



Maxine Celestia Goodson

October 7, 1938 - November 3, 2025

Maxine Celestia Cardwell was born on October 7, 1938, in Martinsville, Virginia, to the late Ida Lois Shelton and John Cardwell. Mickee, as she was affectionately known, attended Albert Harris High School and, after graduation, continued her education at Hampton Institute, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree. In the late 1950s, she relocated to Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she met her best friend and life partner, Alfred Jones Goodson. From their union came three beloved daughters: Alicia, Kyle, and Kelley.

A passionate educator, Mickee began her career teaching Home Economics in the Bridgeport School System. She later earned a Master's degree in Counseling and became a school guidance counselor. She went on to complete her Education Specialist (ED.S) Degree from the University of Bridgeport, pursuing her dream of leadership in education. After thirty-eight years of dedicated service, she retired from Roberto Clemente Middle School.

Following her retirement, Mickee and Al moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. She visited many churches before finding her spiritual home at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where she became an active member of the Senior Choir and the Quilting Ministry. Deeply committed to civic engagement, she was also politically active, always advocating for the underserved.

In her leisure time, Mickee enjoyed yoga, quilting, gardening, traveling, cooking, and—above all—spending time with her family.

Mickee was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; her parents, Ida Lois Shelton and John Cardwell; her grandson, Gregory Goodson; and two sisters, Sabena Mack and Gaye Williams. She leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Alicia Goodson, Kyle Goodson, and Kelley Mitchell (Richard); a sister, Antionette Styer (Philadelphia); a granddaughter, Bianca Mitchell; a great-grandson, Zaire Mittchell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Though she has gone home to rest with the Lord, her light continues to shine in the hearts she touched.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Memorial Gardens

1504 W. Sugar Creek Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Delta's Service

NOV 15. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3400 Beatties Ford Rd
Charlotte, NC 28216-3740
(704) 392-0392

Visitation

NOV 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
3301 Beatties Ford Road
Charlotte, NC

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Sending Hugs, Prayers and Condolences to Alicia, Kelley and Kyle who were our dear friends when we lived in CT, along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goodson. We know Mrs. Goodson is now rejoicing with her husband up in Heaven. Love always to the family, Kim Parker, Wiley and Josh Brown, and Maxine and Carl Phillips

Kim Parker Brown - November 16, 2025 at 08:04 PM

TJ

“ Tressa Spears Jackson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Celestia Goodson.

Tressa Spears Jackson - November 13, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maxine Celestia Goodson.



November 13, 2025 at 03:38 PM

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“ Charlene and Gloria Hampton 1960 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maxine Celestia Goodson.



Charlene and Gloria Hampton 1960 - November 13, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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Charlene and Gloria Hampton 1960 - November 13, 2025 at 03:08 PM

EC

“ *Eric and Densie Couben purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maxine Celestia Goodson.*



Eric and Densie Couben - November 13, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ *Eric and Densie Couben planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maxine Celestia Goodson.*

Eric and Densie Couben - November 13, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Mother, thank you for all you've done for me. You were a wonderful mother. I will miss you your beautiful smile and your warm hugs. I pray you are resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus and that we will see each other again. I love you.*



Alicia Goodson - November 13, 2025 at 09:12 AM

KB

Sending Hugs and Prayers to Alicia, Kelley and Kyle who were our dear friends when we lived up in CT years ago. My parents were dear friends to both Mr. and Mrs. Goodson and we know that Mrs. Goodson is rejoicing in Heaven with her husband now. Love Always, Kim Parker, Wiley and Josh Brown, and Maxine and Carl Phillips

Kim Parker Brown - November 15, 2025 at 12:01 AM

LJ

“ *Love, Margaret & Wilbur Evans, Jr. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Maxine Celestia Goodson.*



Love, Margaret & Wilbur Evans, Jr. - November 12, 2025 at 09:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maxine Celestia Goodson.*



November 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM