



Lillie B. Moore Nelson

August 15, 1909 - November 29, 2012

Date of Service: December 05, 2012

Lillie B. Moore Nelson, 103, wife of the late Dr. Warren Julius Nelson, Sr. passed away peacefully Thursday, November 29, 2012, at the National Health care Center of Sumter. She was born in Sumter County to the late James Moore and Minnie Grooms Moore.

She received her early education at the historic Kendall Institute. She enrolled in Scotia Seminary, now Barber Scotia College. In 1930 she was certified to teach. She taught at the Kendall Institute until it closed in 1932. She then served as a teacher and principal from 1932 to 1961 at the Goodwill Parochial School until it merged with Eastern High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Morris College. She continued to shape and to mold the minds of hundreds of young people until she retired in 1972 after having 42 consecutive years of perfect attendance.

For over 75 years, Mother Nelson was a faithful member of the Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA). She served in many capacities including: Deacon, Moderator of Presbyterian Women, Sunday School Teacher, Choir Director, Organist and was also an ardent supporter of the Goodwill Educational and Historical Society.

In 1961, she was honored by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years of continuous service in the mission work of the Board. In 1973 she was chosen to represent the church in Lebanon and in 1983, Scotland. Mother Nelson was also the recipient of the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award. In 1988 she served as the Chairperson of the first Kendall Institute School Reunion.

Mother Nelson was a founding member of the Sumter Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance, a Life Member of the NAACP, a member of the National Council of Negro Women, the One More Effort Federated Club, Sumter County Education Association, Santee Senior Citizens Club, the Goodwill Senior Citizens Young at Heart Club and numerous other service organizations.

Mother Nelson is survived by a son John Calvin (Edith), Foothill Ranch, CA; two daughters, Florazell (Hosea) , Newark, NJ and Ella (David), Richmond, VA; twenty grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; twenty-four great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; a daughter-in-law, Johnalee B. Nelson; many other relatives and special "adopted" family members .

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 11:00 am, Goodwill Presbyterian Church, 295 North Brick Church Rd., Mayesville, SC 29104, with the Rev. Dr. Ella F. Busby officiating. Mrs. Nelson will lie in state at the church from 10:00 am until the hour of service. Interment will be at Walker Cemetery, 700 West Oakland Ave., Sumter, SC.

Public viewing will be held, Tuesday, December 4, 2012, from 1:00 - 8:00 pm at the Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 South Main St. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: The Goodwill Educational and Historical Society, 295 North Brick Church Rd., Mayesville, South Carolina 29104.

Online memorials may be sent to: www.palmermemorialchapel.com

Palmer Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lillie B. Moore Nelson*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM