A

Celebration

OF LIFE FOR





Leola Magee

April 9, 1932—September 13, 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024 | 2:00 p.m.

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church
248 Hawpond Church Road, Magee, Mississippi 39111

Reverend Troy Durr, Sr., Pastor
Minister Erskin R. Magee, Eulogist

REMEMBERING OUR MOTHER & GRANDMOTHER



From the Sons

"Mom, As your sons, it's hard to believe you're gone, but we know you're still with us, watching over us from above. You were the heart of our lives, always there with your love, strength, and faith. You showed us how to be men of integrity, love deeply, and trust in God's plan. Even though we miss you every day, we feel your presence guiding us. Your spirit lives on in us, and we know that one day we'll be together again in God's grace. Until then, your sons will carry your love, your lessons, and your legacy with us always. With love and faith, forever."

From the Daughters

"Mom, Our hearts ache without you, but as your daughters, we carry your love and strength in everything we do. You were our safe haven, the one who showed us how to live with grace, kindness, and unwavering faith. You taught us not just how to be women, but how to walk in faith and love deeply, just as you did. Though we miss you every day, we know you're with God now, watching over us. Your spirit is still here, guiding us, comforting us, and reminding us that we'll be reunited one day. Until then, your daughters will continue to live by the values you instilled in us, keeping your love alive in our hearts forever. With all our love, always."

From the Grandchildren

"Granny, As your grandchildren, our hearts ache with the emptiness your absence has left behind. You were more than just a grandmother—you were the heart of our family, the one who made us feel so loved, so cherished, and so special. You filled our lives with joy, warmth, and wisdom, and now that you're gone, there's a piece of us missing. But we know you're with God now, watching over us like you always did. We feel your presence in the little things—the way the sun shines, the sound of laughter, and in every act of kindness. You're still here with us, just in a different way. We miss you so much, Granny. But as your grandchildren, we will hold tight to the memories, the love, and the lessons you left with us. And one day, we'll be together again. With all our love, forever."

From the Great Grandchildren

"GG, Even though we're your great-grandchildren, we always felt like the most special part of your world. You had a way of making each of us feel loved in such a big, warm way—like we were your whole heart. You always had the sweetest smile, the gentlest touch, made us laugh and feel safe all at once. We know you're in Heaven now, but we still feel your love around us. We see it in the way the flowers bloom and hear it in the songs that remind us of you. You're with us in all the best moments, like you're still here, just watching over us from above. We'll never forget you, GG. As your great-grandchildren, we'll keep your love alive in everything we do. We love you so much and always will. With all our love, forever."

The Order of Service

Pastor Bruce Landing, Master of Ceremonies

Processional ..... *Soft Music*

Song ..... *J Hobbs & Covered*

Scripture Reading

New Testament ..... *Pastor Troy Durr, Sr.*

Old Testament ..... *Pastor Willie B. Hobbs, Jr.*

Prayer ..... *Pastor Jeffery Magee*

Words of Encouragement ..... *Pastor Jesse Horton*

Song ..... *Sister Juanita Ferguson*

Expressions ..... *Brother Virgil Smith*

As a Friend, Neighbor and Church Member ..... *Sister Sylvia Hobbs*

As a Mother-in-law ..... *Sister Debra Magee*

Reflections as a Son ..... *Brother Ralph Magee*

Song ..... *Sister Lillian Lilly*

Acknowledgments/Tributes ..... *Pastor Bruce Landing*

Obituary ..... *Read Silently*

Song ..... *"Be With Me Jesus"* ..... *Sister Juanita Ferguson*

Eulogy ..... *Minister Erskin R. Magee*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*



"Sing a new song to the Lord! Let the whole earth sing to the Lord! Sing to the Lord; praise His name. Each day proclaim the good news that He saves. Publish His glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things He does. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods."
Psalm 96:1-4 (NLT)

Leola's Journey



"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7

Leola Magee was born on April 9, 1932, to Willie and Lula McCollum. She was reared in the Dry Ridge Community and joined the Greater Dry Ridge Missionary Baptist Church at a young age. She attended Dry Ridge Public School and later transferred to Harper High School where she played basketball with her sisters.

Leola united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. Ethel Magee, Sr. on November 30, 1950. To this union thirteen (13) children were born, eight sons and five daughters. After marriage, she joined the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church.

Leola will be remembered by many as an inspiring and anointed singer. Singing is what she loved best. She taught her husband and all her children the vocal parts of many songs and how to sing in harmony without music. When she would lead a song, the background was sure to get their parts right from the start. She would stop and would not sing until everyone had their parts corrected. Her singing was rendered unto the Lord, and she believed in giving God her best. As the manager and lead singer of the Evereadys (family gospel group), she arranged travel to various locations in and out-of-state with the assistance of other members in the group.

Leola leaves a beautiful legacy as a believer and witness for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Not only did she assist her family with singing, but her children at an early age observed her witnessing to others in the local community. She would ask one of her children to drive her from place to place to encourage others to accept Jesus as their personal Savior while also inspiring others to attend church. Her loving and kind spirit was carried out in many aspects through her life experiences.

Leola served in many capacities at her local church such as: a mother of the church (deaconess), coordinator of the dinning committee, pastor's aid, choir president, women's mission, and cook. She was always happy to serve in any area relating to Kingdom Building. She served and worked faithfully in her community and local church until her health failed.

