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### Reverend James Cole Middleton

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## Obituary

### Reflections "Under His Wings"

James Cole Middleton, the tenth child of Reverend and Mrs. Jesse (Margaus) Middleton, Sr., made his advent into this world November 8, 1932 via Charleston, South Carolina.

James received his early education at Simonton Elementary School and Burke Industrial High School of Charleston, South Carolina. He received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education and Music from Allen University. Later, he received the Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from Atlanta University.

### "I Am Safely Abiding"

At seven months of age, his parents gave him to Christ via Holy Baptism. He became an ardent Sunday School Student and sang in the youth quartet with his brothers. At the age of twelve, during a Crusade led by Evangelist Odum, James confessed Christ as his Savior and continued to serve in the Sunday School as an usher. He was assigned to Class 67 under the leadership of Sister Smalls. At Allen University, James became a member of the "Album of Faith" singers and held many and various elected positions in the Young Men's Christian Association.

### "Tho' the Night Deepens and Tempest Are Wild"

James enlisted and served his country during the Korean conflict as a Specialist First Class in the Artillery Unit of the United States Army.

In 1957, James was employed by Bulloch County Board of Education as a Science Teacher and Director of School Chorus at Willow Hill Elementary School, Portal, Georgia. Later he was appointed the Principal of Edward Johnson Elementary School. During the consolidation of schools, James was transferred to Julia P. Bryant Elementary School as Assistant Principal. Because of National trends and world wide discussion of the "Plight of black administrators in public school," James was appointed Assistant Principal of Marvin Pittman Laboratory School, Georgia Southern College.

As a resident of this community, James sought to serve the

youth as Boy Scout Leader, Basketball Coach, Track Coach and Director of Youth Choirs. James was a life member of the N.A.A.C.P.

His knowledge of, and love for church music found him serving both Laymen as Minister, as teacher of Hymnology and church related music.

### "Still I Can Trust Him, I Know He Will Keep Me"

In 1975, James was ordained an Elder and was assigned to the Millen Circuit as Pastor of Mount Olive and Bethel A.M.E. Churches. He served these members for four years. In June 1979, he was appointed Pastor of Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Church, Homersville, Georgia. During his brief pastorage, Reverend Middleton organized a Music Class and served as its Instructor. Reverend Middleton served faithfully until his sudden demise on February 4th.

### "He Has Redeemed Me"

Reverend James Cole Middleton leaves to remember his life, a very loyal congregation, a devoted wife, Rose; two daughters, Janice and Andrea; mother, Mrs. Margaret Middleton; brothers, Charles, Ernest and Clarence; sisters, Evelina, Katheryn, Adele and Louise; mother-in-law, Mrs. Lizzie Sargent; sisters-in-law, Mary Middleton, Thelma Middleton, Mable Middleton, Jeanette Sargent, Ernestine Sargent, Mary Bostic and Evelyn Heyward; brothers-in-law, William Weathers, Benjamin Gerrideau, George Sargent, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

### "For I Am His Child Safely Abiding Forever"

Amen

February 4, 1980



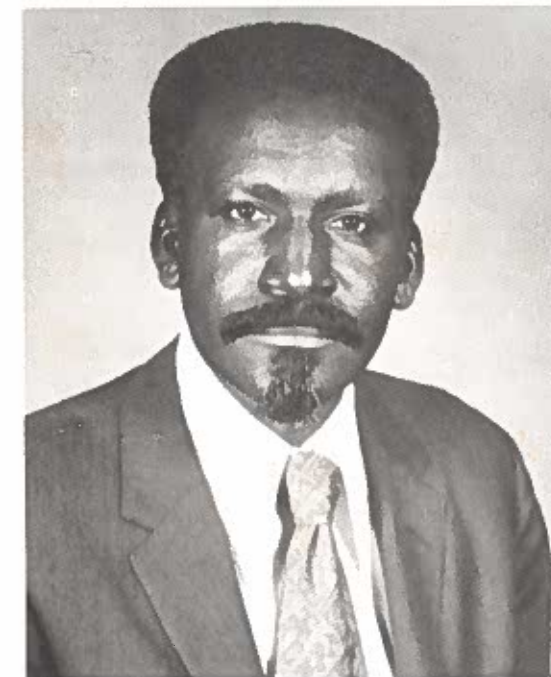
The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their bereavement.

