawfield**