

## LETTERS TO MEMAW

Me Maw,

You were the heart of my childhood and filled my life with a love I will carry forever. I'll never forget singing "The 12 Days of Christmas" for you and how happy it made you. I still think about the time I fell out of that chair trying to get the tree limbs down, and how you took care of me like it was the worst injury in the world, even though I was being dramatic. When you watched me, Tyler, and Kyndal, you made everything feel like home—from your breakfasts with the crispiest bacon (the best kind) to making me cookie pudding because you knew I didn't like the bananas in banana pudding. I miss you more than words can say, but I will carry your love with me always. I love you forever, Me Maw.

Love Kayla

Dear Memaw,

I miss you a lot, you know, your smile, your laugh, the delicious cakes you used to make, which fill up the house with the sweet comforting smell. Those are some of my favorite memories, memories I'll never forget. Like when you used to babysit me, Kayla, and Tyler, how you used to watch us from the porch as we played games and raced back and forth to that old tree in the front yard. I'll never forget how you had your one spot at church that you would sit in Sunday after Sunday and would sing and shout to your heart's content, then after service, you would talk to us and tell us how much you loved us and how proud you were of the people we were becoming. Although these memories may be small to some, they are some that I will never forget. And as I finish this letter, I know you wouldn't want me to say goodbye, so I'll see you later, and I love you with all my heart.

Sincerely, Kyndal

To My Memaw,

As far back as I can remember I was with u all the way back to when my dad had a green Honda and every day or at least, I think every day he would take me to your house while he would listen to the Steve Harvey morning show. On some days when it was me and Kayla, we would play in the front yard next to the big tree and whenever I was bad you would tell me to go get a switch from the big tree. You were the nicest person to me you would always call me handsome; you would always tell me to stop frowning and smile. I love you memaw.

Love you, Tyler



### FLORAL BEARERS

Great-Nieces & Orchid Temple #923

### HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Moloch Elk Lodge

### PALL BEARERS

Nephews

### IN GRATITUDE

With heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness, the family of Celeste Pearl Cathcart would like to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends and extended family for the many ways of showing your love and sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

*Arrangements Were Entrusted to:*  
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# CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Celeste*  
**PEARL CATHCART**

**AUGUST 22, 1953 — MARCH 16, 2026**

**Sunday**  
**March 22, 2026**  
**2:00PM**

**Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church**  
**Gastonia, North Carolina**

Celeste Pearl Cathcart was born on August 22, 1953, to the late Willie Lee Cathcart and Ella Louise Glenn Cathcart. She peacefully departed this life on March 16, 2026, at CaroMont Regional Medical Center. She attended high school with the Class of 1971.

At an early age, Celeste joined Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church, where she remained a faithful and devoted member throughout her life. She loved the Lord, and her favorite scripture was Psalm 23. Over the years, she served diligently in many capacities, including the Youth and Adult Usher Board, the Missionary Department, where she served as President, the Christian Education Department, as a Sunday School teacher, on the Pastor's Appreciation Committee, and as a Conference Worker President. She faithfully attended York Chester District events and South Carolina Conference events.

Celeste was also a proud and dedicated member of Orchid Temple #923 Dgt's of Elks and La Rose Kelly Council Dgt's of Elks. She served as Door Keeper, former Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and Past State President.

Celeste was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Her grandchildren, Kayla, Kyndal, and Tyler, dearly loved their "MeMaw" and cherished the special moments they shared with her—watching her cook, playing games, and enjoying laughter together. She was the "big sister" who lovingly made sure the family came together for meals and special occasions. She was also affectionately known as "Aunt Lessie" to her nieces and nephews. Aunt Lessie was famous for her banana pudding and potato salad.

She was preceded in death by her father, Willie L. Cathcart; her mother, Ella Louise Glenn Cathcart; her brother, Clement J. Cathcart; her sister, Sirritta C. Nash; her nephew, Daryl "Bogey" Reid, Jr.; and her aunt, Betty Albright, uncle, Napoleon Downs and aunt, Dorothy Downs.

Celeste leaves to cherish her precious memories her two sons, Tracy Cathcart of the home and Tyrone Cathcart (Charlene) of York, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Kayla, Kyndal, and Tyler Cathcart; three sisters, Joan Reid (David), Jane Porter (Kelvin), and Vanessa C. Friday (Jerry), all of Gastonia, North Carolina; two brothers, Steven Cathcart (Robin) of Shelby, North Carolina, and M. Phillip Cathcart of Brooklyn, New York; one sister-in-love, Nancy Costa of Brooklyn, New York; one brother-in-love, Rodney Nash of Gastonia, North Carolina; one aunt, Madeglene Fox of Salisbury, North Carolina; and one uncle, J.W. Cathcart of Salisbury, North Carolina.

She also leaves behind nieces, Tonya Lawrence (Curtis), Jessica Cathcart, Kirsten Cathcart, Kinsa Ferguson (Fredrick), Kronsa Nash (Teotha), and Jada Davis (Lonnie); nephews, Gregory Cathcart, Jerry Friday II (Adrienne), Stevilen Cathcart (Kellie), Eric Cathcart (Jennifer), Christopher Porter, and K.J. Porter (Chantel); along with a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends who loved her dearly. She also leaves special memories with her special cousin, Eloise Glenn; her special friend, Hattie Hardin; and her friend and class leader, Mrs. Sally Currence.

Celeste will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her loving heart, and her steadfast dedication to her family, church, and community. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and the love she shared will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew her. Though she will be deeply missed, her legacy of love, service, and devotion will continue to live on.

## Moments of Sharing

Prelude  
 Processional  
 Receiving of Family & Friends 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

## Order of Service

Special Tribute "I Shall Wear A Crown"  
 Mr. Noah Biggers

Call to Worship Rev. Sandra Sistare  
 Invocation Rev. Sonya Burns  
 Song Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church Choir  
 Scripture  
 Old Testament 23rd Psalm  
 Rev. James Young  
 New Testament II Timothy 4:6-8  
 Rev. Sharon Mackins  
 Prayer of Comfort Rev. Brenda Harris  
 Song "Don't Cry for Me"  
 Ms. Natasha Fewell

Resolution from Dgt's of Orchid Temple #923  
 Read by F.S. D.gt. Janice Wray  
 Reading of Resolution Ms. Rayven Sanders  
 Remarks  
 Ms. LaTonya Albright - Family  
 Mrs. Johnnie Ricardson - Church Family  
 Mr. William Powell - Class Member  
 Ms. Hattie Hardin - Friend  
 Sally Currence - Dear Friend  
 Kayla, Kyndal, Tyler- Grandchildren  
 Mr. Tyrone Cathcart - Son

Selection God's Choice  
 Eulogy Rev. Michael Mackins  
 Recessional Mt. Pleasant A.M.E Zion Church

## Interment

Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery  
 Gastonia, North Carolina

## Repast

The Elks Lodge  
 321 West Allison Avenue  
 Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

