

In Loving Memory of

Emily

Ruth

Byrd



Sunrise
December 1, 1945

Sunset
October 22, 2019

Saturday October 26, 2019 at 7 PM

Community Baptist Church

224 1st Street • Englewood, NJ 07631

Thursday October 31, 2019

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery

1575 Salem Road • Bennettsville, SC 29512



Order of Service

Saturday October 26, 2019
(Immediate Family)

Invocation

Pastor Zal Walton

Hymn.

God's Unchanging Hand

Scriptures:

Old Testament... Pastor Linwood Rouse

New Testament... Pastor Eddie Spencer

Prayer Of Comfort

Pastor Curtis Belle, Jr.

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements/Resolutions

Diana Belle

Musical Selection

Reflections

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Pastor Lester W. Taylor, Jr.

Musical Selection

Recessional

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Pall Bearers:
Family & Friends

Flower Bearers:
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Interment

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery

Obituary



Emily Ruth Byrd was born December 1st, 1945 to the late Willie Sr. and Carrie McLeod in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She graduated from the Marlboro County School System in Bennettsville and received her certification as a home health aid through Ludie Allied Institute. Courting since the tender age of 14, in 1964 she married her lifelong sweetheart Rev. Sylvester Byrd. Shortly thereafter, the Byrd's relocated to Englewood, NJ. To this union, four daughters were born (Debra, Michele, Marjorie & Ericka). An additional nephew (Karon) and granddaughter (Tiffani) were later raised as her own.

Throughout her life, Ruth held several forms of employment including; housekeeping, in-home health aid, child care, factory work and to the day of her departure, she was the CEO of Byrd's Cleaning Company. All of these jobs were carried out hand-in-hand with Sylvester by her side. Where you saw one, you saw the other.

Mother Byrd, as she was affectionately known, was a mighty force in every church and community that she served in. From missionary, deaconess, willing workers, women's ministry, Sunday school teacher, choir director and many other ministries; she responded to her "call to serve" without reservation. However, her greatest ministry was pinching, popping and keeping kids in line.

The word matriarch is an understatement to describe who she was to the family.

She is predeceased by both parents, a special aunt Annie Mae Grace and son-in-law Kaygee Bacote.

She leaves to cherish her husband of 55 years, Rev. Sylvester Byrd; four devoted daughters, Debra (Jerome) Hicks, Michele Byrd, Marji (Zal) Walton, Ericka Byrd-Bacote; seven grandchildren Tiffani (Dustin) James, Tyrone Belle, Tyrell (Dashuna) Belle, Sr., Jasmine Byrd, Tynaisha Briggs, Zyon Walton & Karon Singleton; honorary grands Jaquiese Bacote, Jaylon Blackford, Kia Motley, Dashon Hicks, Zal Walton, Jr.; ten great-grandchildren Taitum, Jocelyn, Kennedy & Dawson James, Layla & Tyrell Belle, Jr., Jaiyona, Shakia, Dionna & Dezuan Carter; eight siblings Virlee Singleton, Mamie (Russell) Pannell, Lois Brown, Willie, Sr. (Cassie), Ronnie, Sam, Larry, Stevie McLeod; two sisters-in-law Bessie Mae Teaste & Maggie Wixson; one brother-in-law James Byrd; beloved first nephew Andre Brown; dear friends Darla Holt, Nettie Troupe & Ann Eleston; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, godchildren, cousins & friends.

Family meant everything to her. So let her legacy live on through each and every one of us... #NobodyFaultButMine



God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for whatever part.*

With Sincere Gratitude

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the prayers, love, sympathy, and support you have shared with our family during this difficult time.

The Byrd Family

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