

Homegoing Celebration *of* *Mrs. Melba Lee Gwyn McCarther*

SUNRISE
January 25, 1945

SUNSET
March 22, 2011



Sunday, March 27, 2011
Two o'clock

Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church
4416 Westfield Road
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Elder Jeffery Gravely, *Pastor*
Elder James R. Strickland, *Officiating*
Bishop Langston G. H. McCarther, *Eulogist*

Interment
Mountain View Cemetery
Mount Airy, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Earth's Final Glimpse

One until Two o'clock

Words of Comfort

Elder Jeffery Gravely

Selection

Kings Mountain View Choir

Invocation

Elder James R. Strickland

Scripture

Old Testament

Elder Vanessa McCarther Tyson

New Testament

Guest Minister

Selection

Kings Mountain View Choir

Obituary (to be read silently)

Acknowledgements/Church Resolutions

Mother Katie Lee Hatcher

Selection

Kings Mountain View Choir

Family Reflections

Jones Alumni / Mrs. Caroline Howard

Selection

Kings Mountain View Choir

Eulogy

Bishop Langston G. H. McCarther

Selection

Kings Mountain View Choir

Committal/Benediction

Bishop Langston G. H. McCarther

Interment

Mountain View Cemetery

Mount Airy, North Carolina

Final Flight

Spencer Funeral Home

Repast will follow in the Chestnut Ridge Fellowship Hall

FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

PALLBEARERS

Nephews

Professional Services Directed by

SPENCER FUNERAL HOME STAFF

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Celebration of Life

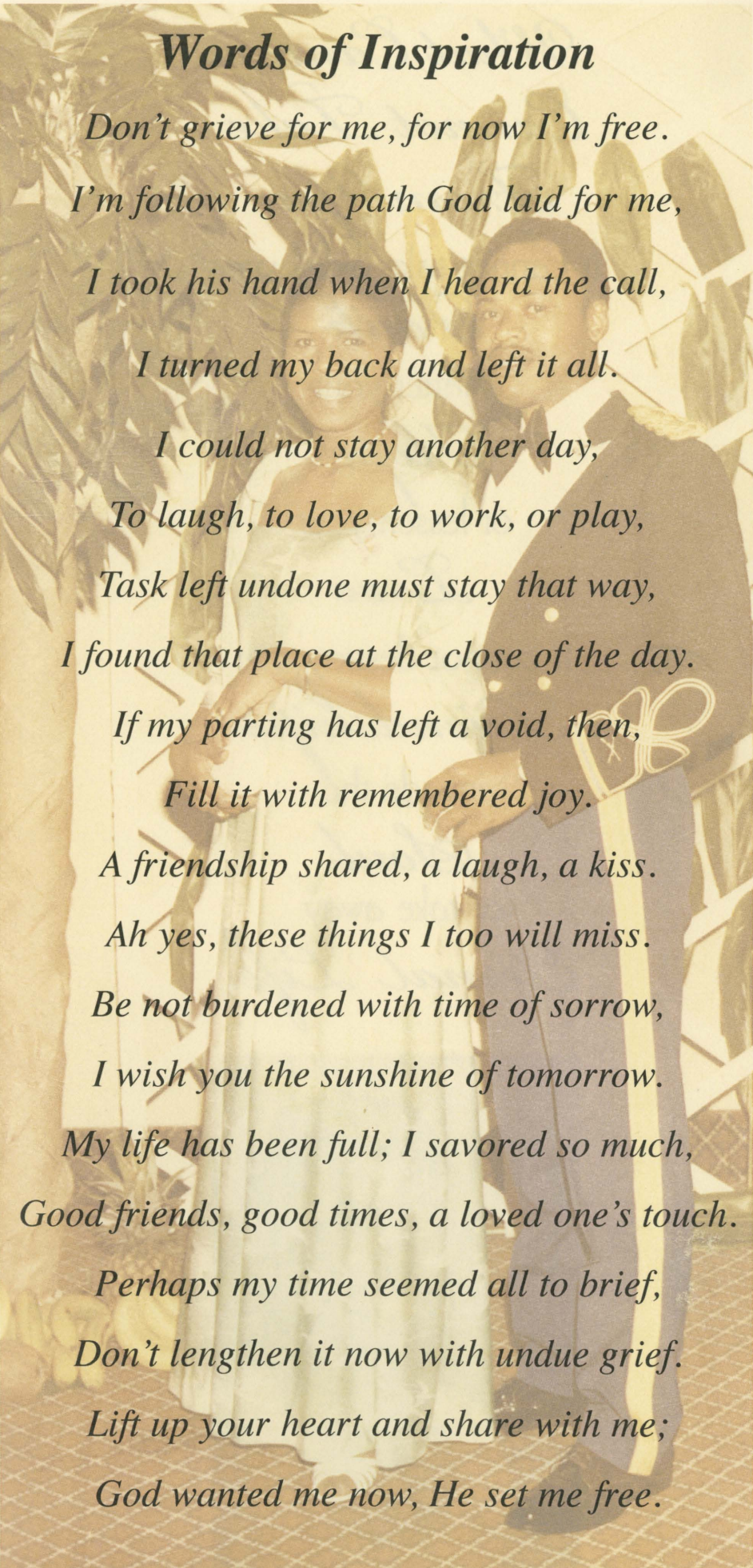
Melba Lee Gwyn McCarther was born January 25, 1945, in Mount Airy, NC to the late Luther Lee Gwyn and Loris Melba Gwyn. She departed this life on March 22, 2011, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC. Melba graduated from JJ Jones High School (1962) and North Carolina Central University (1967). Melba obtained a Masters Degree in social work from Hunter College School of Social Work (1972) in New York City while employed with Edwin Gould Services for children. She also received certification by the New York State University Department of Education. Melba was a member of the National Association of Black Social Workers and a member of National Association of Social Workers. She received training at the USA National Family Support Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Melba's working career spanned a broad range of organizations and activities beginning with the New York City Department of Human Services, Columbus Georgia Social Services, Clinical Social Worker at Veterans Administration in New York City, Psychiatric Social Worker at Jewish Medical Center in Queens, New York, Guidance Counselor at the U.S. Army Education Center in Camp Casey, Korea and lastly, Residential Service Manager at Neuse Mental Health Center in Morehead City, NC.

