

# *Funerals for U.S. Church Massacre Victims Begin in South Carolina*

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Charleston, June 26 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of South Carolina, the first two funerals for last week's church massacre victims began Thursday in a series of services that will continue today and over the weekend.

Loved ones remembered Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, a 45-year-old mother of three, reverend and high school track coach; and Ethel Lance, a 70-year-old grandmother who had worked at Emanuel AME Church for more than three decades.

The funeral for the Emanuel AME's pastor, the Reverend Clementa Pinckney, also a state senator, was held Friday with U.S. President Barack Obama delivering the eulogy.

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