



Mrs. Lessie Mae McLeod, “Peaches” as she was affectionately known was born on February 5, 1951 to the late Louise and Israel Hightower in Bamberg, South Carolina. **Lessie** departed this earthly life to enter eternal life on Friday, August 5, 2016 at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence, South Carolina. She was ready and prepared when our Lord called her home.

She attended the public schools of New York City, New York obtaining her formal education. She was employed as a home health care provider and child giver in her early days. She was a great cook who shared her gift with everyone. She was well known for her fabulous sweet potato pies and her passion for crafting small handmade jewelry.

Lessie met the love of her life, Robert McLeod at a young age and was married for forty-five years. This union was blessed with three children, whom she adored and was very proud of; **Lessie** accepted our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early stage in her life and loved working in the church. She would make her presence known during worship services by always encouraging the choir to sing in her voice, “Sing Choir.” She was a member of the Powerhouse Christian Church where she served faithfully until her health began to fail. **Lessie** was a jovial person who loved life and loved her family; she will be missed and always in our hearts.

Lessie is preceded in death by two brothers: Willie James Hightower and Sam Hightower; two sisters: Annie Mae Haynes and Ella Mae Carter; a sister-n-law: Carrie Smith and two brothers-n-law: J. C. McLeod and Sampson McLeod.

Lessie leaves to cherish her memories ~ a loving, caring and devoted husband: Robert; her children: James Hightower of Winston-Salem, NC, Robert Hightower of Latta, SC, Lisa (Dominque) McLeod of Dillon, SC; four grandchildren: Kiasia, Zavyon, Serenity and Sencere McLeod all of Dillon, SC; one god-daughter: Jelena Hardy of New York; one sister: Eartha Mae Middleton of Bamberg, SC; five brothers: Eugene Hightower of Bamberg, SC, Johnnie Hightower of Queens, NY, Israel Hightower Jr. of Brooklyn, NY, James Hightower of Orlando, FL and Herbert Hightower of Allendale, SC; four sisters-n-law: Bertha Hemphill, Inez Owens, Ruth McLeod and Lucille (James) Green; three brothers-n-law: Willie (Cola) McLeod, Roy (Neto) McLeod, Joe Howard (Debra) McLeod; a special friend: Sue Little of New York and a host of other special nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends too numerous to name.