Throughout Melba's educational and work career, she was also active in volunteering and various community activities. For example: She led the ladies leadership and education group at the Army Aviation Center in Fort Rucker, AL (1985-1987). She organized support for groups for 450 soldiers and their families with the 18th Airborne Aviation Regiment in Fort Bragg, NC (1987-1989) and for the New York City recruiting battalion in Fort Hamilton, NY (1989-1991). Since 1996 she was an active co-owner in the family business at the Edgewater Motel/Apartment Complex in Morehead City, NC. Melba's hobbies included sewing and playing musical instruments especially the piano.

Melba accepted Christ as her savior at a young age becoming a member of Malileau-Jones Temple in Mount Airy, NC. In Morehead City, NC, she attended St. Stevens AME Zion Church, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and actively supported Christian Star Baptist (Neighborhood) Church.

Melba was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Gloria Beth Gwyn Davis, sister-in-law Felecia McCarther and brother-in-law Bernard (Al) McCarther. She leaves to cherish her loving memories her husband Col Trevathan "Trey" Nathaniel McCarther of Morehead City, NC, daughter, Keisha Edra Davis and Fiance' Errol Pryce of Orlando, FL, father and mother-in-law, Mr. Eugene and Flora McCarther of Mount Airy, her "second parents", Uncle Napoleon Sanders and Aunt Rosa Sanders of Morehead City, NC, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Margie Darr of Mount Airy, NC, Vickie McCarther, James Ford of Winston-Salem, NC, Deborah Williams of Sanford, NC, Elder Vanessa Tyson of High Point, NC, Laura McCarther of Brooklyn, NY, Prinston McCarther of Randalstown, Maryland, Thomas (Glenda) McCarther of Harrisburg, PA, Bishop Langston (Louvenia) McCarther of Winston-Salem, NC Morris (Carol) McCarther of Summerfield, NC, Keith McCarther of Newark, Delaware, three uncles, three aunts, two cousins and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. She also leaves behind Goddaughter, Andrea Murrell Kelleher of Binghamton, NY and Godson Dr. Christopher Howard of Richmond, VA.

A young Black couple is standing in front of a large, leafy plant. The woman is wearing a white dress and the man is wearing a dark suit. They are both smiling and looking at the camera. The background is a warm, golden-brown color.

Words of Inspiration

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path God laid for me,

I took his hand when I heard the call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work, or play,

Task left undone must stay that way,

I found that place at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, then,

Fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life has been full; I savored so much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me;

God wanted me now, He set me free.

*What Cancer
Cannot Take
From You*

It cannot take away your

Faith

shatter your

Hope

or lessen your

Love

It cannot destroy true

Friendships

invade the

Soul

or take away

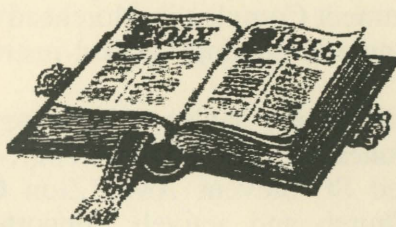
Eternal Life.



Rest In Peace

*"Rest in peace", how much this says,
Be free of pain, no more to weep,
Find joy that never ends, possess
New life that here you could not keep.
"Rest in peace", and though we grieve,
Reaching for your open hand in vain,
Our faith is such that we believe
That all of us shall meet again.*

*No dirge of sorrow shall we play,
For one who goes to meet the Lord.
Could but we all be Heaven's guests,
As you receive your just reward.
Dear blessed sleep that merely marks
The ending of a holy quest,
Your gentle touch remains upon
The hearts of those who love you best.*



Acknowledgement

We, the family of Melba Lee Gwyn McCarther, are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy, deeds of kindness and acts of condolence, which were extended to us during our time of sorrow. We, hereby, express our sincere and abiding appreciation to everyone who remembered us. May God bless each of you.

Lovingly submitted by the family of –
Mrs. Melba Lee Gwyn McCarther
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