



Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding

June 14, 1947 - January 28, 2021

Lesley McDaniel “Mac” Spaulding was born on June 14, 1947 in Clarkton, North Carolina, Columbus County. He was the oldest of three children born to the late Daniel Lesley and Alice Shaw Spaulding. He departed this earthly life Thursday, January 28, 2021 at his home residence among loved ones.

Lesley was a graduate of Artesia High School in Hallsboro, North Carolina, Class of 1965. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Education in 1973 from Elizabeth City State University, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. In 1968 during the pursuit of his bachelor’s degree, he was drafted into the United States Air Force. Lesley served his country with pride and later in the reserves with the local National Guard Unit 514th MP. He served in the military for more than twenty-five years. After active duty service in Air Force, he worked in the Edgecombe County school system as an educator for nearly thirty years.

He was united in holy matrimony in December 1967 to Gloria Bowman in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. This union was blessed for 53 years of devotion, support, love and produced three children, Sharnelle, Monica and Darryl.

Lesley was a member of Rehobeth A.M.E. Zion Church in Clarkton North Carolina as a youth. Later as an adult, he became an active member at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, North Carolina, where he served faithfully on the Men’s Usher Board and Trustee Board. He was a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, Kappa Alpha Psi

Fraternity Inc., and National Association of American Veterans. He was a businessman and owner of Spaulding Cleaning Service for nearly forty years. "Mac" was always willing to help others in need and provide advice whenever solicited. He was devoted to his wife and children. He loved participating in family and church activities. He was a kind and gentle person who always put his family first. He loved spent time fishing, grilling outdoors and travelling places with family. He was a dedicated gardener who often tended to his vegetable garden in the backyard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Malcolm Ray Spaulding of Clarkton, North Carolina.

Lesley leaves to cherish his precious memories, a loving and supportive wife, Gloria Spaulding of Greenville, North Carolina; two daughters, Sharnelle Phifer (Julian) of Durham, North Carolina, Monica Topping (James) of Durham, North Carolina; one son, Darryl Spaulding (Tasha) of Virginia Beach, Virginia; one sister, Marion Spaulding-Webb of Charlotte, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Zyonna Spaulding, Gabrielle Phifer, Jazzmin Spaulding, Jaylah Spaulding, Aaron Phifer and Quinn Topping; two brothers-in law; four sisters-in-law; one aunt, one uncle, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church
1001 Hooker Road
Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Sheri Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Sheri Taylor - February 23, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ *Ebony Farmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Ebony Farmer - February 10, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *So saddened to hear of Mr Spaulding's passing. He was my absolute FAVORITE teacher from Jr High. Always witty, direct and kind-hearted. My heartfelt condolences to his wife & family. He truly was a rare gem & will be missed.*

*Love,
Ebony (Former student from South Edgecombe)*

Ebony Farmer - February 10, 2021 at 09:52 PM

JS

“ Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Jeffrey Savage - February 05, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BB

“ Gloria and Family:

Please allow me and my family to express our sincere sympathy for your lost of Lesley. He was a great person and a true friend. The Elizabeth City guys accepted him as an "Honored Homeboy" . Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. Lesley was an amazing man and he will truly be missed.”



May the LORD bless thee, and keep thee; may the LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee and may the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace during this most difficult time.

Our love, thoughts and prayers,

Bruce and Sandra Boyd

Bruce Boyd - February 04, 2021 at 07:27 PM

BS

“ Dearest Gloria, my friend since 1stgrade, you and your family have our deepest condolences on the death of Lesley. It dawned on me when I heard of his death,that each time I ever saw him, he always had a smile on his face. May God continue to bless you and your beloved family as you embrace your new normal. Recall the beautiful memories you've shared over the years. With love and prayers, Gil and Brenda Anderson Shepherd.

Brenda Anderson Shepherd - February 04, 2021 at 12:55 PM

DE

“ Dear Gloria and family, Just a word to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you bid farewell for a while to the love of your life. My prayer is that God's sustaining grace and love will keep you and comfort you as best it can during this time and the days ahead. May it be of some comfort to know that I and others care and share with you Sincerely and with love Deborah Hall Ebron

Deborah Hall Ebron - February 04, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding.



February 04, 2021 at 08:56 AM

CL

“ *Cassandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Cassandra Lewis - February 03, 2021 at 09:10 PM

DA

“ *Deepest condolences to the family. So sorry for your loss. We were classmates from first grade through 12th grade. We were all best friends. RIP Mac!*

Dorothy Tomlin Andrews - February 03, 2021 at 09:05 PM

LH

“ *Over thirty years ago, I was a brand new teacher at South Edgecombe. Always supportive, Mr. Spaulding taught me to be a better teacher, and human. At lunch, he shared loving stories of his family. His kindness and generosity filled our school, and his sense of humor created smiles daily. The students clearly looked up to him. I am forever grateful that I had the privilege of knowing him and learning from him.
May he rest in peace. My love and prayers go to the family.*

Larisa B. Harrison - February 03, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JH

My sister & I were both students of Mr. Spaulding @ South Edgecombe in 83-84. We will be praying the families strength... James & Timethia Hines

James Hines - February 05, 2021 at 03:32 AM

DA

“ Dorothy Tomlin Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Dorothy Tomlin Andrews - February 03, 2021 at 08:57 PM

BB

“ To the family of Lesley.
I worked with Lesley at Carver and South Edgecombe . He was a fine, fine man ! Everyone loved him and thought the world of him.
Many prayers for your family.
Barbara Pittman Bowser

Barbara Bowser - February 03, 2021 at 02:39 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Betty Nurse - February 03, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DA

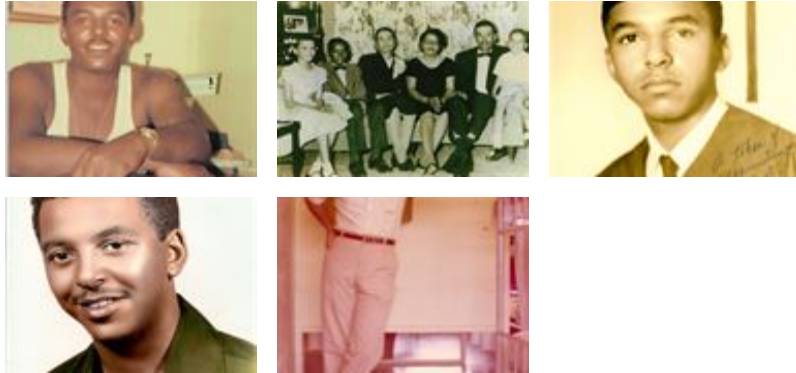
“ Dorothy Tomlin Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Dorothy Tomlin Andrews - February 03, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ 91 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - February 03, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding.



February 03, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ *My condolences and prayers to the family.
RIP*



Alisha Jenkins - February 03, 2021 at 09:48 AM



Sincere Condolences from the Armstrong Family..

Joseph Armstrong - February 03, 2021 at 07:01 PM

PG

“ *Phyllis Gorham-Battle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Phyllis Gorham-Battle - February 03, 2021 at 09:43 AM

TW

“ *Thank you for being an awesome teacher and making sure we stayed in line. Job well done. Rest in paradise now. Tonya Williams-Harper*



Tonya Williams-Harper - February 03, 2021 at 02:14 AM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 02, 2021 at 10:57 PM

MK

“ *Marietta J. Killebrew lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Marietta J. Killebrew - February 02, 2021 at 09:57 PM

RS

“ We were simply heartbroken to hear of Lesley’s transition. Our years of working at South Edgcombe Middle School were brighter because of Lesley. He was a great friend and awesome educator. The world was made a better place wherever he was. We send love and prayers to Lesley’s family. Thank you for sharing him with the rest of us. We last saw him at our retirement dinner in 2014. It was such a joy to see him and Mrs. Spaulding. May the love you shared with him and the good Lord be your comfort. We will join the live stream service. Sincerely,



Rev. and Mrs. Bobby L. Simmons, Sr. - February 02, 2021 at 08:53 PM

SA

“ Stevie Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Stevie Armstrong - February 02, 2021 at 08:29 PM

BA

“ McDaniel was my classmate from first grade thru high school . He was a wonderful Human Being although a bit mischievous at times. My thoughts and prayers are with you family . May you have comfort and peace. Rest In Peace Mac .
Barbara J. Armstrong ("Butchie")



Barbara J. Armstrong - February 02, 2021 at 08:15 PM

TJ

“ *Mr. Spaulding was known for his strict behavior tactics. He always believed in treating every child fairly. Mr. Spaulding always had a warm smile no matter the situation.*

I am a former student who remembers fond memories of him at South Edgcombe. Never a dull moment around him and always a lesson learned.

My condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Mr. Spaulding.

Tameka Johnson - February 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding.*



February 02, 2021 at 05:55 PM

SA

“ *Stevie Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Stevie Armstrong - February 02, 2021 at 04:14 PM

EB

“ I am Ella Battle from Rocky Mount, NC. Leslie and I worked together in Edgecombe County Public Schools for about 20 years. He was a very caring and dedicated teacher. He really really loved and did whatever it took to meet the need of ALL of his students. He was not only a co-worker but a great friend. He will surely be missed. I am praying for the family. Hold your dear memories of him close to your heart until you meet again. Be blessed and stay safe.

Ella Battle - February 02, 2021 at 02:41 PM

SK

“ I was Sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Spaulding. He was such a Great Teacher....one of the Best. Sending My Condolences and Prayers To the Family at this difficult time.

Sharon Killebrew - February 02, 2021 at 09:23 AM

EB

Family I apologize for the typo: Leslie instead of LESLEY in my comments. Be blessed.

Ella Battle - February 03, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JR

“ Gloria so sorry for your loss praying for the family he always seemed to be a great man every time we met at the post home he will be missed

Jacquelyn Reid - February 02, 2021 at 08:16 AM

SM

“ I extend my sincere condolences to Lesley's family. It was my honor to work with him for years in Edgecombe County Schools. He was a great teacher and role model for students, a gentleman, and a friend. I pray that he will rest in peace. Sylvia Moore

Sylvia Moore - February 01, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Janice Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Janice Reid - February 01, 2021 at 09:29 PM

WM

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Wilburay McNeill - February 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM

WM

“ *Wilburay McNeill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Wilburay McNeill - February 01, 2021 at 09:03 PM

NB

“ *Mr. Spaulding was a true friend to our family, a leader in our church and a committed and dedicated family man. We will miss him at church and in the community. Much love to the Spaulding family. Thanking God for a life well lived.*

Nicole and Adam Brown

Nicole Brown - February 01, 2021 at 07:40 PM

DP

“ Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Donna Pierce - February 01, 2021 at 06:37 PM

ES

“ My Nephew Mack, You will truly be miss. The many calls we hade over the years an about our favorite fish "SPOTS". How I was suppose to come up and have an old time fish fry.

*Rest In Peace MACK
your Aunt Enolia
Stone Mt, Ga.*

Enolia S. Spaulding - February 01, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DF

“ Sending condolence to my friends family for the passing of Mr.Spaulding.My family will keep his family in our prayers.Rest In Peace My Brother!!!,Don Gregory & Family.

Don Gregory & Family - February 01, 2021 at 04:39 PM

WE

“ Lesley, It is my desire for your family to know that you deserve all the respect you can get and that is because you always showed your fellow man an abundance of respect as well. I served with you 30 plus years ago in the 514th MPs. I feel confident that you are serving as Honor Guard by our Christ and Lord Jesus. Please know that I consider it an honor to have known you. COL (Ret) Walter D. Ezzell, Jr.

Walter D Ezzell - February 01, 2021 at 03:54 PM

SD

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Some for comfort, others for strength and still others for quiet moments when you feel God right there with you. It was an honor to have known Lesley. He was my friend until the end. Sergeant Warnie Dixon.

SGT. WARNIE DIXON - February 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM



Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family

Janice Reid - February 01, 2021 at 09:31 PM

MF

“ *Mamie Leake Ellis Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Mamie Leake Ellis Family - February 01, 2021 at 12:57 PM

OD

“ *I am saddened to hear of the passing of this fellow soldier, Sgt Lesley Spaulding. We served together and he served faithfully. I pray for the family and that you may be held in God's loving embrace like a warm blanket on a cold winter's morning. - Cpt. Orlando Dowdy*

Orlando Dowdy - February 01, 2021 at 12:48 PM

WB

“ *WALTER BOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



WALTER BOLDEN - February 01, 2021 at 12:18 PM

HS

“ *Cousin Mack,
From your cousins in Whiteville NC. We are
going to miss our long talks about family and
friends.*

*When we lived in Greenville, you were our “go
to person” for everything! You will always be in our hearts.*

*To Gloria and Family know that God has his arms around all of you
at this difficult time.*

Love Ruth and Hardy Shaw Jr.



