



## Lelia Spates

May 25, 1937 - December 15, 2024

Lelia Mae Spates, born on May 25, 1937, in Lake City, South Carolina, peacefully transitioned to eternal rest on December 15, 2024, at the age of 87, leaving behind a legacy rich in faith and family.

As a devoted Christian, Mother Spates was a woman of profound faith, embodying a life of service, love, and unyielding strength. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bennie Joe Spates, who passed at the young age of 45 in 1981, leaving her the immense responsibility of nurturing their six children. Lelia's faith became her guiding light, as she courageously embraced the challenge of rearing her children, rooted in spiritual and moral fortitude while supporting their academic and professional aspirations.

Her deep-seated faith was reflected in her lifelong membership at the Greater Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, where she served with unwavering dedication under the leadership of Reverend Dr. Norman E. Freeman, Jr. She served on the Mother's Board and Usher Board, and worked with the youth ushers, leaving a significant impact on the community she so dearly loved. A compassionate and wise matriarch, Lelia's strength and grace touched the lives of everyone around her, offering sound advice and an open heart to all who sought her counsel.

Professionally, Lelia dedicated thirty years of service to Holy Cross Hospital,

retiring in 1997. Never one to rest idly, she continued to work in various roles, cherishing the sense of active engagement within her community. Her involvement extended beyond her professional life into the hearts of those around her as a member of the Heroines of Jericho.

Mother Spates is reunited in eternity with her parents, Willis and Eloise Graham, her son Bennie Lee Spates, and her beloved husband, Bennie Joe Spates. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Her compassion, wisdom, and open-hearted nature left an indelible mark on everyone she encountered. As we celebrate her life, we take solace in the knowledge that her legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched and the family she so lovingly nurtured.

Mother Spates will be lovingly remembered by her children: Sheila Lucas (Eddie), Maurice Spates (Cassandra), Gerald Spates, Don Spates (Chanel), and Stacy Spates. Her cherished siblings, Elizabeth McFadden and Charles Turner, as well as her godchild, Aneesa Mitchell, will forever hold her memory close. Lelia's enduring spirit also lives on in her eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, along with her special nieces: Cynthia Watkins, Lillie Spates, Theresa Spates-Freer and Kimberly Jackson, as well as a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. May her memory be a blessing forever

# Cemetery Details

## Pineview Cemetery

400 SW 3rd Avenue  
Deerfield Beach, FL 33441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
420 NW 8th Ave  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

## Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Antioch Baptist Church  
420 NW 8th Ave  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

# Tribute Wall



“ Mommy,

*I love and miss you more I could have ever imagined. Losing you is like a gut punch to my heart and soul. You were an inspiration as a mother, business woman, confidant and Christian. I still can't believe you are gone. GOD makes no mistakes and I know that he has you in the palm of his hands. ☐❤️🙏🙏💔*

*Love your baby, Stacey'*

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**Stacy Spates** - January 25, 2025 at 04:58 PM

RW

“ While serving in the U.S. Navy, Ms. Spates opened up her home and her heart to me and I am forever grateful! You ran your race, you finished your course, take your rest. I will see you in the morning!

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**Rodney L Wright** - December 28, 2024 at 12:36 AM

PJ

“ Phyllis J lit a candle in memory of Lelia Spates

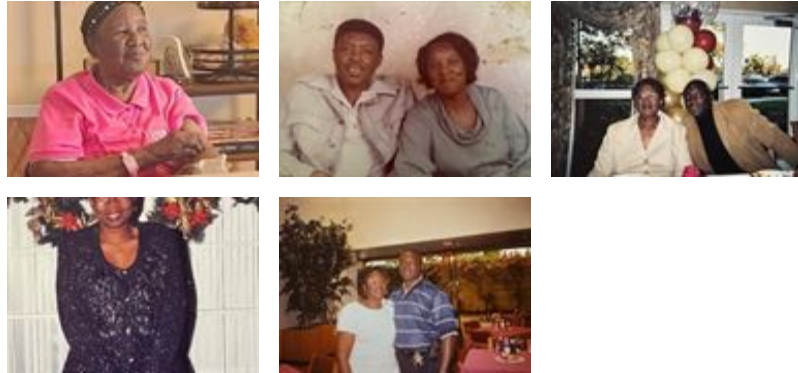


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**Phyllis J** - December 27, 2024 at 02:08 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Life Tributes



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - December 27, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ James and Regina Santiago purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lelia Spates.



