



## Sister Bessie D. Olden

May 1, 1926 - February 12, 2016

On Friday, February 12, 2016, Sister Bessie D. Olden, wife of the late Ulysses Olden, Sr., departed this earthly life at Palmetto Health Tuomey. She was born in Sumter, SC to the late Miles and Minnie Hilton Dawson of Sumter County. Mrs. Olden attended the public schools of Sumter County and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Morris College, Sumter, SC. Her natural gift for teaching was demonstrated at Delaine Elementary School in Sumter, where she taught for several years uplifting the hearts and minds of many.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She served faithfully at the following churches: Hopewell Baptist Church, Wayman Chapel AME and High Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Her devoted service was shown in the Sunday School Service, the Missionary Ministry as well as other ministries in the church.

Mrs. Olden was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory: a daughter Geneva (Lawrence) Thomas, Columbia, SC; a son, Ulysses (Cynthia) Olden, Fayetteville, NC; five grandchildren: Bryan (Meshia) Thomas, Hampton, VA, Bridget (Rasheen) Lewis, Covington, Ga., Terrell E. Olden, Shannon (Shanika) Olden, Devin Olden all of Fayetteville, NC; six great grandchildren; a sister, Marilee (George) Burkett, Willingboro, NJ; a brother, Bennie Dawson, Philadelphia, PA; a sister-in-law, Larlia C. Olden, Wedgefield, SC; five special nieces:

Wilhelmenia Johnson, Shirley Olden, Wanda Johnson, Jacqueline Glisson, and Gwen Mack, all of Sumter, SC; along with a host of other dear relatives and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Sumter  
304 South Main Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803) 773-3381  
palmermemorialchapel@sc.rr.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Homegoing Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

High Hills Missonary Baptist Church  
6750 Meeting House Rd  
Dalzell, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sister Bessie D. Olden*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Our heart felt sympathies to you all in the passing of your Mom. I will always remember the time spent in her class at Delaine School. I encourage you to always cherish the fond memories of your Mom. She was indeed a joy to be around. Sadden that we could not be with you however, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Choice Family*

*Haywood, Jr, Mattie, Sandra, Dwendolyn, Ida, and Gregory*

**Sandra Choice Love** - February 18, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *My condolences to the Olden family. Mrs. Bessie will certainly be missed by many, especially her loving family. I will always remember her beautiful smile.*

**Vivian Allen** - February 17, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sister Bessie D. Olden.*



February 17, 2016 at 02:17 PM

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“ My most heartfelt condolences are being sent to the entire family. My fondest memory is that whenever I saw Bessie she would remind that she was my babysitter at Hopewell Baptist Church. She loved taking me out when I started to make a fuss in church because my mother always sent candy with me and Bessie would eat the candy. Bessie used to burst out with her most beautiful hearty laugh when she told me that story. May God sustain you with precious memories of our Bessie.

*Arthuree Loney Ricks*

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**Arthuree Loney Ricks** - February 16, 2016 at 11:53 AM

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*May you be sustain during this most difficult time by Jesus Christ. He will be your present help and He will bear all of your heartaches if you would just lean on Him*

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**Mrs.Juanita Scott of Orangeburg, SC** - February 17, 2016 at 06:05 PM