



Mrs. Ezell Gadsden Middleton

October 13, 1942 - March 16, 2025

Ezell G. Middleton was born October 13, 1942 to Janie Mae Green in Yemassee, SC. She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 16, 2025. Sis. Middleton earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Shaw University in 1983, fusing her knowledge, wisdom, and giftedness to help others for over 30 years at Baptist Hill High School in the Charleston County School District before retiring. Mrs. Middleton was beloved and known for her passion to enrich the lives of all she came in contact with including faculty, staff and most importantly, students. She was very active civically and politically, serving 5 consecutive terms on Hollywood's Town Council and as Mayor Pro Tem amassing 21 years of governmental service. Improving her community was one of her core values demonstrated by the many years she hosted the Summer Free Lunch program at her home and her volunteer work at the Covenant House for at-risk teen girls. After retiring from the educational system, she went on to work for the Roper St. Francis Hospital network where she served as a Triage Administrator ensuring patients received the best quality care in a timely manner. There she retired after serving 20 years. In her professional career and Christian service, she received countless awards and citations for excellent and diligent service at the city, county, state and national levels. She was a pillar in her community. Whether educationally, politically, medically, or communally, her work was not in vain as evidenced by the fruit of her labor. Sis. Ezell was an active member and Sister of the Boaz Chapter #366 of Order of Eastern Star since 1975 and of the Gamma Xi

Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority Inc. since 1984.

She is survived by her 3 sons; Benjamin Gadsden, Jr. (Gilma), Rodney Gadsden (Janet) and Darrell Gadsden (Isabell); 1 Daughter; Leah Brown (Chad); 6 grandchildren; Branden Gadsden (Germaine), Raven Gadsden-Washington (Rae); Taylor Gadsden; Marcus Gadsden, Sierra Gadsden, Kodjo Bazze Gadsden; 1 great grandchild; Major Washington, one godson, Eric Middleton and a host of cousins that were like brothers and sisters.

Cemetery Details

Carolina Memorial Gardens

7113 Rivers Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29406
(843) 797-2222

Previous Events

Wake Service

MAR 28. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Greater Macedonia AME Church
725 Savage Rd
Charleston , SC 29414

Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony

MAR 28. 6:30 PM (ET)

Greater Macedonia AME Church
725 Savage Rd.
Charleston , SC 29407

Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WS

“ I learned a life lesson today, April 14, 2026; I decided to give Ezell a call so I looked up her telephone number on google and regretfully, and to my profound shock, her obituary came up. We were “running buddies” during the 1990’s but when I left Charleston in 1997 to start a new job out of state, we lost contact and I was consumed with new employment/ life challenges. During our friendship in Charleston, I was impressed with her many community activities, especially her AKA Sorors. In fact. it was Ezell who facilitated an AKA scholarship for one of my daughters who was about to start college. I will be forever grateful for her scholarship assistance. As a single parent with three kids, every bit of help mattered tremendously. After returning to Charleston after I retired, we ran into each other at a CVS near my home and we talked several times afterwards. Now, today, I’m learning that she passed over a year ago. So my lesson learned is this: always nurture your friendships regardless of what life throws at you. God bless my AKA friend and thank you for the fun times! Rest in heavenly peace!

Wilma Sykes-Brown - April 14 at 01:08 PM

GS

“ His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Georgette Y Stewart - August 22, 2025 at 11:28 PM

JY

“ To the Middleton and Gadsden families friends and loved ones.
I'm deeply sorry for your loss. □
As the days and weeks pass, and as you return to life's routine, may
you continue to feel comforted by the love and support of family and
friends. ❤️
REST IN PEACE MRS. MIDDLETON ! 🙏❤️🖤
J. BERNICE S. YOUNGBLOOD

J. Bernice S. Youngblood - March 28, 2025 at 03:03 PM

GJ

“ Gloria Aiken Jenkins lit a candle in memory of
Ezell Middleton



Gloria Aiken Jenkins - March 27, 2025 at 10:02 PM

GJ

“ Praying for my family. May God bless you and keep you. Your
cousin Gloria Aiken Jenkins

Gloria Aiken Jenkins - March 27, 2025 at 07:37 PM

PA

“ Pamela Aiken lit a candle in memory of Ezell
Middleton



Pamela Aiken - March 27, 2025 at 07:25 PM

JM

“ This beautiful soul was a class and a Staple of Hollywood SC and has done so much for the community! She was an Amazing Educator and took the time to mold so many students that she came in contact with. Your presence will be missed.Love Peace and Our Sincerest and deepest Condolences to the Family. The Welcome Family💜💜💜💜

Jamila Murray - March 20, 2025 at 09:04 AM

RK

“ Rev. William Kinlaw lit a candle in memory of Ezell Middleton



Rev. William Kinlaw - March 19, 2025 at 07:50 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Dorothy's Home For Funerals, Inc. - March 19, 2025 at 04:07 PM

TF

Our belated and heartfelt condolences to the family members on all sides, friends, coworkers, colleagues, and all of her other loved ones. IN THE BLESSED, HOLY, AND MOST RIGHTEOUS NAME OF my PERSONAL LORD, AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST AMEN, AND AMEN.

The Wannamaker Family - March 20, 2025 at 06:56 PM

DS

To my high school librarian, a sweet woman n that smile says it all, rest on Ms Middleton ❤️

Delores Seabrook - March 20, 2025 at 09:19 PM

IL

To the Middleton Family, Ezell worked with me at St. Francis Hospital in the ER, after she retired, I will still call her and give her items, and other things to give to people in her community, she was a very lovely christian. I will miss her very much. Family, she is with the Lord. I know if there were a stairway, you would bring her back here on earth. You have my deepest sympathy.

Isabell Liggins - March 21, 2025 at 12:36 PM

FR

Thank you Mrs. Middleton for all that you did for my Mom💕🕊️💕 you are forever an Angel..Rest in Peace 💕🕊️💕

Family of the Late Claudia W. Robertson - March 24, 2025 at 09:11 PM

WT

To the Middleton Family, Ezell will be missed. We served on the Steward board at St. Mark AME church and she was a dear friend. My prayers and condolences to the family. Willie Mae Townsend

Willie Mae Townsend - March 24, 2025 at 10:19 PM

MP

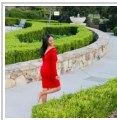
Prayers an Condolences to the Middleton Family Mary B Porter an Family.

Mary B Porter - March 25, 2025 at 09:48 PM

CM

Condolences to the Middleton Family.

Christine Middleton - March 28, 2025 at 12:05 PM



Rest Well Ms. Middleton. Such a woman of class- I first met you at the age of 10 and you have been a major inspiration in my life ever since!

Angela Simms - November 06, 2025 at 03:23 PM