

Homegoing Celebration of

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue collared shirt and a dark jacket. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft-focus image of a building and trees. The entire portrait is framed by a purple border.

Vonbeulah Rogers

Sunrise
August 17, 1922

Sunset
September 22, 2013

Service

Monday, September 30, 2013 - 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church

149 Springfield Avenue

Newark, New Jersey

The Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Pastor

Obituary

Known mostly as Beulah, Ms. Rogers and Von to some and at home Mom, Grandma and Aunt Beulah. **Vonbeulah (Owens) Rogers** was born, the eldest of four on August 17, 1922 to the late Isaac and Hellen (Hill) Owens in Columbia, North Carolina. Her early Christian life began at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Columbia, North Carolina. Her childhood education was through the Tyrrell County School system. Beulah journeyed from North Carolina to Virginia at nineteen laboring in house work and restaurants before migrating north to Harlem, New York residing with her late maternal aunt, Clara Hill. After a lengthy illness though short time away from her Newark, New Jersey home of over fifty years, on Sunday, September 22, 2013, she made her transition at Alaris Health, West Orange (St. Clouds).

On July 19, 1947, at the age of 25, Beulah married the late John Arthur Rogers (Rodgers) and relocated to Newark, New Jersey. From this union, on June 24, 1959, Debra Von Rogers was born.

For over thirty years, Beulah was a committed seamstress and member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) now UNITE. She ended her seamstress profession in 1977 due to illness.

Beulah, though small in stature was a virtuous woman proven through the devotion and love shared with her late husband of over forty years. She had a beautiful sense of humor and enjoyed a good laugh. She was the matriarch who shared her Christian values with her daughter and grandchildren. She was a member of the Zion Hill Baptist Church, Newark, NJ though due to her declining health, was not able to attend services as she would had liked. Her life was very generous and her youngest grandson, Naji, had the pleasure of residing with her.

Left to cherish her loving, giving and humorous spirit are: her loving daughter, Debra Von McClary; grandchildren, Amani, Shakeel and Naji McClary, Newark, NJ; five sisters-in-law, Doris Owens, Marion Guess (Eddie) and Olivia Owens (Charlie) of Baltimore, MD, Molly Fisher, Lanham, MD and Nell Alexander of Largo, MD; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23:1-6

New Testament - John 14:1-21

Prayer of Consolation Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.
Guest: Rev. Winton M. Hill III

Acknowledgements..... Mrs. Deborah Coy

Remarks Family/Friends

Hymn “Precious Lord Take My Hand”

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Musical Selection

Eulogy Guest: Rev. Winton M. Hill III

Benediction Rev. Dr. David Jefferson, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Columbia, North Carolina

Repast immediately following services at the Church.

From Your Daughter

I'm normally pretty good at this,
but you've gone and made me speechless
You loved and laughed and directed
a path for me to take the reign.

I'll always remember the love you shared,
I saw it everyday, through good days, bad days,
whichever you had, your love remained the same.
We're here now, at your tribute, I pray all our souls are well.

God graced you with 91 earthly years
and I am humbly thankful that he did.

I pray my life can be a slice of how
God directed you to lead me.
You will always be my Proverbs 31.

Proverbs 31:31

*Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

Lovingly Submitted,
Debra Von Rogers-McClary

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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