



May God abundantly bless you for being such a blessing during our time of bereavement. We are sincerely and eternally grateful for your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;"

1 Thessalonians 1:2

The Family

Weep Not For Me Author Unknown

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet fight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on

Remember not my fight for breath Remember not the strife Please do not dwell upon my death But celebrate my life

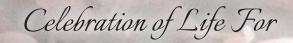
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Virginia E. Henderson



Sunrise: February 20, 1921 Sunset: March 31, 2021

Viewing 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Service 11:00 AM Thursday, April 8, 2021

First Nazarene Baptist Church 1500 S. Eighth St.

Camden, New Jersey 08104 Reverend Dyheim T. Watson, Sr. Pastor, Officiating Reverend J.A. Jones, Pastor Emeritus

"The Church Where The Word of God Comes Alive"

<u>Obituary</u>

On the evening of March 31, 2021 **Virginia Elizabeth Henderson** peacefully transitioned from this life to glory at home with family members by her side. Virginia was 100 years young.

Virginia Elizabeth Henderson was born February 20, 1921 in Soudan, Virginia to the late Reverend Oscar and Etha Henderson. At the age of three Virginia along with her parents and siblings moved to Camden, New Jersey.

Virginia attended Camden City Public Schools and graduated with honors from Camden High School Class of 1939. As a high school student Virginia's desire was to spend some of her college life on the campus of an HBCU. In pursuit of this desire, she applied for admittance and was accepted to Howard University in Washington, DC. She cherished the experiences she had at Howard University but Virginia also dreamed of graduating from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Virginia, being the determined young woman she was, completed two years of coursework at Howard and transferred to Temple where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. While at Temple, Virginia became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Virginia then decided to continue her studies by attending the University of Pennsylvania where she earned a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Physical Education. Having a thirst for education that knew no limits, she then attended Trenton State College where she received a teaching degree in Driver's Education. Last, but not least, Virginia attended Glassboro State College, obtaining a second Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Virginia's professional career in the field of education began in Atlanta, Georgia where she became a teacher of Health and Physical Education at the following educational institutions: Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia; Lincoln High School, Rockville, Maryland; Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee; and Morris Brown College, Atlanta Georgia. Virginia returned to Camden, New Jersey and in 1958 became the first African American physical education and driver education teacher at her alma mater, Camden High School, the Castle on the Hill. During Virginia's tenure in addition to teaching health and physical education Virginia became a guidance counselor. While a counselor at Camden High School Virginia was invited to become a member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority.

After her combined teaching and counseling career in Camden City Public Schools, Virginia retired in 1988. It was a short lived retirement because in 1989 due to a shortage of guidance counselors Virginia was asked to come back and take a counseling position at Lanning Square School. She accepted this request and returned to Camden City Public Schools until 1995 when she ended her career and retired for a second time permanently.

Virginia was raised in a Christian home. Her father the late Rev. Oscar Henderson pastored a church on 9th and Van Hook Streets in Camden

when she was young. However, Virginia has always stated her earliest church attendance memories did not include her father's church. First Nazarene Baptist Church, then located at Line and Henry Streets was the first and only church she recollected. Nazarene is where Virginia accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior and was baptized. Virginia not only grew up in Nazarene, she remained a devoted, faithful member her entire life. Virginia served on the Trustee Board for over 40 years. Virginia was a member of the Willing Workers ministry and she volunteered with her sister the late Louise White on the Scholarship Committee as they annually hosted the famous Pink Tea.

The Henderson legacy of service to others was clearly evident in the life of Virginia. Along with her sisters, Virginia was a member of the Dr. Charles Henderson Auxiliary to Cooper Hospital. This organization worked tirelessly to raise funds for Hemophilia research and treatment in the name of their brother. As a lifetime member of the Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Eta Chapter Virginia served as financial secretary, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, youth advisor, scholarship cotillion committee co-chair and numerous other committees during her 56 years of dedicated membership.

Virginia met her husband and love of her life, the late Pinkney Roberts Webster while teaching in Rockville, Maryland. Virginia always referred to their relationship as "Love and Happiness". Virginia and Pinkney were blessed with many decades of unconditional love and laughter. Virginia and Pinkney were an amazing couple who did everything together. They traveled extensively domestically and abroad until his health failed. January 2013 Virginia's beloved husband Pinkney passed leaving her a widow and her life changed dramatically. Virginia held fast to her faith and cherished the memories she and Pinkney were blessed to have had.

Virginia's family was the absolute most important thing to her. Virginia was very close to and protective of her siblings. Virginia never had biological children. However, she cared for and loved her nieces and nephews as if they were her own. Virginia was the rock of the Henderson family. Looking after her siblings and their children brought her so much joy. Through the years Virginia would host regular gatherings for her family where she would prepare her special meals which always included the all time family favorite, her homemade dinner rolls. Virginia was the world's greatest aunt. She faithfully supported her nieces and nephews. Aunt Jennie showed up for every activity, function and/or performance. Virginia was truly a blessing to the entire Henderson family who will cherish her rich legacy, the life lessons and memories she so graciously left them with. We praise God for the blessing of Virginia Henderson. Our loss is truly heaven's gain.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband Pickney Roberts Webster, her parents, Rev. Oscar and Etha Henderson, and siblings, John Henderson (Cleopatro), Annie Henderson Ross (Thomas), Charles Henderson, Tabitha Henderson, Vera Henderson Ingram (Rev. N. Henry), Louise Henderson White (Aaron), and Oscar Henderson (Eleanor).

Virginia leaves to cherish her memory goddaughter, Virginia Ingram-Sye (Charles); godson Butch Ingram (Sharon); beloved niece Gloria Henderson and a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.



PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

OPENING HYMN

Choir and Congregation

COMFORT FROM THE WORD

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 New Testament - Matthew 11:28-30

PRAYER OF CONSOLATION

CHOIR SELECTION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS

Virginia Ingram-Sye, Goddaughter Designated First Nazarene Baptist Church Officers

SOLO/CHOIR SELECTION

Johnny Ingram – "You Are So Beautiful"

SPOKEN WORD

Rev. J.A. Jones, Pastor Emeritus

CLOSING CHOIR SELECTION

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

Interment

Sunset Memorial Park 1605 Union Ave. Pennsauken, NJ 08110

Due to COVID regulations, the family regrets to inform you that there will not be a repast.