



Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden

March 20, 1930 - April 1, 2021

Mrs. Martha G.B. Simmons Gadsden, 91, of North Charleston and affectionately known to all as "Martha Lou" entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Mrs. Gadsden is a retired restaurateur of her well renowned restaurant, "Martha Lou's" Kitchen.

A Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Gadsden will be held on Friday, April 9, 2021. A PUBLIC WALK-THRU VIEWING for family and friends (NO SITTING) will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, 2119 Dorchester Rd., N. Charleston, SC 29405. Interment: Carolina Memorial Park, 7113 Rivers Ave., N. Charleston, SC. MASKS are required for all attendees.

Mrs. Gadsden is survived by her children, Joyce C. Taylor (Jerome), Rodney C. Gadsden (Linda), Debra S. Worthy, Ruth G. Gregory, James S. Gadsden, Lillie Mae Gadsden, Clayton L. Gadsden and Bernard E. Gadsden (Dorothea); a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wmsmithmcnealfuneralhome.com

Arrangements made by Smith-McNeal Funeral Home, Inc., 2119 Dorchester Rd., N. Charleston, SC 29405.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

APR 9 (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ *Pearlene G Dawson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden*



Pearlene G Dawson - April 25, 2021 at 12:19 AM

Marti
Beauchamp

“ *We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Martha Lou. We were privileged to enjoy her food about 2 years ago when we visited Charleston. It was our first stop upon arriving and our last stop on the way back to the airport. We loved the fried chicken, collard greens, and the hospitality was supreme! Rest In Peace, Sweet Lady.*
M & M from Kansas

Marti Beauchamp - April 10, 2021 at 11:23 AM

TT

“ *Thelma M. Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden*



Thelma M. Thomas - April 09, 2021 at 02:03 PM

CC

“ Dawn, Richard, Micah and family. You all our in my orayers and thoughts. Earth has no sorrow that heaven can not heal. May God keep you in His care and the memories you will hold close to your heart.

Love, Aunt Cha(rlene) Coffee - Painesville, Ohio

Charlene Coffee - April 09, 2021 at 01:55 PM

BS

“ Beatrice Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden



Beatrice Smith - April 09, 2021 at 11:15 AM

BS

To Mr and Mrs J Taylor I am so sorry to hear about your mom but I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time

Beatrice Smith - April 09, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GF

“ Glenn Frasier lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden



Glenn Frasier - April 09, 2021 at 06:39 AM

CS

“ Chief Willie Johnson, Retired Greenville SC purchased the Mrs. Fields Large Combo Basket for the family of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden.



Chief Willie Johnson, Retired Greenville SC - April 08, 2021 at 11:38 PM

WJ

“ To the Family of Mrs. Martha Lou Simmons Gadsden - It is with profound grief that my wife (Jannie) and I extend to you Joyce (Jerome) and all the Taylor family our deepest sympathy. My family thought very highly of Martha Lou and the outstanding example she sat for her family. We considered her as our mother in Charleston.

We stand with each of you and offer our love God bless you and keep you in this time of sorrow! Chief Willie (Jannie) Johnson Retired, Greenville SC

willie johnson - April 08, 2021 at 11:27 PM

LC

“ Lendall And Naomi Collins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden



Lendall and Naomi Collins - April 08, 2021 at 08:51 PM

BL

“ A beautiful, kind hearted, talented lady; may she rest in divine peace.

Bishop Trenton D. Lambright - April 08, 2021 at 07:03 PM

LM

“ To Melanie Alston & Family-

Please accept my condolences on the passing of your dear Grandmother. I am so glad to have had the opportunity to become an honorary member of your family under her watch.

Ms. Martha Lou was a wonderful lady and will be truly missed by all.

Please know that I will always be there for you should you ever need me. You and your family will be in our thoughts.

*Love,
La-Sonja, Lee and Julian Murray*

La-Sonja Murray - April 08, 2021 at 06:15 PM

SM

“ To Rodney Gadsden & Family-

Please accept our sincere Condolences on the Loss off Your Mother. May God's Peace Comforts You All, during this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Yvonne White
Francine Williams
Sonya & Derrell Mitchell*



Sonya Mitchell - April 08, 2021 at 04:17 PM

LW

“ To Ms. Joyce Taylor & Family,

My sincere and heartfelt condolences to you and your family! I had the pleasure of dining at Martha Lou's Kitchen, and each time was a delight. The food and her sweet hospitality was so inviting. Let the fond memories of your Mom live on through you, because your family is truly blessed to have a Mom so sweet! Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Ms Martha Lou ~~ you are loved by all in the community that you so faithfully served.

Job Well Done, thy good and faithful servant!

*Blessings,
LaWanda Williams
Summerville, South Carolina*

LaWanda Williams - April 08, 2021 at 02:13 PM

BA

“ Brenda Alston lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden



Brenda Alston - April 08, 2021 at 01:04 PM

BA

Love and prayers to my dear girlfriend/Sister Joyce Taylor and the Gadsden families. Philippians 4:7:pray: I will never ever forget Martha Lou♥fond memories of her love for my family will linger on forever🙏♥

Brenda Alston - April 08, 2021 at 01:11 PM

JL

“ Our condolences to the family of our dear Miss Martha Lou. She was a beautiful woman & entrepreneur! I pray the family keeps the legend going! We love her & will miss her! Sleep in heavenly peace 🙏❤️

Joanne Lucas - April 08, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden.



April 08, 2021 at 07:11 AM

CT

“ Charlene Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden



Charlene Thompson - April 08, 2021 at 04:02 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden.



April 07, 2021 at 08:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden.*



April 06, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Sending my condolences to the family. I remember Martha Lou since way back during the Ladson house time. She was not only a good cook, but a sweet heart to everyone that she met she will be missed!! Jeanette Burton*

Jeanette Burton - April 05, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Martha Gertrude Beulah Simmons Gadsden.*



April 05, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ *I will truly miss you your fried chicken box was my favorite so Daughters keep the memories alive love you all Diane from the parking garage ya'll know my order*



DianeRavenel - April 03, 2021 at 01:26 PM

NB

“ I just want to say 'thank you' to Mrs. Martha, and to her whole family. Although we only met Mrs Martha at Martha Lou's, as patrons, we will always remember her. Martha Lou's was a gift to the whole Charleston community, and can never be replaced. We were so sad when it closed. We were so sad to read of her passing. She was one class act, and your whole family made everyone feel so welcome and at home. Really, I think Martha Lou's was absolutely *THE* best thing about Charleston. Our hearts go out to you.

From Nan B

Nan Birdwhistell - April 02, 2021 at 02:35 PM

RA

“ Ruth, Melanie and the rest of the family, I send my deepest condolences. One of the sweetest ladies I knew who raised a wonderful family. May peace carry you my friends. Robert Anderson.

robert anderson - April 02, 2021 at 07:53 AM

KR

“ Dear friends and family of beloved Martha Lou. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. When I visited as a patron of the kitchen, she treated me like family. Martha Lou was the embodiment of hospitality. While the community feels a great loss, we know that we are better for having had the opportunity to know her for an hour, a day or a lifetime.

Kirsten Rutherford - April 01, 2021 at 08:31 PM

DB

My condolences go to the family of Mrs. Marths Lou. Donna Ford Burgess and family.

Donna Burgess - April 04, 2021 at 11:23 PM