



Mrs. Emma Lucile Moore Gathers

November 21, 1923 - November 17, 2023

Emma Lucile Moore Gathers, 99, was born on November 21, 1923, in Sumter County, South Carolina to Jacob Washington Moore, Sr., and Pernelop Brown Pinckney Moore. Affectionately known as “Lucile” to her family and friends, she was the youngest of nine siblings. Mrs. Gathers peacefully entered eternal rest with her Lord on Friday, November 17, 2023 at National Healthcare, Sumter.

Lucile was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Lincoln High School in Sumter. She received her B.A. Degree in Elementary Education from Allen University, Columbia, SC. Lucile continued her educational pursuit and received a M.A. degree in Education from the University of Indiana. She taught at DeLaine Elementary School for 33 years. Lucile accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She worshipped and served the Christian community as a member of Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church, Sumter. She was a woman of faith, wisdom, strength and knowledge, and consistently helped others that were in need of an encouraging word or resources.

Lucile was an active member of the Sunday School Class #1, Stewardess Board, Missionary Society and a Trustee. Professionally, she was a life member of the National Educator’s Association, the South Carolina State Education Association, and the Sumter County Retired Educator’s Association. Emma “Lucile” lived a full and rich Christian life while she served her church and community.

In addition to her parents, Lucile was preceded in death by her husband, David Gathers; seven siblings: Julius Pinckney, Louise Pinckney Bolden, Elnora Pinckney Palmer, James Pinckney, John Pinckney, Mary E. Pinckney Ragins, and Katherine Pinckney Spann.

Those left to cherish her fond memories are daughter: Jocelyn G. Drakeford of Silver Spring, MD; two grandchildren: Gui R. Drakeford of Laurel, MD, and Janelle S. Drakeford of Odenton, MD; one great-grandchild: Samya M. Drakeford (Lamesha Harrison-mother); one brother: Jacob W. (Mary) Moore, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA; a dedicated cousin, support and caregiver: Meriam Gadson, a loving host of nieces, nephews, friends, spiritual sons and daughters.

*Services will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023 at Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church, 160 Kings Hwy, Sumter, SC. Viewing at the church starts at: 10:00am to 11:00 am. Homegoing Service: 11:00 to 12:00noon. Interment: Church Cemetery.

The Live Streaming will begin at the hour of service on Friday via Facebook: Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church FB page.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main St.
Sumter, SC 29150
(803) 773-3381

Funeral Service

DEC **1**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church
160 N. Kings Hwy.,
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Gathers was my 4th grade teacher at DeLaine Elementary School. She was very impactful woman of integrity upholding us all to a higher standard. In my adult years, I always admired Mrs. Gathers tenacity, spunk with loving and caring ways. I received much joy watching and listening her and my mother, Carrie converse over the years, be it at church, community functions or at our homes. They were dear friends. Mrs. Gathers thank you so very much for your service to the Education system, community, church and most of all remaining the same throughout the years. You were truly a woman of valor! I appreciate you and love you dearly. Until we meet again. My deepest sympathies to her daughter Joycelyn and all family members. Sincerely, Pamela James Brooks*

Pamela James Brooks - December 01, 2023 at 03:47 AM

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“*I will forever be grateful that my life touched hers a few decades ago . She was an integral part of my family. She taught me how to crochet and she expressed her pride in my quick learning skills as she guided me through developing those skills. She was grandmother to my son and daughter. Mrs. Lucile Gathers always welcomed our visits and our conversations were always great. I love her and will miss her. I know she is resting in the arms of our savior. Sleep in eternal peace. We love you but God love you best so go on now sweet mama and take your rest. Missing you!
Rose-Marie Richardson and family*



Rose-Marie Richardson - November 30, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ *Loving and caring lady, She will be missed.*

Carol Knox - November 30, 2023 at 06:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Lucile Moore Gathers.*



November 29, 2023 at 02:04 PM

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“ *I remember fondly Mrs. Gathers as my fifth grade teacher. She was a wonderful teacher and her longevity of life was such a blessing from God. Mrs. Gathers will be truly missed. Sincerely, Dr. Edna L Taylor-Capers, Ph.D, Gaithersburg, MD*

Dr. Edna L. Taylor-Capers - November 28, 2023 at 05:46 PM