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Anthony Harley, 16, braves the heat to solicit donations along Martintown Road in North Augusta for his mother's funeral.

A grieving family's need

Car wash tries to raise \$6,000 for mother's funeral



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Scheduling a funeral for a loved one is not easy, especially when you can't afford one.

That's the situation the family of Clementina Michelle Hagin, 34, found themselves in after her death Thursday.

On Saturday afternoon, Lynn Sims, Hagin's pastor at Life-Changing Outreach Ministries off Martintown Road in North Augusta, organized a car wash in an attempt to raise the \$6,000 needed for the ceremony.

While Sims and the family try to raise the money, Hagin's body is being kept at C.A. Reid Sr. Memorial Funeral Home, owned by Charlie Reid.

"He wants us to let him know how much money we have on Monday," Sims said. "She doesn't have a policy, so we're trying to do whatever we can to give him what he needs so that we can do something."

Hagin's three children and a number of her fellow church members were able to use the Pizza Hut parking lot, just outside the ministry's front door, for their car wash.

Even as the temperature approached 100



Twins Akera (left) and Akeil Hagin, both 10, try to remain cool in the shade.

"It's real hot out," Sims admitted. "It's hard being out here, especially when your mom just passed and you got to push that aside to be able to take care of business."

Hagin's oldest child, Anthony Harley, 16, remained hopeful after the first day of what

think it's enough for what we need yet, but we'll stay out here."

The cause of Hagin's death had not been determined Saturday.

To donate, call Life Changing Outreach Ministries at (803) 292-1131.