



Sue Mae Wells

January 10, 1931 - July 18, 2021

Sue Mae Wells, January 10, 1931 - July 18, 2021, a resident of Mayesville, South Carolina, died peacefully at her youngest son's (Michael) home in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sue was born and raised in Mayesville, South Carolina and was raised by her grandparents, West and Sue Belle Plowden. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Wells, Sr. and son, Charlie Wells.

Throughout her years as a member of Unionville A.M.E. Church, she served as a member of the Gospel Choir, Pastor's and Pulpit Aide, Missionary Board, Steward, chair of Stewardess Board #1, and advisor to the Sunbeam Choir. In her early years, Sue worked for Johnson Cleaners and later Georgia Pacific. Prior to retiring, she and her son Clayton opened a dry cleaners in Mayesville, South Carolina.

She was the mother of eight sons, one daughter, twenty-one grandchildren, and twenty-two great grandchildren; her family was her pride and joy. She helped raise her eldest grandchildren in the home, and they affectionately called her "Ma' Ma". After retiring, she worked for Lee County School District as a bus driver and food service personnel to spend more time with her grandchildren who rode her bus. She also enjoyed cooking large holiday meals for her children and grandchildren as they gathered at her home for food, fun and fellowship.

Sue was also committed to community service. She was a member of the Lee County National Council of Negro Women, the organization whose members were instrumental in establishing the historic Mary Mcleod Bethune birth marker and park, which is located a few hundred yards from her home. Her house was often the gathering place for children in the neighborhood.

Sue's remaining immediate family members include: one daughter, Eva Jones of Mayesville, South Carolina; seven sons, Ben Wells, Milton (Mary) Wells, Melvin (Denise) Wells, Clayton (Tammy) Wells, and Carl (Wanda) Wells all of Columbia, South Carolina, Frederick (Dylena) Wells of Mayesville, South Carolina and Michael Wells of Charlotte, North Carolina; three sisters, two brothers, twenty-one grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, seven sisters-in-law, four brothers-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

To access the livestream of the service, please go to Facebook.com, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc., and "like" the page. The livestream video will begin at the designated time of the service.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL **22.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Graveside Service

JUL **23.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Unionville AME Church Cemetery
1330 Swimming Penn Rd
Mayesville , SC 29104

Tribute Wall



“ Sue Mae Wells

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ My condolence to the family. May you be strengthened and encouraged in the words of Phil. 4:6,7.

dw - August 27, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Blessings to the Wells Family....what a blessed eulogy that Rev Wells spoke over his Mother...Mrs Sue Mar Wells. Amen the spirit was there!



Rita Peppers-Hamilton - July 24, 2021 at 05:59 PM



“ I recently received the news of Mrs. Sue Mae's passing and was deeply saddened. I remember her as a mild and gentle soul. She was over the Junior Choir in which I participated as a youngster at Unionville, with Carl playing the piano and Michael singing bass. She was always upbuilding and encouraging. Her love for her family, especially her children, was evident. She prayed for them and taught them to love God. I will miss her dearly! I extend my sincere, heart-felt condolences to the entire family! May God bless and keep all of you in the days to come. 🥹🥹🥹

Roslyn Herrington Collins

Roslyn Herrington Collins - July 23, 2021 at 11:58 AM

FS

“ *Mama and I are so heartbroken to hear of Mrs. Sue Mae 's transition. She was a Godly Woman with a quiet spirit. Some of the fondest memories that I have of Mrs. Sue Mae is seeing her driving to church in her red Cadillac. She would be dressed up with her big wide matching hat. Sometimes we would arrive at the same time. She would greet me and Mama with a smile and she would say , " Hey Say (Mama's name from family members) and Fredia, how y'all doing? " Yes, Mrs. Sue Mae will sorely be miss in Unionville AME Church. To Rev. Carl and the rest of my cousins, yes you had a Jewel of a mother. You all are in our prayers. Hold on to your precious memories of your mother. They will give you much needed strength and comfort!*

Fredia Dean Smith - July 22, 2021 at 09:55 PM

DD

A BEAUTIFUL Soul ,reclaimed by an AWESOME GOD. Cherish the Memories.

Dessie Mixon Davis NCNW Lee Section Charter / Life Member.💕

Dessie Mixon Davis - July 23, 2021 at 09:03 AM

BD

“ *Bonita and Ave Dowell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Sue Mae Wells.*



Bonita and Ave Dowell - July 22, 2021 at 05:10 PM

CW

“ I was sadden to learn of Sue Maes' demise. Sue Mae was my Mother (Bessie) childhood friend and confidante, and remained true throughout adulthood.

Sue Mae you wil often be thought of and never forgotten...

My love and continued prayers to you all "The Wells Family"

*Cheryl D Wilson
Mayesville, SC*

Cheryl D Wilson - July 22, 2021 at 12:22 PM

EF

“ We are so sorry for your loss there is nothing like the loss of a mother .May GOD comfort the family and know that she was well loved and resting in Jesus care. Love the Eaddy Family



Eaddy Family - July 22, 2021 at 09:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sue Mae Wells.



July 21, 2021 at 07:00 PM

TC

“ *What a wonderful blessing to have known Sue Mae for over 55yrs. Always with a smile. Always Beautiful inside and out. She will be missed by many. May you all find some comfort in your Beautiful Memories of her. Prayers of comfort to all during this time. Love, Thomasena and Family*

Thomasena Chestnut-Wheeler - July 21, 2021 at 12:17 PM

GS

“ *We extend our deepest sympathy to your family at this time. Ms. Sue Mae was an inspiration to many .May God guide you at this time and keep you safe.*



*Sorrowly submitted,
Gale Smith
S.Chesterfield, Virginia 23834*

Gale Smith - July 20, 2021 at 03:40 PM

RT

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Well's family, Pastor Wells, Wanda and the family keep looking to the hills. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.*

*Robert and Pearl Thomas
Second Calvary Baptist Church*

Robert and Pearl Thomas - July 20, 2021 at 01:55 PM