



## Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley

September 30, 1927 - February 19, 2026

### Obituary

Leola Randolph Coakley was born September 30, 1927, to the late Sherman Randolph and the late Geraldine Geathers, both from South Santee, South Carolina. Leola was affectionately called, Ola, Momma, OP, and Grandmommy. She was a graduate of Laing High School and enjoyed playing basketball in her spare time.

Leola married the love of her life, Benjamin F. Coakley. Their union was blessed with five children and 75 years of marriage. Her spiritual growth was received at a young age at Mt. Zion Church on Santee Road and it continued at Ebenezer Church where she was a loyal member of the Senior Choir.

As she moved forward in life, Leola attended Trident Technical College and enrolled in a course in Child Development in 1987. She had lots of work experience caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She also worked four years at Roper Hospital in the Dietary Department until she retired.

Her favorite hobbies were walking, gardening, cooking and sewing.

She gained her heavenly wings on Thursday, February 19, 2026 and slipped into the loving arms of Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Benjamin Coakley, Sr.; sons: Benjamin Coakley, Jr. and Edward Coakley (Tina); granddaughter: Velvet C. Brown; and siblings: Peter Randolph, Mary Frasier (Lisbon), Dorothy Gillyard (Henry) and Elder John Randolph (Ethel). Leola will be deeply missed. She leaves to cherish her

memories, her children: Diana Coakley Brown, Linda Coakley and Joan Coakley; grandchildren: Tyeasha, Na'Shannon, Keith, Amber, Zan, Edwin (Shanequa), Abdul, Micheal (Daisy), Benjamin, III, Tameeka, and Shameeka; 20 great-grandchildren; brother: Lonnie Randolph (Susan); and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley, 98, of Charleston, entered eternal rest on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children: Dianna Coakley Brown, Linda Coakley and Joan Coakley; grandchildren: Tyeasha, Shannon, Keith, Amber, Zan, Edwin, Abdul, Micheal, Benjamin III, Tameeka, and Shameeka; twenty (20) great grandchildren; siblings: Lonnie Randolph and a host of relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her spouse: Benjamin F. Coakley; parents: Rev. Sherman Randolph; sons: Benjamin Coakley and Edward Coakley; siblings: Peter Randolph, Mary Randolph Frasier, Dorothy Randolph Gillyard and Elder John Randolph, Jr.

#### Public Viewing

Friday, February 27, 2026

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Family Hour: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

44 Nassau Street - Charleston, SC

#### Celebration of Life Service

Saturday, February 28, 2026

11:00 AM

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

#### Interment

Old Board Cemetery

South Santee Road  
McClellanville, SC

The Service will be LIVE-STREAMED via the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home  
FACEBOOK PAGE!

# Cemetery Details

## Old Board Cemetery

7 Mile Rd.  
McClellanville, SC 29458

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer AME Church  
44 Nassau Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

## Celebration of Life Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Ebenezer AME Church  
44 Nassau Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

## LIVE STREAM VIEWING

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *My Deepest Condolences to the family 🙏*



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**Annette Simmons** - February 27 at 10:29 AM

AM

“ *Anthony McKnight lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley*



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**Anthony McKnight** - February 26 at 07:51 PM

AF

“ *We just wanted to share our Sympathies & Condolences to The Coakley Families and Relatives and friends, May God Bless you all!!!!*

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**Anthony & Mary McKnight & Family** - February 26 at 07:49 PM

MB

“ *Our condolences and prayers for the Coakley Family. May God strengthen and sustain you all during this difficult time.*

*Marie Bennett & Family*



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**Marie Bennett** - February 26 at 06:23 PM

SS

“ *My condolences to the Coakley family.*



Stacy Spruill - February 26 at 06:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.*



February 26 at 01:17 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.*

February 26 at 01:17 PM

RR

“ *Rev. Christopher and Carmen Randolph purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.*



Rev. Christopher and Carmen Randolph - February 26 at 12:20 PM

RR

“ Rev. Christopher and Carmen Randolph planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.

Rev. Christopher and Carmen Randolph - February 26 at 12:20 PM

AH

“ Annette Holmes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley



Annette Holmes - February 25 at 05:34 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.



February 25 at 01:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley.

February 25 at 01:19 PM

VW

“ *Val Winns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley*



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**Val Winns** - February 24 at 03:21 PM

TM

“ *TRACEY MIDDLETON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley*



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**TRACEY MIDDLETON** - February 24 at 09:27 AM

AW

“ *Ada Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley*



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**Ada Washington** - February 22 at 09:09 AM

SM

“ To THE COAKLEY family. You have our deepest condolences and prayers in the transitioning of your love one. We have known your family for over 40 years- as we were next door neighbors. The last time I saw Mrs. Coakley, she came with Zan to my church about a year ago. Zan, you really took care of mama. We enjoyed the videos that you shared. Mama lived a great life- almost 100 years. God is AWESOME! Our prayer is that God will give you strength, comfort and peace as you all face the days ahead. We know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Mrs. Coakley is now with her Father. With our love, Evie and family, Ms. Bea, Bubbles and family and Landa and family.

"WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT; BUT JOY COMES IN THE MORNING."

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**Shirley McPherson** - February 20 at 04:36 PM

LG

“ Lorie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Leola Randolph Coakley



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**Lorie Garrett** - February 20 at 04:16 PM

JK

“ *Zan and family...my thoughts prayers are with you and your family! Zan... we just spoke of your grandmother on last week, and to hear your voice, it made me realize that you were going to be ok! You did a GREAT job with taking care of your "mama!!! The doctor appointments and you ensuring that she was adorned with a tam hat placed on her head for warmth..and the oranges I made sure she received! She has a new address and a new walk! You did well girly!!! Take your rest Mrs. Coakley.....servant of God well done!*

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**Jametta L. King** - February 20 at 02:50 PM