

*The time for us to say goodbye is near
The day we hoped would never come is here
Though many hearts are broken we must somehow carry on
We are going to miss you when you're gone...*

In Loving Memory of



Eula Whitsett

Sunrise
August 9, 1918

Sunset
May 16, 2013

Service

Friday, May 24, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
132 Odell Clark Place • New York, NY
Reverend Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III, Officiating

Obituary

Eula Whitsett was born on August 9, 1918 in Perry County, Marion, Alabama to the late Will and Mary Jane Hopkins, nee Blackburn. She received Christ at an early age and became a member of Mount Pleasant Church of Marion, AL. She sang God's praises with her family's gospel group at many churches.

She married her beloved husband, the late Murray Whitsett in 1938. They lived together in Marion, AL before relocating to New York in 1965.

She attended the Fashion Institute of Technology where she perfected her skills as a seamstress and sewed beautiful clothes for her family. She could cook anything and canned her own fruits, vegetables and jams. She was a gifted storyteller-reciting passages from the Bible, family history and fables that contained lessons about life. She believed in the value of hard work, Her hands were never idle.

She was a member of Metropolitan Community United Methodist Church for many years and sang in the choir. She was a supporter of the Abyssinian Head Start program that her grandchildren attended. She participated in fundraiser's there by baking many cakes at the request of Mrs. Annie Newsome. She joined Abyssinian Baptist Church in her later years.

She departed this life on May 16, 2013 at Harlem Hospital in New York City. She was ninety-four years old.

She is survived by: two daughters, Frankie Whitsett of New York, NY and Bessie White of Cleveland, OH; a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Whitsett of Marion, AL; a sister, Fannie Franklin of Bronx, NY; twelve grandchildren; twenty-nine great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. She was predeceased by her parents; her husband; her son, Alphonse Whitsett; her son-in-law, Eddie Lee White, Sr.; her brothers, Jessie, Willie, Homer, Charles and Eddie; and her sisters, Bertha, Claudia and Estelle.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Invocation

Congregational Hymn

“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross” #252

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 90

New Testament - John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Solo

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Obituary

Solo

Christina Whitsett

Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts, III

Benediction

Recessional

“Ill Fly Away”

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

Think

*Of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven
Of taking hold of a hand finding it God's hand;
Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air;
Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality;
Of passing from storm and tempest to an unbroken calm;
Of waking up, and finding it Home!*

Robert E. Selle

Acknowledgement

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*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have cross the bar.
Alfred Lord Tennyson*

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