

**Flower Attendants**

Family and Friends

**Pall Bearers**

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*In Loving  
Memory*

**God Saw You Getting Tired**

*God saw you were getting tired*

*And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to Me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

~Kathleen Coelho

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**Acknowledgement**

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them in their sorrows.



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*Mareta Miley-Benton*

Sunrise

Sunset

July 11, 1952

November 26, 2023

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**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**

**2400 Dellabrook Road**

**Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

**Pastor Pamela Blackstock, Officiating**

## Obituary

Maretta Miley-Benton fulfilled all of life's roles to the fullest and was called Home on November 26, 2023, passing away peacefully at Bradford Village West. "Retta", as she was known throughout her life, was born to Edward and Alverna Miley (deceased) in Hampton County, South Carolina on July 11, 1952, migrating shortly thereafter to New Jersey with her parents and two siblings.

Maretta lived most of her life in Brooklyn, NY, and attended Midwood High School. She had a long career at Verizon Communications as a Facilities Specialist retiring after 30 years of service. Maretta was an influential member of Communications Workers Local 1101 and 1109. As a Facilities Assistant and Trainer for Union members, her passion and expertise prepared hundreds of employees to qualify for Facilities Specialist promotions.

We were fortunate to have had "Retta" in our lives for such a long time. We were touched by her laughter, jovial presence, and giving nature. She was our "social butterfly" as "Retta" enjoyed playing cards, dancing, traveling, and caring for her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Alverna Miley, her loving husband Ricardo D. Benton, and her beloved grandson, Travis Tyquan Benton.

Maretta leaves to cherish her memory, her son Travis Benton, his loving partner and mother of her grandchildren, Sabrina McNeil, grandchildren Tavia Benton and Kris Benton, five sisters Verna Allen, Christine White, Gloria Chapman, Sandra Miley, Jessie Miley, one brother Alfred Miley and sister-in-law Denise Miley as well as a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

## Order of Service

<b>Prelude</b>	
<b>Processional</b>	Clergy and Family
<b>Opening Words</b>	Pastor Pamela Blackstock
<b>Musical Selection</b>	"Jesus Is Love"
<b>Holy Scripture Readings</b>	
<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>Psalms 23</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>Revelation 7:13-17</i>
<b>Prayer of Comfort</b>	Pastor Pamela Blackstock
<b>Reading of Obituary</b>	Silent Reflection
<b>Musical Selection</b>	"Something About the Name Jesus"
<b>Poem</b>	Tavia Benton
<b>Acknowledgments</b>	Sandra Miley
<b>Musical Selection</b>	"Take Me to the King"
<b>Eulogy</b>	Pastor Pamela Blackstock
<b>Recessional</b>	
<b>Interment</b>	Gardens of Memory Walkertown, North Carolina