God Bless each of you.

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## Obsequies

for



Reverend James Cole Middleton

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Statesboro, Georgia

Rev. A. J. Patterson, Presiding

Thursday, February 7, 1980 — 3:00 p.m.

and

Morris Brown A.M.E. Church

Charleston, South Carolina

Rev. Z. L. Grady, Presiding

Friday, February 8, 1980 — 11:00 a.m.

# Order of Service

## Bethel A.M.E. Church

Thursday, February 7, 1980

PRESIDING ..... Rev. A. J. Patterson  
PROCESSIONAL ..... "Flee As A Bird"  
HYMN No. 5 ..... "Jesus The Name High Over All"  
INVOCATION ..... Rev. A. L. Washington  
SCRIPTURE — Old Testament ..... Rev. Charles W. Pitts  
New Testament ..... Rev. I. McCormick  
HYMN ..... "Does Jesus Care"  
AS WE KNEW HIM  
AN EDUCATOR ..... Mr. Louis Woodrum  
Mr. Johnny Tremble  
OUR MINISTER ..... Mr. John Cooper  
Mr. W. Hardee  
SOLO ..... Mrs. Eloise Williams  
A MINISTER ..... Rev. Benjamin Gay  
A BROTHERS ..... Rev. Lee Jerome Jones  
SOLO "Under His Wings" ..... Rev. Morris L. Hood  
EULOGY ..... Rev. J. P. Green  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Mrs. Laura Bell Martin  
RECESSIONAL ..... "Retreat"

## Morris Brown A.M.E. Church

Friday, February 8, 1980

PRESIDING ..... Rev. Z. L. Grady  
PROCESSIONAL ..... "Flee As A Bird"  
HYMN No. 325 "When I Can Read My Title Clear"... "Moore"  
INVOCATION  
SCRIPTURE — Old Testament ..... Rev. B. J. Finklea  
New Testament  
SOLO "Gods Tomorrow" ..... Miss Edna Green  
AS WE KNEW HIM  
A CHURCH MEMBER ..... Mr. Richard Brewer  
SOLO ..... Mr. Abraham Waring  
EULOGY ..... Rev. Z. L. Grady  
MUSIC "Under His Wings" ..... The Choraliers  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
RECESSIONAL ..... "Does Jesus Care"  
INTERMENT ..... Morris Brown Cemetery

## Honorary Attendants

Officers of Brown's Chapel A.M.E. Church  
Ministers of Waycross District  
Black Ministerial Alliance, Statesboro, Georgia

Charleston, South Carolina  
Brothers, Nephews and Nieces

## Bier Attendants

Mr. Charlie Lewis	Mr. Bobby Simmons
Mr. Robert Donaldson	Mr. Morris Ward
Mr. Roosevelt Love	Mr. E. B. Lee

## Floral Attendants

Mrs. Sarah Lee	Mrs. Maxine Royal
Mrs. Hazel Allen	Mrs. Lee Bertha Wilson
Mrs. Juanita Wells	Mrs. Ruby Reeves
Mrs. Janie Ruth Smith	Ms. Francis Tremble
Ms. Glennera Martin	Ms. Constance Jones
Ms. Agnes Young	Mrs. Lela Bond

## A Minister or Brethren Parting on Earth

Dear Friends, Farewell, I do you tell

Since you and I must part

I go away, but where you stay

But still we're joined in heart.

I leave you all, both great and small

To Christ Encircling Arms

Which can you save from hells dark grave

And shield you from all harms.

There we shall meet in bliss complete

And long, together dwell

To love the Lord with one accord,

So, Brethren all, Farewell.

—Unknown

Arrangements By

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Gadsden Funeral Home, Charleston, South Carolina