

Life Reflections

Margaret Alice Lester is the daughter of Mrs. Everlena Dollard and the late Mr. Franklin Dollard, Sr. She was born on July 1, 1954 in Williamsburg County. Her education was received in the Williamsburg County Public School System at Chavis where they drew the line leaving her to complete her last two years at Battery Park High School and graduate with her class of 1972.

Margaret accepted Christ at an early age, and was a member of New Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church where she served faithfully. She was united in marriage to the late Roger Scott, with whom she was blessed with three beloved children. Later in life, she married the late Douglas Lester, who she loved dearly and with whom she shared many cherished years.

Margaret, was a very hard-working woman, that work at Factory Plant, Sewing Plant, Food Lion (part-time) and Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart was the best job that she loved. She worked there for about 36 years before she got sick.

Margaret, love to take vacation, she love to cook, sew, shop and she love to have Christmas drop-in, where she show all her love for her family, friends and strangers. She always had a kind heart. She love to shop at her favorite clothes store Hamrick’s and let’s not forget about her favorite restaurant Miyabi.

Margaret passed away peacefully on July 17, 2026 at the age of 72 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Florence, South Carolina.

Her memory will forever be cherished by her daughter; Ruby (Nigel) Chatman of Hemingway, SC, her son, Roger (Laura Ann) Scott of Kingstree, SC; her daughter Sharon (Leon) Myers of Hemingway, SC; her mother, Everlena Dollard of Hemingway, SC; four sisters, Ruby Dollard of Hemingway, SC, Glenda Dollard of Hemingway, SC, Joyce Dollard of Johnsonville, SC and Cora Dollard of Hemingway, SC; six brothers, Jacob (Lydia) Dollard of Hemingway, SC, Sammy Dollard of Johnsonville, SC, Jimmy Dollard of Hemingway, SC, Joseph Dollard of Hemingway, SC, Franklin Dollard, Jr of Hemingway, SC and William Eddy of New York City. She has twelve grandchildren, eight great-grand children and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, cousins and friends.

Tributes

To My Mom,

It’s sad that you are no longer with us, but I am so happy for all of the experience and memories I have gained spending time with you. Being with you, I feel that I have come to understand why you loved red so much. Because it symbolizes fire, one that burned within you to always help and look out for others, even if it wasn’t received back, because that is the type of person you was. You taught me all the best parts of who I am today. I will always cherish the days we spent talking about your best recipes, stories about your friends and love with your family. You may be gone from my sight, Mom, but you will never be gone from my heart. I hope you hear me, when I say, I wasn’t ready to say goodbye, but I will look for you in my dreams and continue to carry the love you gave me.

Your Daughter Lavina



Dear Grandma,

You were more than our grandmother—you were our home, our heart, and our greatest blessing. Every sacrifice you made and every act of love shaped the people we are today. Thank you for raising us with unconditional love, never showing favoritism, and always making each of us feel special.

We will forever cherish the breakfast dates before school, your wise words, your warm hugs, and the laughter we shared. Thank you for loving us as your own and being our first mother before our mothers truly knew what motherhood meant.

Although our hearts are broken, we find peace in knowing you are no longer in pain. We will miss you every day, but your love will live on in us forever. Until we meet again, we love you always.

Your Loving Grandchildren

Order of Service

Rev. Glannie E. Tisdale, Presiding

- Processional.....”Take My Hand, Precious Lord”
- Opening Hymn.....”It is Well, With My Soul”
- Invocation.....Evangelist Michele Gaskins
- Solo.....Kenny Priest
- Scriptures.....Evangelist Michele Gaskins
 - Old Testament..... *Isaiah 41:10-14*
 - New Testament.....*Revelation 21:4*
- Solo.....Priscilla Brockington

- Remarks: (3 minutes please)
- Church.....Bro. Roy Mitchell
 - Class of 1972.....Mary Brayboy
 - Community.....Bishop Knowlin
 - Poem.....Wanda Morris
 - Walmart Friend.....Margie Holmes
 - Family.....Missionary Joyce Dollard

- Solo.....Kenny Priest
- Acknowledgements/Resolution.....Sis. Everlena Mitchell
- Selection..... Choir
- The Message of Hope.....Rev. Glannie E. Tisdale
- The Lord’s Prayer.....Choir

Recessional ~ Parting Viewing

Committal ~ Benediction ~ Interment
Garden of Devotion Cemetery
800 S. Georgetown Hwy 41/51
Johnsonville, SC 29555



Our Beloved Oldest Sister (Maggie)

From Our earliest days, You are more than just Our Sibling, You were Our Second Mother, Our Anchor, our Fearless protector, and Our First best friend.

As The Eldest, You Paved the way for all of us, setting an example of Strength, Grace, and Unwavering love that we will carry for the rest of our lives.

We will always remember how You held Our family together. You had a Rare gift for making the hardest times feel Manageable and the smallest moments feel like a Celebration. Your wisdom, Your comforting presence, and even your teasing laughter were the constants we always relied on.

It breaks our heart that we have to say goodbye, but we take comfort in knowing that your legacy lives on in each of us, even the values you taught us and the love you poured into our family. We are so grateful for the times God gave us with you, and for the beautiful, unbreakable bond we share as Brothers and Sisters because of You.

You may have gained your wings too soon, but You will forever remain in Our hearts. Rest on Peacefully, Our Beautiful Sweet Sister Maggie, Until we meet again.

***With All of Our Love
Your Brothers and Sisters***

***Cora, Sammie, Joyce, Glenda,
Jacob, Ruby, Jimmy, Joseph,
Franklin Jr, & William***



Pall Bearers
Family & Friends

Flower Bearers
Family & Friends



Acknowledgements

The family of ***Margaret Alice Lester*** wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during the passing of their loved one. Your prayers, visits, calls and other expressions of sympathy have been a great comfort during their hours of bereavement and will be greatly remembered. May God bless each of you in a special way.

-The Family

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Hemingway, SC 29554
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“A Home of Distinctively Finer Service”

Home Going Service
for
Margaret Alice Lester



Sunrise
July 1, 1954

Sunset
July 17, 2026

Saturday, July 25, 2026
11:00 AM
New Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church
797 Tupperware Road
Hemingway, SC 29554

Rev. Glannie E. Tisdale, Pastor





Tributes to
Margaret Alice Lester

Gone
but not

Forgotten

July 1, 1954 – July 17, 2026