

Homegoing Celebration

for

Mother

Mary Elizabeth Manns Tatum

Sunrise:

Sunset:

November 15, 1910 March 13, 2012



Sunday, March 18, 2012

Three o'clock

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

1299 Perch Road

Pinnacle, North Carolina

Rev. James Cornelius Tatum, *Officiating*

Rev. Benjamin W. Mittman, Sr., *Eulogist*

ORDER OF SERVICE

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Prelude

Processional (Congregation Standing)

Earth's Final Glimpse The Tatum Family

Selection Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Choir

Invocation Rev./Dr. Juanita B. Tatum

Scriptures Old Testament Appointee

New Testament Appointee

Solo Ms. Christine T. Porter

Ministerial Remarks/Recognition Appointee

Silent Reading of the Obituary Soft Music-The Organist

Solo Ms. Precious T. Pilson

Acknowledgements

Church and Community Resolution

Ms. Juanita A. Tatum

Selection East White Oak Singers
Greensboro, NC

Eulogy Rev. Benjamin W. Mittman, Sr.
Pastor, East White Oak Baptist Church
Greensboro, NC

Recessional

Committal/Benediction Rev. James C. Tatum, Sr.

Interment Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Cemetery

Final Flight Spencer Funeral Home Director

Professional Services Directed by

SPENCER FUNERAL HOME STAFF

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The Obituary

"I would like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave; when my life on earth is done."

Deaconess (Mother) Mary Elizabeth Manns Tatum, traveled through this life for **(101 YEARS)** like a star in the universe, entering into heaven's eternal garden on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at her home in Pinnacle, NC. She was born in Jonesville, N.C. to the late, Mandy Manns.

At an early age, Mother Elizabeth Tatum professed her belief in Jesus Christ, was baptized and faithfully served her Master for more than seventy-five years. She served her Charge as Honorary Deaconess, Church Mother, Senior Choir Member, devout Bible Reader, Missionary Member, Sunday School Member and Food Committee Member. For many years she cleaned the church at no charge. She attended almost every service at Mount Moriah Baptist Church and worshipped with other churches in the area. She was a retiree from Shoals Elementary School Cafeteria.

Her home going will leave a void in the hearts of all that knew and loved her. Surviving are five children: Evelyn T. Anthony of Pfafftown, NC and Christine T. Porter of Pinnacle, NC; three sons and their spouses, William P. (Rev./Dr. Juanita B.) Tatum of Winston-Salem, NC, R. Eugene (Juanita A.) Tatum of Pfafftown, NC and Rev. James C. (Ollie B.) Tatum of East Bend, NC. Thirteen grandchildren, one deceased grandson, Staff Sgt. William P. Tatum, III. Thirty-five great grandchildren, thirteen great, great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. One brother-in-law, Mr. Albert Tatum of Winston-Salem, NC, one sister-in-law, Ms. N. Manns of Winston-Salem, NC. The entire Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Family; devoted friends: Deacon, Robert & Evang. Alberta Carter, John Robert Smith, Jean Denny-Musselwhite, Rhonda & Mike Shaffner, Ed Musselwhite, Rex & Sherri Foster, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jessup.

Mother Tatum was preceded in death by her husband William Howard Tatum after **(Sixty-nine years of marriage)**. Two deceased brothers, Rayford Manns and Waymas Manns.



The Gift of Lasting Love

*Love is much more than a tender caress
and more than bright hours of gay happiness,
For a lasting love is made up of sharing
both hours that are "joyous" and also "despairing" ...
It's made up of patience and deep understanding
and never of selfish and stubborn demanding,
It's made up of climbing the steep hills together
and facing with courage life's stormiest weather...
And nothing on earth or in heaven can part
a love that has grown to be part of the heart,
And just like the sun and the stars and the sea,
this love will go on through eternity—
For "true love" lives on when earthly things die,
for it's part of the spirit that soars to the "sky."*

The Family



Acknowledgement

The family of Mother Mary Elizabeth Tatum acknowledges with heartfelt appreciation all the love and concern you have shared during the illness and passing of our loved one.

It is because of your kindness and God's love that we are strengthened.

The family extends a special thank you to friends of the family,

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Congregation,
Hospice Care Service and
Forsyth Medical Center Staff.

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MAY I GO

*May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye
To the pain-filled days and nights?
I lived my life and did my best,
And an example I tried to be,
So can I take that step beyond
And set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might,
But something seemed to draw me near,
To a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do,
It's difficult to stay,
But I will try as best I can,
To live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me and
Share your love and fears,
I know you are sad and afraid,
Because I see your tears,
I'll not be far, I promise that,
And hope you will always know
That my spirit will be close to you,
Where ever you may go,
Thank you so much for loving me,
You know I love each of you,
That is why it is so hard to say good-bye
And end this life with each of you.
So hold me now, just one more time
And let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me
You will let me go in peace today.*

CASKET BEARERS

Edward Tyrone Anthony	M. Devon Anthony
Keith Perry	James C. Tatum, Jr.
Benjamin W. Mittman, Jr.	Michael A. Mittman

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Deacon, Robert Carter	Deacon, Billy France
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FLOWER BEARERS

Darion A. Curry	Travice T. Conner
Sharon G. Dobson	Deidre T. Duncan
LaSandra T. Jones	Margo G. Mack
Michele G. Mittman	Precious T. Pilson
Lundon Sims	

HONORARY FLOWER DEACONESS

Deaconess, Patricia Dodd	Deaconess, Jeanetta Hughes
Deaconess, Nethia S. Moultry	Evang./Deaconess, Alberta Carter