Hardy Shaw - February 01, 2021 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ *Mamie Leake Ellis Family lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Mamie Leake Ellis Family - February 01, 2021 at 10:19 AM

BH

“ *To one of the Best Teacher's Ever....I will truly miss our regular
conversations when you brought your wife for her doctor;s
appointments.....RIP....*

Barbara Henry - February 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM

VP

“ *To the family of Mr. Spaulding he was a great teacher and father
figure. I didn't want to leave his room. He stayed on you. His
presence will be missed*

Veronica Pitt - February 01, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Our heart felt sympathy to the Spaulding family in the passing of your loved one. He was a great teacher n mentor at South Edgecombe Middle School. My husband Marvin was his co-worker. Cherish the happy memories u made with him. Our prayers are with you 🙏. Marvin n Melinda Vines.

Melinda Vines - February 01, 2021 at 07:14 AM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Gayle Hardy - February 01, 2021 at 06:53 AM

RB

“ Condolences to the family



Ronda Bynum - February 01, 2021 at 12:52 AM

BD

“ Mr. Spaulding was my 6 grade teacher who also taught my mom when she was in school. He was such a nice man and a great teacher. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends and all of his students who loved him 🙏💙🙏

Brandy Davis - January 31, 2021 at 10:33 PM

JA

“ *Mr Spaulding you will be missed. Rest In Peace
From The Whitehead Family*

Janice - January 31, 2021 at 08:44 PM

WT

“ *Willie Troy lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Willie Troy - January 31, 2021 at 08:00 PM

DJ

“ *Deborah Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Deborah Jenkins - January 31, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JF

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the
family. South Edgecombe Middle School*



Jannotta Faulkner - January 31, 2021 at 04:49 PM

JW

“ *Josephine C Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Josephine C Williams - January 31, 2021 at 03:19 PM

MT

“ *My deepest sympathies to his family and friends. I remember Mr Spaulding well from my days, long ago and South Edgecombe Middle School*



Melissa Taylor - January 31, 2021 at 02:43 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Gallopes-Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Sherry Gallopes-Lewis - January 31, 2021 at 11:38 AM

KG

“ *Mr. Les was such a dear friend and family to All of us. Mom and dad (Anne and James), cherished and loved you beyond measure! Rest well dear sir... Rest well. 🙏👼*

The Gallopes Family

Kyndell Gallopes-Little - January 31, 2021 at 11:31 AM

DT

“ I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of one of our comrades Lesley Spaulding. I served proudly with him as my soldier and friend. To the Spaulding family, stay strong in the Lord for he will carry you through these times . 1SG Dennis Thigpen and family

DENNIS THIGPEN - January 31, 2021 at 07:29 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Ben Wooten - January 31, 2021 at 03:17 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Ben Wooten - January 31, 2021 at 03:13 AM

JP

“ Jackie PowellJones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Jackie PowellJones - January 30, 2021 at 08:29 PM

MC

“ *Marcenia B. Cofield lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Marcenia B. Cofield - January 30, 2021 at 08:26 PM

SG

“ *Gloria, may you & the kids be comforted by God's loving embrace during this most difficult time. I was so sorry to hear of Les's passing. God Bless yous. Sherry Gallopes-Lewis*



Sherry Gallopes-Lewis - January 30, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JK

“ *Trustee Spaulding was a loving husband and father. He was a faithful worker in the Church whether he felt like it or not. He took care of his Mother. All these characteristics belong to a man of faith, one who believed in and trusted God. He will be missed in the community and in Sycamore Hill Church. Sleep on Trustee Spaulding and rest in the Lord. Sister Gloria and Family, you are in my prayers.*

Joyce King - January 30, 2021 at 07:50 PM

SG

“ *Sherry Gallopes-Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Sherry Gallopes-Lewis - January 30, 2021 at 07:39 PM

SG

“ Sherry Gallopes-Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Sherry Gallopes-Lewis - January 30, 2021 at 07:35 PM

BF

“ Brenda Johnson Gallopes Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Brenda Johnson Gallopes Family - January 30, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CB

“ Cathy Brimmage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



Cathy Brimmage - January 30, 2021 at 02:14 PM

LF

“ LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding



LaVette Ford - January 30, 2021 at 07:41 AM

RG

“ *Rest Easy Mack!!!! Randy, Myra & Connor*

Randy Griffin - January 29, 2021 at 10:40 PM

AM

“ *Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley McDaniel Spaulding*



Annette Moore - January 29, 2021 at 06:58 PM

DK

Donnell Kent lit a candle in memory of Mr. Lesley Mack Spaulding

Donnell Kent - January 30, 2021 at 06:10 PM