

Order of Service

Reverend Leonard Simmons, Officiating

Musical Prelude-----

Processional----- Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Hymn----- Congregation
"Pass Me Not O' Gentle Savior"

Scriptures:

Old Testament----- Reverend Dr. James Stokes

New Testament----- Pastor Leonard Simmons

Prayer-----

Selection-----Congregation
"Precious Lord"

Obituary: Read Silently

Reflections -----Mrs. Charity Lumpkin
Bethlehem AME Missionary Ministry

Solo-----Ms. Debbie Harris

Eulogy-----Reverend Lonzo Ruff

Recessional----- Nelson's Funeral Home

Committal Rites and Benediction

Bethlehem AME Church Cemetery
3236 Smalltown Road
Winnsboro, SC 29180

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters and Great-granddaughters

Pallbearers

Grandsons and Great-grandsons

Acknowledgements

The family of Maggie Brown wishes to first thank our loving, Heavenly Father for favoring us and blessing us with such an incredible gift for 109 years. We also express our sincere thanks for the flowers and other expressions of love during our time of bereavement.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.



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Ridgeway, SC 29130
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In Loving Memory



Mrs. Maggie Brown

November 29, 1907 – February 13, 2017

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 11:00 A.M.

Bethlehem AME Church

3236 Smalltown Road

Winnsboro, SC 29130

Reverend Leonard Simmons, Pastor



Obituary

Maggie Brown, daughter of the late Ben and Lucinda Small, was born on November 29, 1907 in White Oak, SC. She peacefully departed this life on Monday, February 13, 2017 at her residence in Winnsboro, SC.

Maggie was educated in the White Oak Public Schools. She was married to the late Sam Brown and their union was blessed with 13 amazing children. Occupationally, Maggie was a domestic engineer for 70+ years and served many households throughout Fairfield and Chester Counties. She was an outstanding farmer, both of organic livestock and crops and for countless years she fed her family as well as many other families and neighbors. She fed many travelers who were migrating through White Oak.

Additionally, Maggie advocated for children to get school buses in her community. She was blessed to be a blessing and demonstrated it over and over again in her selfless giving to so many. Anyone who visited her home will tell you that you rarely departed empty handed. Whether it was a homemade goodie, a quilt, clothing or a monetary gift; she found joy in blessing others. Conversely, while she gave many material things she also gave of herself in her commitment to pray for others. Maggie was a prayer warrior. As she prepared breakfast in the mornings, you could hear her praying or singing songs of the Gospel. She loved reading the Bible and when her eyes grew dim she continued to consume the word of God daily through audio.

Maggie accepted Christ very early in her young life. She was a very faithful and involved member of Bethlehem AME Church where she served on the Missionary Ministry and served as the Mother of the Church. President and First Lady Obama, Governor and Lt. Governor, Ken Ard recognized her as a Centenarian. Activities that brought her great joy were quilting, sewing, canning, crocheting, gardening, cooking, baking and feeding people.

Those left to cherish her memories are her loving and devoted children, Lucinda (*Ulister*) Harris, Robbie Brown, Estelle Reed, Willie Brown, Mary Virginia Cloud, Joseph (Ruby) Brown, Josephine (Bob) Mitchell, Loritha B. Hall, Ann (Ernest) Adams, and Donnie Brown; 47 grandchildren; 134 great-grandchildren, and a host of great-great- grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three children, Mae Bell Brown, Sam Brown Jr, and Benjamin Brown; and her siblings, John Small, Robert Small, Eliza Stevenson, Moses Small, Ben Small and Lugenia Boyles.

“A life well live cannot be measured by salary, or title, or job satisfaction. Nor can it be measured by accolades, or friendships, or tasks accomplished. A life well lived cannot be measured in likes, or tags, or retweets. A life well lived is measured by love, by sacrifice, by joy.” -Unknown

