

HONORING THE LEGACY OF

M O T H E R  
**DELLE**  
"DELLA" GORHAM

NOVEMBER 7, 1929 - APRIL 12, 2026

Monday: April 20, 2026  
One O' Clock in the Afternoon

*In the Edifice of:*  
**The Family Worship Center**  
2 Trask Parkway, Yemassee, South Carolina, 29945  
*Pastor Glenton Graham – Host Pastor | Overseer Jeannette Harley  
Elder Elijah Hamilton – Eulogist*

## Palbearers

Mr. Tyrone Thomas  
Mr. Cal Ashby  
Mr. Eric Mulligan Jr.

Mr. Trevelyn Hamilton  
Mr. Jateris Padgett  
Mr. Eric Mulligan Sr.

## Flower Bearers

Family/Friends

## Words of Appreciation

During this time of sorrow, we learned how much family and friends truly mean. Thank you deeply for your unwavering kindness and sympathy; it is greatly appreciated.

Special Thanks to Crescent Hospice and Sprenger Nursing Home

~ **The Family** ~

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



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## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all*

*I could not stay another day,  
to laugh, to love, to work, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day*

*If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
ah yes, these things I too will miss*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times and loved ones' touch*

*If my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



## *If You Could See Me Now*

*If you could see me now, you wouldn't shed a tear,  
Though you may not understand why I am no longer there,  
Remember my spirit, that is the real me.*

*Because I'm still very much alive,  
I've just been set free oh, if you could only see!*

*I've beheld our Father's face and I've touched my savior's hand.  
All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the Promise Land.  
Beyond the gates of pearl, I've walked on golden streets,  
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the crystal sea.*

*The beauty is beyond words and nothing can compare.  
I've even seen your mansion and someday, I'll meet you there.  
Let Jesus be your guide because His word will show you the way.  
So, please, don't cry because we will meet again someday!*

# THE WORSHIP SERVICE

## The Prelude

### The Processional

#### The Scripture Readings

*Old Testament:* Evangelist Wanda Mulligan | *New Testament:* Deacon Moses Riley

#### Prayer of Comfort

Evangelist Wanda Mulligan

#### Solo

Sis. Rivka Smalls

#### Expressions of Remembrance:

*As I Knew Her* – Sis. Schyler Anderson (Josie's Restaurant)

*As A Friend* – Sis. Retha Mickens | *As A Son In Law* – Bro. Michael Simmons

#### Tributes

The Village Restaurant (*Written Speech by Beth Lane-Harriott*)

Sis. Sharen Garrett - *Great Grand*

#### Solo

Sis. Felicia Riley

#### Words of Comfort

Elder Elijah Hamilton

#### Benediction

#### Words of Appreciation & The Respective View

Rev. W. E. Priester & Young Funeral Home

#### Recessional

#### Committal & Interment

Bonny Hall Cemetery | Yemassee, South Carolina

## THE TESTAMENT OF HER LEGACY

Mother Idell Gorham was born November 07, 1929, in the rural area of Colleton County, SC. The daughter of the late Elizabeth Brown and Elijah Williams, she was reared in the home of the late Tama Ashby of Beaufort County, SC. Being no stranger to the Yemassee community, she received her early education from the Yemassee Rosenwald Schools of Hampton County, SC.

At her early age, she became employed at Hills Restaurant and Truck Stop, which led her into a career as a renowned cook. During her tenure, she was gainfully employed at Best Western, Tomotley Plantation, Village Restaurant, Jays Restaurant, and Mid Town Cafe; as a cook who knew her way around a kitchen and prepared every meal with charisma and love. That same love was found by Mr. James Gorham of Kingstree, South Carolina, and in 1973, the two became one. They spent their years of love and devotion, one to another, until his passing.

Affectionately known as "Della," she was a woman of faith. At an early age she became a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church of Sheldon, SC. Later in life she began attending St. Luke Baptist Church, of Yemassee, South Carolina with her sister, Ethel Mae Butler. To know her was to truly love her. She enjoyed life to the fullest and embraced every moment with her family and loved ones. She was a very outspoken person who would take great joy in sharing words of wisdom. She was an avid fisher and possessed a strong passion for cooking. She loved being outside tending to her plants along with her pets. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile, warm and caring spirit, and her abundance of love.

During the morning hours of Sunday: April 12, 2026, God in his infinite wisdom, called our beloved Mother Idell Gorham, from labour to reward to be at rest. Celebrating over ninety years of life in an abundance, we are grateful to God to have witnessed the testament of her legacy. Along with her parents and beloved husband, she is also preceded in death by: son, Herbet Padgett, Jr.; sisters, Georgianna Williams, Emma Williams, Shirley "Gladys" Williams and Ethel Mae Butler; and brother, Robert White.

Left to embrace the many fond memories are: children, Virginia (Randy) Garrett and Helen (Michael) Simmons; reared as a daughter, Lillian Ellis; daughter in law, Maebelle Padgett; sisters, Mary Butler, Dorothy (Carlton) Ashley, Virginia Walker, and Evella Simmons; nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren; along with a host of numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

