



*Pallbearers*  
Friends & Family

*Flower Bearers*  
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*Poem*

*If roses grow in Heaven,  
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her that I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will never go away.*

### *Special Thanks*

The family of Deaconess Ella Marie Nixon Jefferson would like to express their deepest appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy and other acts of love shown to the family during this difficult time. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue to heal. God Bless You.

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*  
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*In Loving Memory*

**NOVEMBER 25, 1954 - JULY 11, 2025**



*Deaconess Ella Marie Nixon Jefferson*  
**SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 | AT 11:00AM**

**NEW PROVIDENCE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**2025 BASS DRIVE**  
**SANTEE, SC 29142**  
**REVEREND DR. WILLIE L. CARTER, PASTOR**





## Order of Service

**Pastor Raymond Smith, Presiding**  
**United Holiness Church Christ Deliverance Center**

*Processional..... Clergy & Family*

### *Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament ..... Psalm 26*

*New Testament ..... 1 Peter 5:6-11*

### *Prayer of Comfort*

### *Special Reflections (3 min limit—please)*

*Shannon Jefferson ..... Son*

*Savannah Jefferson ..... Granddaughter*

*Lakekia J. Lewis ..... School*

*Micheal & Cynthia Evans ..... Church*

### *Family Remarks*

*Acknowledgement..... Mrs. Carolyn P. West*

*Musical Selection ..... Combined Church Choir*

*Words of Comfort ..... Reverend Dr. Willie L. Carter*

### *Committal & Benediction*

### *Recessional*

### *Interment*

New Providence Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery  
2025 Bass Drive  
Santee, SC 29142



## Reflection of Life

**DEACONESS ELLA MARIE NIXON JEFFERSON**

On Friday afternoon, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:50 p.m., an angel whispered in **Ella Marie Nixon Jefferson's** ear and asked if she was ready to meet her heavenly father. She answered, "Yes" and peacefully slept away to her heavenly home while in the comfort of her faithful husband and family.

**Mrs. Ella**, as she was affectionately known, was born on November 25, 1954, in Andrews, SC to the late Rev. Horace Nathaniel Nixon, Sr. and the late First Lady Ella Snowden Nixon. She was 70 years old and the youngest of six children.

**Ella** was a devoted wife to her devoted husband, Deacon Hampton Jefferson, and the two were rarely seen apart. God graced and gifted Hampton and Ella with four children in which she loved and took pride in raising. In knowing that much, she was also a hugger and a person who never met a stranger. She took joy in helping others, working on puzzle books, cooking for others and her family, playing games and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Her laughter and smile will be missed by all who knew her.

**Ella** graduated from Rosemary High School in Andrews, SC. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Language and Literature and Master of Arts Degree in Education with a minor in Elementary Education from South Carolina State University in 1976. Ella worked for the Orangeburg County School Districts for over 30 years, both as an English and Language Arts Educator and later as a Substitute Teacher and Administrator. Her honors include being recognized as Teacher of the Year during her tenure. Her passion for those who desire to learn and her desire to teach was evident in every aspect of her life. During her life, Ella wore many hats, some of which included: English Teacher, Administrative Assistant, Department Chairperson, Team leader, Mentor, Computer Lab Facilitator, Student Teacher Instructor and Classroom Observer, Board Member, Bible Study Teacher and servant.

## Reflection of Life

"Continued"

**Ella**, a member of New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, for many years, faithfully served on many committees and auxiliaries, some of which included: Deaconess, Sunday School Superintendent & Teacher, Chairperson of the Usher Board, Easter Committee, Kitchen and Hospitality Committee, Missionary

**Ella** was preceded in death by: her parents, Rev. Horace Nathaniel Nixon, Sr. and First Lady Ella Snowden Nixon; her siblings: Horace Nathaniel Nixon, Jr., Christine Nixon Hurrell, James Levern Nixon and Samuel Nixon.

**Ella** leaves her loving husband, Hampton Jefferson. Children: Chaun Antoine (Georgia) of Columbia, SC; Starleigh Monique of Santee, SC; Shannon Demetrius of Myrtle Beach, SC, Kendrick Nathaniel of Kansas City, MO. Grandchildren: Savannah, Jahsandra, Jordynn and Egypt all of Columbia, SC. Two brothers: Danny Alexander (Florine) Nixon of Andrews, SC and George Jerrod Snowden of Rochester, NY. Four brothers-in-law: Josephus Hurell of Andrews, SC, Willie Lee (Freddie Mae) Jefferson, Lincaway (Willa) Jefferson of Norwalk, CT, Allen Brown of Santee, SC. Six sisters-in-law, Janie Martin Nixon of Tupelo, MS and Tonya Nixon of Rochester, NY, Elisher Wilson of Phoenix, AZ, Patricia (Theodore) Brown of Hartford, CT, Leofice (John) Williams of Orangeburg, SC, Carolyn Mack of Norwalk, CT; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, god-children, relatives, friends and church family.