

*Celebrating
the
Life of*

*Merrion
Howell
Hodges*

*Sunrise: October 27, 1935
Sunset: November 5, 2022*

Saturday, November 19, 2022 @ 11AM

Indian Woods Missionary Baptist Church

2330 Indian Woods Road, Windsor, NC 27983

Pastor David E. Moore, Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Merrion Howell affectionately known as “**Sister**” was born on October 27, 1935, to the late Emma Bell Williams and the late Henry Corey in Martin County, North Carolina. On November 5, 2022, Merrion Howell peacefully entered rest at the ECU Health Chowan Hospital, Edenton, North Carolina.

Merrion attended EJ Hayes Grammar School in Williamston, North Carolina. She graduated from Parmalee High School where she received her high school diploma.

Soon after, she migrated to New Jersey and made Jersey City, NJ her home for many years. While residing in New Jersey, Merrion had several jobs from domestic work, to working in St. Mary’s Hospital, Medical Center, and various nursing homes throughout New Jersey.

Her cooking was legendary. Whatever dishes she prepared, they were made with her touch of love. She loved feeding family, friends and those who were disadvantaged. Her hospitality was exceptional! She loved to entertain her guests. Merrion was kind. Her heart was filled with heaps of love for those she loved and for strangers.

In 1987, Merrion was joined in holy matrimony to Phillip Hodges. He was the love of her life. Merrion gave love, accepted love, and nurtured love. This was evident in how she raised and nurtured Phillip Richardson as her own son with her loving husband. She had a tremendous amount of love for children. She had a strong love for Almighty God and for humanity. This love was demonstrated by the many lives she touched and aided along her journey. The love she possessed allowed her to rise above the many adversities she faced. She will be forever in our hearts, but in The Almighty God’s memory forever.

Merrion is preceded in death by her parents, Emma Bell and Henry Corey; four siblings, Vivian Gladys Slade, James W. Williams, Joseph Howard Corey, and Herman Lenwood Corey; two favorite uncles, Uncle Mr. Pete M. Williams and James R. Corey; and a special friend, Muriel Joyner.

Merrion Howell leaves behind to cherish her memories: loving nieces and nephews, a host of caring, great-nieces and great-nephews, a special friend (neighbor), Monique “Mo” Joyner, also other relatives and friends.

Her Expression of Affection for Kim

A special niece I adopted as my own daughter. God gave her the understanding of what I needed when others turned me down. She was always here in time to make sure I had all my needs met and everything I needed. I can tell her all the time, “Don’t Come too Regularly” but she was always here when I needed her. No matter what I told her, she always was here when she thought I needed her. I ask God to bless her with everything he has to offer her.

~ Written by Merrion Howell Hodges



Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Parting View

Recessional

Interment:

Odd Fellow Cemetery

Williamston, North Carolina



To Those I Love

When I am gone, just release me,
Let me go—so I can move into my afterglow.
You mustn't tie me down with your tears;
Let's be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted with trust.
It's only for a while that we must part.
So bless the memories within your heart,
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a hug.
“Welcome Home”

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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