

Tributes

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

~Love, Barbara and Angelia

God's Angel

How do we say this and where do we start
Everything hurts especially our hearts
It hurts us so much that we can't see you anymore
We wished we got to say our goodbyes
Before you walked in God's door
It makes us feel better
You're an angel in heaven
You're happy and at peace
And one day we will see you again
We miss and love you deeply
And we try not to cry
But we know we'll see you later
So this is not our goodbye.

~Love, The Family

"Together Again"



To My Family Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place
A pause in what's to be
A resting place along the road
To sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way
We all were meant to learn some things
But never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord..

~Love, "Dessie"

In Appreciation

We, the family of **Dessie Lee Dotts Chandler**, wish to express and acknowledge your Christian kinship during our time of bereavement. Your calls, visits and all other acts of kindness you've expressed shall never be forgotten. May God bless each of you in a special way.

~**The Dotts-Chandler Family**

~ Services Entrusted To ~

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Life Reflections

Mrs. Dessie Lee Dotts Chandler, born September 1, 1938, in Salters, South Carolina, was the cherished daughter of the late John Ernest Dotts and Eva Shaw Dotts. She entered eternal rest on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence, SC.

A Life of Faith, Service, and Devotion

Dessie was educated in the Williamsburg County public schools. She built a life rooted in faith, family, and friends. On December 11, 1959, she married Lawrence Chandler, and together they shared more than 61 years of love. They welcomed three children into their union, with Baby Boy Chandler preceding her in death.

Her commitment to her church was unwavering. For over 50 years, she served faithfully in the Usher Ministry at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She was a member of the Deacon Wives and Deaconess Ministry, and she worked joyfully on the Kitchen Committee, preparing and serving delicious meals. Dessie was a proud, longtime member of the Williamsburg Chapter #341 Order of the Eastern Star, serving for 57 years.

Her Spirit and Her Passions

Though quiet and soft-spoken, Dessie was known to her family for her sharp wit. She believed deeply in integrity, punctuality, and hard work. One of her guiding sayings to her daughters was, “If you do the right thing, the Lord will bless you.”

After many years in the textile industry, retirement allowed her to enjoy the things she loved most—flowers, gardening, canning, quilting, and word search puzzles. She treasured the third Saturday of each month, attending Senior Citizens Health and Recreation at her church, and she enjoyed the fellowship during the prayer breakfasts at Love Assembly Worship Center.

Family and Loved Ones

Dessie was preceded in death by her parents, her baby boy, her brother Willie Earl Dotts, niece Melissa Conyers, and nephew Tony Earl Dotts.

She leaves behind a loving circle of family and friends who will forever cherish her memory: loving and devoted daughters, Barbara A. Chandler of Florence, SC, and Angelia B. Chandler of the home; two brothers, John Dotts of Titusville, FL, and Joseph Dotts of Salters, SC; one dedicated sister, Evelyn Pope of Salters, SC; a nephew reared as a son, Ronald Chandler of New Haven, CT; a special nephew whom she loved like a son, Dr. Shaka Mustafa of Columbia, SC; a special niece, Alechia (Leroy) Dotts of a Kingstree, SC and a special cousin, Victoria (Dennis) Carraway of Salters, SC that she loved like daughters; three special great nephews, Kingston, Princeton and Rahman Dotts of Kingstree, SC; special friends, Nancy McClary, Geraldine McFadden, Virginia Riggins, Lee Pressley, Sarah Woods, Evangelist Deloris Jacobs, Diane Jones, Mary Ann McElveen, Vernell Williams, Dorothy Graham and Debra Collins; a host of additional nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Her legacy is one of faith, kindness, service, and steadfast love—a life lived with purpose and grace.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Terrence L. Washington, Presiding
St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
Florence, South Carolina

Prelude Musician

Processional Clergy and Family

Hymn of Praise Oak Grove Combined Choir

“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hands”

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Prophetess Sharon McKnight

New Testament Minister Bernard Hugee

Prayer Reverend Robert McCutchen, Jr.

Solo Brother Harry McFadden

Kindly Reflections (Three minutes, please):

Church Deacon Brunson Frazier

Community Sister Nancy Canty

Williamsburg Chapter #341 OES Sister Nora L. Benbow

Sister Nancy McClary

Family..... Dr. Shaka Mustafa

Acknowledgements Sister Meredith Greene

Selection Oak Grove Combined Choir

Words of Comfort Pastor David Woods, Jr.

Selection Oak Grove Combined Choir

“I’ll Be Alright”

Directions of Funeral Director Samuels Funeral Home

Final Viewing

Recessional

Committal

Benediction

Interment Salters Community Cemetery

Old Gapway Road

Salters, South Carolina



