

A Celebration of Life

for

Mrs. Margaret Naomi Bowman-Haliburton



"MAY THE WORK I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME"

Northeast S.D.A. Church

827 Tom Hunter Road

Charlotte, NC 28213

Monday, September 12, 2016 ~ 11:00 A.M.



Pastor Ezra Mendinghall, Eulogist/Officiating



April 9, 1923

~ Obituary ~



September 6, 2016

*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face,
and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin,
and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

Margaret Naomi Bowman was born April 9, 1923 in Mt. Airy North Carolina. She was the seventh of nine children born to Willie Pearson and Vinnie Lou Kimble Bowman. She attended Ararat Elementary School and J. J. Jones High School in Mt. Airy. Being the life-long learner that she was, she later obtained a LPN Degree.

Margaret and her family attended the Ararat Missionary Baptist Church in Mt. Airy. When she was ten years old, she gave her life to Christ on a Thursday evening during a Church Revival. A few days later, she was baptized on a Sunday morning in the creek about a city block from the old Ararat Missionary Baptist Church. After moving to Detroit, Michigan in 1955, Margaret transferred her membership to Chapel Hill Baptist Church. In 1975, she attended a Revelation Seminar in Detroit where Pastor C. D. Brooks explained the true Sabbath. Margaret's mother's words echoed in her ears throughout the seminar. She could not turn and walk away from her mother's early teachings. She rededicated her life to Christ and was baptized a Seventh-Day Adventist in 1975.

Margaret was sixteen when she met James Roger Berry. They were married March 24, 1940. To this union nine children were born. On August 17, 1964, Margaret's husband of 24 years died following a massive heart attack. They were on vacation in Mt. Airy visiting family and friends when this tragedy occurred.

Margaret's son Thomas introduced his mother to a co-worker in 1967 and the next year she married Willie D. Haliburton. Willie passed away in 2004.

Margaret was a faithful wife, mother, and grandmother. She was caring, thoughtful, generous, and a wonderful friend who was always ready and willing to assist anyone in need. Margaret was happiest spending time with her prayer partners, talking on the phone, feeding stray cats, and most of all reading and studying her BIBLE.

Margaret worked at several nursing homes and often worked private duty jobs in Mt. Airy. She moved to Washington, D. C. where she gained a wealth of knowledge while working at Saint Elizabeths Hospital. When she returned to Detroit, Margaret worked in the Mental Health field for several years before she and her son-in-law opened their own business in 1979. Because of her many years of experience and knowledge, she was able to train many young men and women to care for those in need. In a true demonstration of her entrepreneurial spirit, Margaret helped women that were heads of their households to not only get off city and state assistance but also to regain their self-respect and independence. She boldly encouraged women to depend on God and not the system. She often encouraged many men and women to read their Bibles and to care for their children.

After Margaret retired, she traveled not only within the United States but also to Jamaica, the Bahamas, Mexico, Canada and several Caribbean cruise locations. She loved Disney World and enthusiastically shared the Electric Parade with her grandchildren.

After hearing the voice of God twice instructing her in her sleep to read Genesis 12, Margaret decided to return to North Carolina in 2009. Displaying obedience similar to that of Abram, she followed the instructions she had been given and moved to Charlotte, NC. Once in Charlotte, she transferred her membership from City Temple S.D.A. Church Detroit, Michigan to Northeast S.D.A. Church where she continued to serve her Lord.

~ Order of Service ~

Prelude.....	Pianist/Organist
Processional.....	The Ministers & Family
Opening Selection.....	Nancy Wallace & Betty Bellamy
<i>"May The Work I've Done Speak for Me"</i>	
Scripture.....	Elder Raphael Boyd
(Psalm 91 & 92:1,2)	
Prayer.....	Elder Robert Johnson
Musical Selection.....	Teresa Bowman-Abernethy
<i>"Because of Who You Are I Give You Glory"</i>	
Acknowledgment of Cards, Messages and Condolences.....	Clerk
Remarks.....	(Two Minutes Please)
Musical Selection.....	Teresa Bowman-Abernathy
<i>"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"</i>	
Obituary.....	Read Silently
Musical Selection.....	Jennepher Miller
<i>"It Is Well With My Soul"</i>	
Eulogy.....	Pastor Ezra Mendinghall
Musical Selection.....	Nancy Wallace & Betty Bellamy
<i>"Midnight Cry"</i>	
Benediction.....	Pastor Juanita Tatum
Recessional.....	(Morticians In Charge).....The Ministers & Family
<i>"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die". (St. John</i>	



Obituary Continued



Margaret Naomi Bowman-Berry-Haliburton departed this life on September 6, 2016. She was preceded in death by her parents: her husbands, James Roger Berry and Willie D. Haliburton; five sons: William Bernard, Thomas Allen, James Bernard, Hiawatha Purnell, and Carlton Gray; four sisters: Helen, Willie Mae, Nellie Sue, and Gertrude; three brothers: Aaron, Charlie, and Daniel; one granddaughter: Alexis; and five grandsons: Thomas II, Wesley, Marcus, Bryant, and Jeffery.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one son: Roger Lee (Connie) of Lexington, Ky.; three daughters: Sylvia (James) Hightower, Sandra Berry-Hankins, and Phyllis Berry-Williams, of Detroit, Michigan Area; one sister: Alvis Lee Dodd, three daughters-in-law, Betty and Margaret of Michigan and Dorothy of Ohio, one sister-in-law: Rose Bowman of Harrisburg, PA., 35 grandchildren: 70 great grandchildren, 23 great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, countless other church friends, loving neighbors, and adopted godson Reginald Thompson and his family.

Pallbearers

Joseph Berry

Matthew Berry

William Berry

Harold Bowman

Jayus Dixon

R. J. Thompson

Grandsons, Nephews & Neighbors

Honorary Pallbearers

Roger L. Berry, Sr.

Roy Bowman

James R. Hightower, II

James R. Hightower, Sr.

Reginald Thompson

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters, Nieces, and Cousins

Acknowledgments

The Margaret Naomi Bowman-Haliburton family acknowledges with sincere gratitude the great outpouring of sympathy received from our many friends and family during our bereavement. We acknowledge your presence here today, the cards you mailed along the way; the services you stopped to render, the gifts you brought with thoughts so tender. The prayers you said which played a part, in easing the pain that was in our hearts. It was a great comfort indeed, to see you in the time of our sorrow and need; so from our hearts which you helped to mend, we thank you sincerely again and again for being such truly wonderful friends. (The Family)

Service Entrusted To: Alexander Funeral Home, Inc.

