



## Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton

September 24, 1942 - November 9, 2024

A time to be born..

Mrs. Mary Ellen Williams Britton, was born on September 24, 1942 to the late Wallace Williams, Sr. and Mary Eliza Sheriff Williams Seymore, she departed this earthly life on Saturday, November 9, 2024. She was one of thirteen children reared in a Christian home, under the guidance of her loving and devoted parents who reinforced the importance of God's presence in her life from an early age.

A time to grow...

Mary Ellen attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1962 graduate of Eastern High School. In 1965 she was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart and the love of her life Harold Britton. To this union one deeply devoted son Keith E. Britton was born. Since Mary Ellen and her sister Ida Mae married brothers, she loved Henrietta Michelle (Reverend Archie) Temoney, Bruce (Pama) Britton and Lisa Britton as though they were her own. In addition, she had a special niece and nephew Ebony Williams and her son Rashaan that she treated as grandchildren. Later in life, she was blessed to serve in the surrogate grandparent role to Jamonte Temoney.

A time to live...

After graduating from high school, Mary Ellen left for New York and enrolled in business school. She enjoyed learning and easily mastered office business

tasks and procedures. Upon her return to South Carolina, she used her organizational skills to help everyone in need.

Her talents were endless, and she utilized every skillset to bring comfort and joy to the lives of her family and friends. Whether it is was cooking a fabulous meal, decorating a home, providing sound advice, assisting the elderly, babysitting, helping with business matters, or just listening attentively to your concerns, she was a rock for many who never wavered in her devotion to help you in any way she could.

A time to worship...

She was a member of Beulah African Methodist Episcopal Church. She was one of the founding members of the Beulah Harmonaires Choir with her signature song Sending Up My Timber and an original member of the Beulah Mass Choir. She served as a Church School Teacher, Vice President of Stewardess Board, former local Young People's Division (YPD) Director, worked with the Women's Missionary Society and supported the Lay Organization.

A time to celebrate her life...

Those left to thank God for her presence and cherish her memory include her husband of 59 years Harold Britton and her son Keith Britton; sisters, Eva Mae Hambrick, Gwendolyn Alice Hicks, and Salley Seymore; brothers, Wallace (Gloria) Williams, Johnny Lee Williams, Joe (Lillarweise) Seymore, and Thomas Earl Seymore; sisters-in-law, Barbara Williams, Victoria (Elias) Prioleau, Louise Williams, Mildred Britton, Fannie Britton, special friends she thought of as sisters, Annie Mae Temoney, Lucy McClary, Sylvia Singleton, and Delphine Cunningham; godchildren Angel Temoney, Shenika Tomlin Waring, Renay Britton Burchell, Waltene Britton Valentine, Gregory L. Williams and Jeremy Dixon; volunteer godchildren Ashlee Sims and Riquelle Sims, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Henry Lee Williams, Sr., NeGrant Williams, Wilbert Lee Williams, Lewis "Tubby" Williams; J. C. Jones; Reverend Dr. Charles H. Davis; sister, Ida Mae Britton; sisters-in-law, Lottie Olivia Williams, Elouise Williams, Virginia Britton China, Catherine Brunson Wheele; and brother-in-law Henry Lee Britton.

# Cemetery Details

## Beulah A.M.E. Church Cemetery

3173 Florence Hwy.  
Sumter, SC 29153

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV 15. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## A Celebration of Life

NOV 16. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Beulah A.M.E. Church  
3173 Florence Hwy.  
Sumter, SC 29153

## Interment

NOV 16. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Beulah A.M.E. Church Cemetery  
3173 Florence Hwy.  
Sumter, SC 29153



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.* ”



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**Tammy Harrison Edwards and Family** - November 17, 2024 at 04:23 AM

CJ

“ *Dear Bro. Harold Britton and the Britton Family,* ”

*We, the Johnson family (Rubye, Joseph, and Carnegie), are deeply saddened about the passing of your beloved mother. Although we are unable to be with you in person today, please know that our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Your mother was a remarkable woman whose kindness and faith touched many lives, including ours. We will always cherish the memories we have of her and the warmth she brought to our church community.*

*May God's love and the support of your family and friends bring you comfort and peace. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,  
The Johnson Family*

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**Carnegie Johnson** - November 16, 2024 at 11:20 AM

VS

“ Deepest prayers of sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Ellen Britton. She will be missed. It makes me smile to remember the laughter she and my mother shared! May The Lord Almighty comfort each of your hearts and give you peace!  
~Valerie Singleton & Family

Valerie Singleton - November 16, 2024 at 07:29 AM

SS

“ Our sympathy is with you all. I truly miss my dear friend already.  
Sylvia Greene (Heyward) Singleton

Sylvia G. Singleton - November 15, 2024 at 10:00 PM

FJ

“ Francis J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Britton.

Francis J. - November 14, 2024 at 06:03 PM

VV

“ Virginia Clark Vaughn purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton.



Virginia Clark Vaughn - November 14, 2024 at 05:53 PM

VV

“ Virginia Clark Vaughn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Britton.

Virginia Clark Vaughn - November 14, 2024 at 05:53 PM

SW

“ So sorry for the loss of such a beautiful person her smile lit up the room R.I.P



Stacey washington - November 14, 2024 at 04:01 PM

DR

“ Darlene R. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton.



Darlene R. - November 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

DR

“ Darlene R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary E. Britton.

Darlene R. - November 14, 2024 at 03:19 PM

GP

“ Gearl and Pete Prioleau purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton.



Gearl and Pete Prioleau - November 14, 2024 at 02:03 PM

MD

“ To Keith and the entire Britton family. You have our sincere condolences. Our prayer is that God will strengthen you and give you peace in this hour.



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**Melanie Dees** - November 14, 2024 at 10:10 AM

MW

“ The Family of Mrs. Mary E. Britton

*The Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach Ministries would like to take time to extend our most heartfelt sympathies to you. We cannot begin to imagine the depth of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



*With warm regards,  
Melissa J. Weeks-Richardson, Pastor*

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**Melissa J. Weeks-Richardson** - November 14, 2024 at 07:45 AM

MB

“ :*"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4  
Mr. Harold, Keith and Family, thinking of you in this time of loss and asking God to tenderly care for your deepest needs. Mabel R. Brown*



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**Mabel R. Brown** - November 13, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton.*



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November 13, 2024 at 11:56 AM



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November 13, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *I am sending my heartfelt sympathy to the Britton family. May the God of strength be with you, holding you in His strong, loving arms.*

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**Rev. Vonda Gallman** - November 13, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Rev. Vonda Gallman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton*



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**Rev. Vonda Gallman** - November 13, 2024 at 09:11 AM

LL

“ Love, Ingrid, Janice, Melissa & Lenzene purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Ellen Britton.



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**Love, Ingrid, Janice, Melissa & Lenzene** - November 12, 2024  
at 10:32 PM

CS

“ My condolences to the Britton family.

*Catherine Shuler*



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**Catherine Shuler** - November 12, 2024 at 07:23 PM