

Home-Going Service
for the late
Elder Simon Middleton, Jr.

Sunrise

December 15, 1935

Sunset

March 22, 2002



Wednesday, March 27, 2002

2:00 p.m.

Olive Branch A.M.E. Church

1734 Highway 17 North

Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Reverend Dr. Daniel L. Simmons Sr., Pastor

~Interment~

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Gardens

Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Obituary

Theme: "Who's Side Are You Leaning On?"

Mr. Simon Middleton departed this life on Friday morning, March 22, 2002. He was called from labor to be with the Lord. He was born on December 15, 1935, to the late Mr. Benjamin and Evelina Middleton. He attended the public schools of John's Island, SC.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Sue Smalls on December 31, 1977. After giving his life to the Lord, he began his walk with the Lord. He became a member of Word Prophetic Outreach Ministries. He was busy doing God's work. He visited the hospitals praying for the sick. He prayed for the elderly at the nursing homes. He was always talking to you about Jesus. He would not let anyone pass him by. He always ended his conversation with "let us pray." His favorite songs were, "Who's Side are You Leaning On" and "One More River to Cross."

He was the seventh of eight children. He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife, Mrs. Sue S. Middleton; five daughters, one stepson and one stepdaughter: Mrs. Olivia (Elyrod) Wright, Beatrice (Anthony) Washington, Melvina Middleton, Barbara (John) Elbert, all of Charleston, SC, Mrs. Bonnie (Douglas) King of Magee, MS, Mr. Ray (Karen) Smalls of Mt. Pleasant, SC and Ms. Frenchie Ann Simmons of Charleston, SC; Three Brothers, Mr. James (Wilhelmina) Middleton, two of which proceeded him in death, Mr. Benjamin Middleton and Louis Middleton; Five sisters, Mrs Susanna Grant, Mary (Eugene) Grant, Ms. Evelina Bellinger, and Ms. Eva Middleton, one proceeded him in death, Albertha Nelson; two brothers-in-law, James Smalls and Lee Smalls; Three sisters-in-law, Lorraine Gethers, Helen Smalls, and Veronica Middleton; A loving mother-in-law, Mrs. Hager Smalls of Mt. Pleasant, SC; Seventeen grandchildren; Two great-grand children, nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

When I Must Leave You

When I must leave You for a little while.

*Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
and Hug your sorrow to you through the years.*

But start out bravely with a gallant smile.

And for my sake and in my name.

Live on and do all things the same.

Feed not your loneliness on empty days.

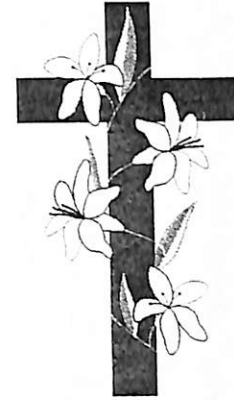
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

*Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near.*

And never, never be afraid to die

For I am waiting for you in the sky.

Helen Siencer Rice



"A Tribute to our Dad"

*From the moment that we were told that you had gone and left us,
our hearts were filled with pain and sorrow; no one will ever know
unless they too have lost a parent. My only regret is that we
didn't get to say good-bye. We love you, but God loved you the
best. We will never forget how you taught us to love and be
respectful to others. You were a sweet and loving father. You did
what Jesus required of you. You sang, prayed and told us the
good news of Jesus. You have finished your course and you fought
a good fight. Jesus came and took his own. Daddy, I know you
loved us, that love will keep us together until we too are called to
meet Jesus in the air. Oh, Jesus! Remember us!*

The Children

written by Barbara Elbert

Olive Branch A.M.E. Church

Funeral

Order of Service

Wednesday, March 27, 2002 2:00pm

Presiding.....Dr. Ludine D. Pinkney

Prelude.....Organist/ Anthony Owens

Processional/ Sentences....Minister

Opening Hymn.....Hymn 483
(When I Can Read My Title Clear)

Prayer

Chant

Solo.....Sis. Rogena Deas

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Psalm 15

New Testament.....Matthew 11:25-30

Solo.....Bro. Bernard Manigault

Remarks.....Sis. Carrie Ellis
Apostle Alvin Pinkney
Pastor Ronald Grant

Acknowledgements.....Sis. Carolyn M. Rouse

Sermon Hymn.....Hymn 450
Blessed Assurance

Message.....Reverend, Dr. Daniel L. Simmons, Sr.
The Lord's Prayer (Chanted)

Celebration Hymn.....Hymn 381
There's Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus

Committal/ Benediction -

Mt. Pleasant Memorial Memorial Gardens

Hallbearers

James Middleton

James Wightall

Luther Smallis

Alongo Ewie

Leon Mayyok

David Conyers, Sr.

Honorary Hallbearers

James Geddis

Terry Heyward

Nathaniel Prieleau

Arthur Prieleau

Douglas King

John Elbert

Floral Bearers

Whears of the Church

In Appreciation

The family of

Elder Simon Middleton

wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness and comfort

shown during their time of bereavement.

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