James and Regina Santiago - December 27, 2024 at 12:46 PM

LC

“ Love Always Roylene & Chasity purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Lelia Spates.



Love Always Roylene & Chasity - December 27, 2024 at 08:56 AM

PA

“ *Pastor ElaineEpps & Deacon ArchieEpps purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lelia Spates.*



**Pastor ElaineEpps & Deacon ArchieEpps** - December 27, 2024 at 07:19 AM

MF

“ *Mrs. Russel Graham & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Lelia Spates.*



**Mrs. Russel Graham & Family** - December 26, 2024 at 05:58 PM

LH

“ *Love, Shawanna, Kayla, & The Harringtons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lelia Spates.*



**Love, Shawanna, Kayla, & The Harringtons** - December 26, 2024 at 04:48 PM

FF

“ *Frank Turner & Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lelia Spates.*



**Frank Turner & Family** - December 26, 2024 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ *The SarahCare Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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**The SarahCare Family** - December 26, 2024 at 11:43 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 26, 2024 at 09:17 AM

KH

“ *Kimothy Hall purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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**Kimothy Hall** - December 26, 2024 at 02:54 AM

D'

“ *Deerfield Beach High School Class of '89 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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**Deerfield Beach High School Class of '89** - December 26, 2024 at 02:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



December 25, 2024 at 03:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



December 25, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.*

December 25, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *Ola J Handy lit a candle in memory of Lelia Spates*



**Ola J Handy** - December 24, 2024 at 11:20 PM



*Sending our sincerest and deepest condolences. Praying for peace, comfort, and strength for you and your family 🙏. Taylor, Kim, & Felicia*

**Felicia Baker** - December 25, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 24, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.

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December 24, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ *Love Sarah & Gerrod Ward and Pearl Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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**Love Sarah & Gerrod Ward and Pearl Smith** - December 24, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 24, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.

December 24, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ 67 files added to the album Memories Album



L.C. Poitier Funeral Home - December 24, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.



December 23, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.

December 23, 2024 at 05:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 22, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *Frederica Campbell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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**Frederica Campbell** - December 22, 2024 at 11:46 AM



“ *Ronald Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lelia Spates*



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**Ronald Robinson** - December 21, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 20, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.



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December 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.

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December 20, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.



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December 20, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.



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December 20, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 19, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



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December 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lelia Spates.

December 19, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.



December 19, 2024 at 09:37 AM



“ Maureen at salon oasis purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lelia Spates.



**Maureen at salon oasis** - December 19, 2024 at 07:13 AM



“ Al, Gil, Jack, John, Stu purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Lelia Spates.



**Al, Gil, Jack, John, Stu** - December 18, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



December 18, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lelia Spates.*



December 17, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *To Maurice, Stacey and Family...  
You have my sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother.  
Stay Encouraged and draw nearer to one another during this  
bereavement hour and trust that you will see your mom again 🙏*

**Nicole Boyd** - December 16, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ *Sending my deepest and sincerest condolences to you and your family..... 🙏*

**Felicia M Baker** - December 15, 2024 at 07:50 PM

RR

“ *Ronald Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lelia Spates*



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**Ronald Robinson** - December 15, 2024 at 05:17 PM

GA

“ *Condolences to the Spate's family. There's no words to express our deepest sympathy*



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**Georgia Adams** - December 15, 2024 at 02:35 PM