Leola was employed at Magnetek Manufacturing Company where she made and retained lasting friendships after retirement. She also worked as a nurse's aide at Simpson General Hospital for many years. Additionally, she worked at Piney Woods School with the Elderly Village Program.

Leola's Journey (continued)

Leola made the best tea cakes and potato pies. You could taste the love in them. She loved her family and enjoyed having her children and grandchildren around her.

Leola was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her siblings, including her twin sister, Cleola Thompson; four sons, Ethel Lewis (Sonny) Magee, Michael Magee, Darrell McGhee, and James Magee; three grandchildren, Derrick Kemp, Marcell Perry and Toni Lindsey-Joseph; and one great grandchild, Jeremiah Cooper.

Leola leaves to mourn: five daughters, Lutritia Lindsey of Marrero, Louisiana, Tyrinda Magee of Collins, Mississippi, Gwendolyn Y. Hobbs (James) of Magee, Mississippi, Shirley Magee of Mendenhall, Mississippi, and Latasha J. Holmes (Jimmy) of Mendenhall, Mississippi; four sons, Ralph Magee (Gwen) of Detroit, Michigan, Minister Erskin R. Magee (Loretta) of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Karl E. Magee (Felicia) of Mendenhall, Mississippi, and Richard Magee (Debra) of Mendenhall, Mississippi; two daughters-in-law, Deitrick Magee and Regina McGhee; three sisters-in-law, Erma Magee, Mary Loise Jaynes, and Alice McCollum; one brother-in-law, Simp Magee; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.



"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
John 11:25

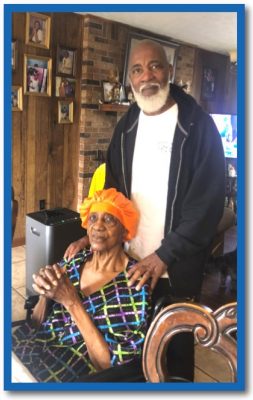
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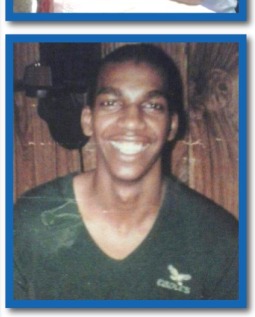






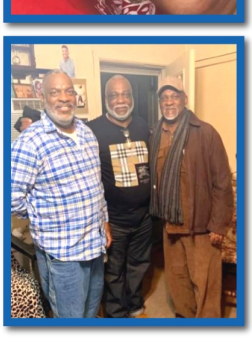












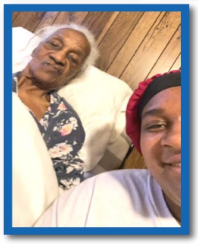

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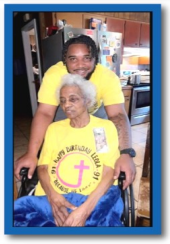








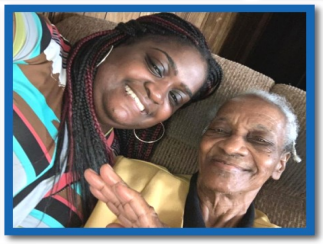


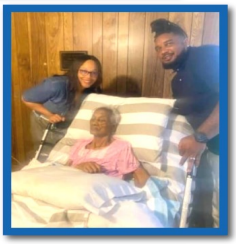








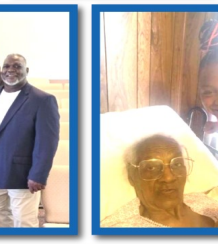



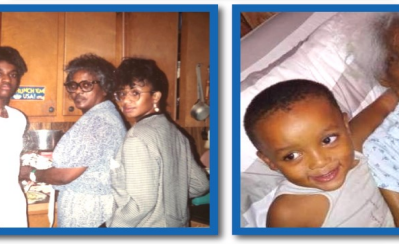
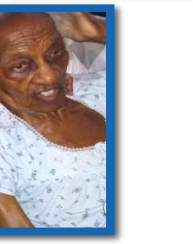











Acknowledgments

The family of Leola Magee would like to acknowledge all of you who prayed for us during our difficult time. Whether you bought food, cards, called, or just stopped by with encouraging words, your kindness has meant so much to us. Your expressions of love will always be in our hearts as a reminder of how blessed we are to know that you care. We pray that God will continue to bless each of you above and beyond all that you ever ask for or imagine.

Special Thanks

We offer our gratitude and special thanks to Dr. Charles Pruitt of Magee General Hospital, Gentiva Hospice of Magee (Nurse, Chaplain, and Nurse's Aide), Magee General Hospital, and J&M Funeral Home Staff.

Honorary Pallbearers

Ralph Magee
Minister Erskin R. Magee
Karl Magee
Richard Magee
Jimmy Holmes

Active Pallbearers

(Grandsons)

Xavier Magee
Erskin Magee, Jr.
James DeShun Hobbs
Michael K. Magee
Jalen Magee
Jonathan Magee
Joshua Hobbs
Jeremy Magee
Cedric Magee
Deon McGhee
Maricus Williams

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

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St. Peter Church Cemetery

Repast

St. Peter Church Fellowship Hall

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