



Mrs. Leola Glisson Martin

December 16, 1927 - January 12, 2021

Leola Evelina Glisson Martin departed this earthly life on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at her residence in Sumter, South Carolina.

Born in Stateburg, South Carolina, she was one of ten children born to the late Rev. Jacob Glisson (the son of Jacob Glisson, Sr., and Ms. Bina Owens of Stateburg and Privateer) and Ms. Lela Samuel Glisson (the daughter of the late Frederick Samuel and Lela Jones of Eastover and Stateburg, SC).

Educated at F. J. De Laine Elementary School in Wedgefield, SC, she attended Morris College High School, and was a graduate of Morris College in Sumter. Mrs. Martin was a lifelong educator in the Lee County School District and Sumter County Public School District II. She taught at Mayewood Middle School, Ebenezer Elementary, Lower Lee Elementary and Shaw Heights Elementary Schools for over thirty-two (32) years and continued to serve as a substitute teacher after her retirement.

As a youth, she was a member of Wayman Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. She joined the congregation of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church in the 1960s, after her marriage to Frank C. Martin, Sr. The congregation later became Emmanuel United Methodist Church, where she was active in several church organizations including: President of the United Methodist Women, Vice-President of the Women's Society of Christian

Service; Secretary of the Local Church Activities Committee; Chairperson of the Christian Personhood Committee; Chairperson of the Nominating Committee; Chairperson of the Membership Committee; and District Treasurer of the Women's Society of Christian Service for the Sumter District. During her tenure as Chairperson of the Membership Committee, she recruited and organized a circle of eleven young women to continue the legacy of historic Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Those young women became members of the Methodist Women's organization and currently continue to work in that capacity.

Mrs. Martin's involvement in other organizations included serving as Chairperson of the Church Society; Secretary and member of the Emmanuel UMC Senior Choir; member of the Council on Ministries; member of the Church Administrative Board; member of the Church Finance Committee; and member of the Status and Roles of Women Committee. In addition to the activities listed above, she also served as a teacher in the Sunday School, and the Summer Bible School Program, as well as the Emmanuel After-School program, well into the new millennium.

She served in the community as a longstanding member of the Sumter Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, a dedicated member of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW,) and the National Education Association (NEA.)

In addition to her parents and husband, Frank C. Martin, Sr. of Sumter, she was preceded in death by one sister, Jeannetter Crowell, and nine brothers, Abraham, Luther, Jessie, Jacob Jr, James, Joseph, Frank, Clifton, and Thomas.

She is survived by her three loving children, Theresa (Tede) Martin-Johnson; Dr. Frank C. Martin, II and Anita Cautia Martin; two grandsons, Michael Edgar

Johnson and Zachary Miles Johnson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins who mourn her passing.

Attention:

The service will be lived streamed on our Facebook page, Palmer Memorial Chapel, Inc.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Emmanuel United Methodist Church
or the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporate Scholarship Fund.

Omega Omega ($\Omega\Omega$) service presented Wednesday January 20, 2021 at 7pm
online by the distinguished Ladies of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN **21**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Hillside Memorial Park
3001 Cains Mill Rd
Sumter, SC

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Leola Glisson Martin*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Glisson Martin.*



January 22, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Prayers and Condolences to the family of Mrs. Martin. I remember the various positions she held in Emmanuel UMC. She was always kind and willing to lend a service.*

Virginia King



Virginia King - January 22, 2021 at 10:27 AM

CM

“ Aunt Leola I remember all of our family visits to Sumter every summer and riding Uncle Frank's motorcycles and walking through the crops of the family farm, having fun with Brother, TEDE and Cautia with Aunie and Deb...
I'll never forget what you told me after Uncle Frank passed....Everytime I see a STATE FARM commercial I think of you (LOL)...
I know Uncle Frank has definitely already reached out to grab your hand and bring you into Heaven's Door...
You'll be in great company with so many of our family members...
We Will Miss You and Love You Soooo Much...
Your Nephew Chris Martin on behalf of the Martin Family, Andrea, Debra,
(Pearl and Eddie R.I.P.)
- Prairie View, Texas-

Christopher Martin - January 22, 2021 at 10:20 AM

MC

“ Our family was saddened to hear of your mother's death. Frank, Tede, Cautia, we are lifting family up in prayer we send our condolences. Leola and my late sister Annie E. Cooke worked in the same school for years. We are thankful for her long life and contributions she made to her family, church, educational system and friends.
Thank God for precious memories of times ,years you spent with her, these memories will never die. We love our family will keep you all in prayer.
South Carolina Chapter CMC Family Reunion. Mae R. Cooke/
Chairperson

Mae R. Cooke - January 21, 2021 at 02:16 PM



Thank you cousin Mae! She was the most wonderful mother anyone could imagine!

Frank Martin - January 21, 2021 at 11:50 PM



I pray all is well today. I was unable to attend the viewing or go by the chapel, but you all were in my thoughts and prayers. Love you and thinking of you, Cherlyn Glisson McCoy and Family

Cherlyn McCoy - January 22, 2021 at 11:12 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of Mrs. Martin's passing. Condolences and Prayers to each of you. We remember Mrs. Martin from her involvement in our church activities. She will be sorely missed. We hope the family finds solace in knowing others are thinking of you during this difficult time of bereavement.



*Mrs. Ruby McKenzie Sumter, S.C.
Dr. Jackie McKenzie Matthews, N.C.
Ms. Marsha McKenzie Matthews, N.C.*

Marsha McKenzie - January 21, 2021 at 11:50 AM



Thank you to our McKenzie branch of the Emmanuel Church Family!

Frank Martin - January 21, 2021 at 11:51 PM



Mr. Martin, I am so sorry to hear of Ms. Leola's passing. Please know that you have my sincere condolences. Give God your sorrows and He will give you His strength.

Sean L. Jones

Sean L. Jones - February 08, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Glisson Martin.*



January 21, 2021 at 04:39 AM



“ *Condolences to my cousins in the lost of your dear mother. Cousin Leola you have earned your wings. R.I.P. See you when I get there!*



Family, I am praying for your peace as you go through this difficult time. I'm always available to talk when you need someone to talk to.

Love you all! :-)

Cherlyn Glisson McCoy - January 20, 2021 at 01:13 AM



Thank you cousin Cherlyn!!

Frank Martin - January 21, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Mrs. Martin. Cautia, Tede and Frank, I'm very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a beautiful woman and will truly be missed.*

Tracy McLaughlin

Tracy McLaughlin - January 19, 2021 at 10:04 PM



Thank you Tracy! We will cherish your thoughts at this time of transition....

Frank Martin - January 21, 2021 at 11:53 PM

MP

“ *Good night Momma, I'll see you in that GREAT MORNING*

Michelle Preston - January 18, 2021 at 07:24 AM



Thank you Michelle!

Frank Martin - January 21, 2021 at 11:53 PM