



Larlia Champion Olden

July 27, 1920 - April 13, 2018

Larlia Champion Olden was called from earthly labor to heavenly reward the morning of Friday, April 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Born July 27, 1920, in the Wedgefield community of Sumter County, she was the youngest of ten children born to the late Charlie and Elnora Johnson Champion, Sr. She attended Reese Chapel School (later St. Michael School, and now presently DeLaine School)

She was a lifelong member of Wayman Chapel AME Church where she served in the following capacities: Women's Missionary Society, the Stewardess Board #6, member of the Wayman Chapel Crafting Bees, and she was the Mother of the Church. She was a founding member of the Wedgefield DeLaine Community Center and served as Secretary-Treasurer for many years. She was also the oldest member of the Women of Wisdom Club in Columbia for the last twelve years. She was affectionately called "Mom" or "Mother" by all.

She loved to garden (any flowers) and was also seen with a smile on her face ready to share her special light with all. She also loved to crochet, and many have dishcloths lovingly made.

In addition to her parents and her husband, John C. Olden, she was preceded

in death by a son, Frank Olden; three grandchildren: Allen Christopher Jenkins, Sandra Denise Jenkins, and Willis Jenkins, Jr.; a great-grandson, Christopher Jenkins; three sisters: Julia Colclough, Maria R. Barnwell, and Mabel Wright; six brothers: David Champion, Charlie Champion Jr., William Champion, John Henry Champion, Horace Champion, and Samuel Champion; two daughters-in-law: Arlene R. Olden and Joyce B. Olden; and three sons-in-law: Isaiah Jenkins, Willis Jenkins, and Edward Neal.

Surviving are five daughters: Ruth Jenkins, Carrie Jenkins, Emma Olden-Neal, Eleanor Olden, Janice Olden, all of Columbia; two sons: John Calvin Olden, of Hopkins, and Thomas Olden, of Wedgefield; twelve grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; sixteen great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who will miss her presence in their lives.

The family would prefer potted plants rather than flowers.

Cemetery Details

Wayman Chapel Church Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Public Viewing

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Larlia Champion Olden*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Wilh Watson-Colclough lit a candle in memory of Larlia Champion Olden*



Wilh Watson-Colclough - May 07, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *To Emma and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson

Richard Jackson - April 19, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.*



April 18, 2018 at 08:32 AM

TJ

“ To Eleanor and Janice my deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in Christ. Love Terry Cooke-James

Terrilyon C James - April 17, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



April 17, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



April 17, 2018 at 12:23 PM

TA

“ We are so sorry for you loss.

May God continue to bless you.

Love,
Tonia Johnson Alston
Chief of Public Safety
SC State Museum

Tonia Johnson Alston - April 17, 2018 at 11:54 AM

BF

“ BCBS Team and friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



BCBS Team and friends - April 17, 2018 at 11:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



April 17, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



April 17, 2018 at 06:54 AM

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“ Interntaional Paper Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.



Interntaional Paper Family - April 17, 2018 at 06:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.*



April 16, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larlia Champion Olden.*



April 16, 2018 at 08:34 PM



“ *Know that time heals all wounds.Let the memories that you shared with your mother sustain you and your family during this sad time. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.Eleanor Harris*

Eleanor Harris - April 16, 2018 at 05:53 PM



Know that God said He will never leave you. My prayers are with you. Willie Mae Martin

Willie Mae Martin. Class of 1962 - April 17, 2018 at 08:32 AM



As your Mother rest in peace, may God continues to Bless and Strenghten you all...

Wilh Watson-Colclough - May 07, 2018 at 08:39 AM