

**Homegoing Celebration
for
Mrs. Arnetta Hestella McCarther Smith**

SUNRISE

February 1, 1930
Surry County

SUNSET

March 17, 2009
Surry County



Saturday, March 21, 2009
Twelve Noon

Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church
Highway 89 East
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Elder Timothy Lyons, *Officiating*
Minister P. Ronald Smith, *Eulogist*

Interment

Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
Mount Airy, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Earth's Final Glimpses	eleven until twelve o'clock
Words of Comfort	Elder Timothy Lyons
Invocation	Elder James Denson
Selection	Choir
Scripture	Old Testament Psalms 23 Bishop Langston McCarther
	New Testament Philippians 4:10-20 Elder Gilbert Cox
Obituary	(To be read Silently)
Acknowledgements/Church Resolution	Tracy Lewis
Community	Paige Searcy
Reflections	(Two minutes, please)
Tribute to our Grandmother	Miesha Brayboy (granddaughter) Lathan Brayboy (grandson)
Family Reflection	Minister William Donald Smith
Selection	Choir
Eulogy	Minister P. Ronald Smith
Committal/Benediction	Elder Timothy Lyons
Interment	Chestnut Ridge P.P.B. Church Cemetery Mount Airy, North Carolina
The Final Flight	Spencer Funeral Home Staff

CASKET BEARERS

Alphonsa McCarther	Aaron McCarther
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Richard Bartley	Herbert Chandler

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THE OBITUARY

"And by ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Ephesians 4:32

Arnetta Hestella McCarther Smith, daughter of the late Sylvester and Crissie McCarther, was born February 1, 1930 in Mount Airy, NC. She departed this life Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mount Airy, NC. She was preceded in death by her husband William Pleasant Smith. To this union three children were born.

She was a graduate of J.J. Jones High School. She came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and united with Chestnut Ridge Progressive Primitive Baptist Church where she served faithfully until she united with the Exodus Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. She was a faithful, devoted and charter member of the Exodus Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. She served as president of the Women's Auxiliary, sang on the choir, and was a member of the Adult Sunday School class. She was a member of the Barnyard Breakfast Group, who are ladies that meet on Monday mornings to study the Word of God.

Arnetta was a wonderful homemaker through her cooking, sewing and caring deeply for her family. She trained her children up in the way of the Lord. She helped her husband on the farm. We recall how fast she strung tobacco. Her children called her "Netta-Buck" and later on she was affectionately called "GrandApple" by her granddaughter. Arnetta was employed with Surry Industries, Pine State and Hutchens Laundry. She did domestic work and many of her employers continued to correspond with her. The children of former employers continued to call and thank her for the influence she had on their lives.

Arnetta was not only a hearer of the word, but a doer of the word. She gave of her substance and shared her time. She earnestly prayed for her church and the work of her church. She fervently sought opportunities to help those in need. She didn't sound a trumpet in doing her good works, for she preferred her heavenly Father's rewards. God was first in her life and this was heard each time she answered her telephone. Her salutation was always a Bible verse and seldom did you hear her repeat the same verse. She believed that you should 'study to show thyself approved.'

She leaves to cherish her memory, her three children: Minister William Donald Smith of the home, Minister P. Ronald (Lucy) Smith of Baltimore, Maryland and Genieve (Dennis) Brayboy of Winston-Salem, NC; two grandchildren: Miesha and Lathan Brayboy of Charlotte, NC; Four sisters, Loretta Moore, Crissie (Dennis) Smith of Detroit, Michigan, Otha (John) Robinson of Columbus, Ohio, and Carolyn (Monroe) Watkins of Mount Airy, NC; two brothers, James (LaDonna) McCarther and Sylvester (Faye) McCarther of Mount Airy, NC; one uncle Eugene (Flora) McCarther; two aunts, Bernice Lowe and Leona McArthur; one sister-in-law, Dorothy Bartley of Pleasant Garden, NC and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her three brothers and a sister.

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.*



Thank You

*We just want to thank you
for the kindness you have shown,
for being there to support us,
in ways that you've not known.*

The Family of

Mrs. Arnetta Hestella McCarther Smith
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