



*Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
Of*

Mattie Laverne McNeill

Sunrise

April 16, 1938

Sunset

May 23, 2013

Service

Friday, May 31, 2013 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

1002 Rivington Street

Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Rev. Milton A. Byrd, Pastor

Life Reflections

Mattie Laverne McNeill was born on April 16, 1938 in Erwin, North Carolina to the late Reuben McNeill and Ora Lee Crowder McNeill. She was the eighth of nine children born to this union. On Thursday, May 23, 2013, Mattie McNeill departed this life in Linden, New Jersey.

Early in her youth, the family moved to Fuquay Springs, North Carolina where she was educated in the Wake County Public School System. Upon graduation from Fuquay Consolidated High School, Mattie continued her education at Livingston College in Salisbury, North Carolina and North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina. Following completion of her studies at these two institutions, she moved to New Jersey.

She began her career working in the Public School system for many years as a Teacher. After teaching, she worked at Exxon Research before deciding to continue her career as a Case Worker at the Union County Division of Social Services in Elizabeth, New Jersey where she worked for twenty-two years. Mattie was always willing to help anyone who needed assistance whether it was inside or outside of work. She eventually retired in 2002.

She accepted Christ at an early age and as a member of St. Augusta Missionary Baptist Church, she served faithfully in the church's Sunday School, Baptist Training Union and Vacation Bible School programs.

Through her Christian rearing she united herself with Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Roselle, New Jersey where she was a faithful member for over forty years.

One of her favorite past times was reading and doing crossword puzzles. She loved talking about numerous topics, but one of her favorite topics was politics.

She was a devoted and loving grandmother who loved spending time with her granddaughter.

Mattie leaves to cherish fond memories: one daughter, Tamra L. Allaway (Thomas W.) of Linden, New Jersey; one granddaughter, Torraya E. Jones; one sister, Ozella M. Burgress of Raleigh, North Carolina; one brother, James McNeill (Janice) of Raleigh, North Carolina; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude.....Janet Hollins

Opening Hymn

Scriptures

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgements of Condolences

Obituary

Solo.....Deacon Theodore Goodman

EulogyBishop Wayne L. Johnson
Bibleway Deliverance Center • Roselle, New Jersey

Recessional

Interment

Rosedale Cemetery

Linden, New Jersey

Services Entrusted To:

G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC

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Pall Bearers

Family and Friends of **Mattie Laverne McNeill**

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Mattie Laverne McNeill** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.
May God continue to richly bless you.

