

*The Homegoing Celebration
For
Mrs. Josephine Valentine Hatcher*

*Sunrise
June 14, 1937
Surry County, NC*

*Sunset
February 5, 2015
Forsyth County, NC*



*Wednesday
February 11, 2015
12:00noon
Mount Calvary C. M. E. Church
Mount Airy, NC
Pastor Bruce G. MacLaurin / Officiating/Eulogist
Interment
Mount Calvary Cemetery
Mount Airy, NC*

Order of Service

Earth's Final Glimpse 11:00am until 12:00noon

Invocation Elder Jeffrey Gravelly

Words of Comfort..... Dr. Tony O. Carter

Selection Brother Eric Strickland (Nephew)

Scripture

Old Testament Pastor James Tillman

New Testament.....Dr. E.L. Clark

Obituary Read Silently

Selection Brother Eric Strickland (Nephew)

Eulogy.....Pastor Bruce MacLaurin

Committal/ Benediction Pastor Bruce MacLaurin

Interment..... Mt. Calvary C.M.E. Cemetery

Mount Airy, NC

Repast will follow in the church Fellowship Hall





*You will always be my Valentine
Your husband,
George*



OBITUARY

Josephine Hatcher was born June 14, 1937 to the late Paul Valentine and Dothulie Strickland Valentine. She was called to her heavenly home on Thursday morning, February 5, 2015.

During her youth, Josephine became a member of Mt. Calvary CME Church in the Combstown Community of Mt. Airy, North Carolina. She attended JJ Jones High School where she excelled in her studies and was named valedictorian of her graduating class. She was also honored with the title of Homecoming Queen. She married her high school sweetheart George Valno Hatcher. Two children were born from their sixty year union a daughter, Dothulie and son, Jonathan. As a young family, they moved to Long Island, New York where Josephine enjoyed a full life centered on church and family.

She joined Faith Evangelical Free Church in Deer Park, Long Island. For thirty five years, she was a dedicated member of the church teaching **Sunday** School and singing in the choir. In 2001, she was ordained as a deaconess at First Baptist Church of Wyandanch. Josephine had many talents. She was an expert seamstress known for her fashion designs and home decor. She was best known for her culinary skills showcased every year at the family reunion fish fry and in the delicious dinners and baked goods she prepared for birthdays and holidays. Josephine studied computer science and received her certification as a computer programmer. She retired in 1999 from the Deer Park School District where she worked for twenty years as a Special Education teaching assistant.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband George Valno Hatcher of the home, her daughter Dothulie Hatcher (New York, NY), son Jonathan Valno Hatcher (Ararat, Va) and devoted daughter-in-law and caregiver Arleen Hatcher (Ararat, Va); two grandsons, Jonathan Valno Hatcher II (Ararat, Va) and Joshua Emilio Hatcher (New York, NY); two sisters Eva Mittman (Mt. Airy, NC) and Eunice Taylor (Willingboro, NJ), sister-in-law Norma Lee Valentine (Ararat, Va); a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Josephine was dearly loved and will be sorely missed.

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me and I'm not here to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
and each time that you think of me, I'll know you miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand.

And said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all my life I always thought I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for and so much to do,
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, I thought for just a while,
I'd say good bye and kiss you and maybe see a smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart;

For every time you think of me-
I'm right here - IN YOUR HEART.

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FLOWER BEARERS

Family

CASKET BEARERS

Fred Brim Joseph Benbow
Curtis Hargrave Michael Hargrave
James Hargrave David Reliford

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Jonathan Hatcher II
Joshua Hatcher



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For each loving thought, call and comforting word,
each lovely flower and prayer, we wish to thank
everyone for their sincere acts of love and sympathy
shown during the illness and passing of Josephine. May
God enrich your lives for sharing and touching our lives
in such a caring way.

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