

Pall Bearers

Grandsons and Nephews

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me
 please try to understand,
 That an angel came and called my name
 and took me by the hand.
 The angel said my place was ready
 in heaven far above,
 And that I'd have to leave behind
 all those that I dearly love.
 But when I walked through Heaven's gate
 I felt so much at home
 So, when tomorrow starts without me
 Do not think we're apart
 For every time you think of me
 Remember I'm right here in your heart.*

-David M. Romano (Adapted)

Acknowledgement

The family thanks everyone who provided comfort to our loved one and to us throughout the years. For your love and prayers we are truly grateful.



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Homegoing Celebration



Mrs. Ramell Miller Whitley

December 25, 1919 ~ December 12, 2024

Saturday, December 21, 2024

11:00 AM

**Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
 101 North Dunleith Avenue
 Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

**Pastor Joseph Parks, Officiant
 Pastor Cooper, Eulogist**

Obituary

Ramell Miller Whitley was born on December 25, 1919 in Matthews, NC to the late Emma Miller and John Porter. She was the oldest of five children. Her four siblings, Willie Fair Maxwell, Lucille Lawrence, Elique Stitt, and Robert Pierce, all preceded her in death. Ramell attended Janesville School and completed the 7th grade. There was no high school in the country where she lived, therefore she had to begin work in the cotton fields. She later worked at Kuykendahl for many years before going to work for the Taylor family. In 1959, the Taylor family moved to Winston-Salem and Ramell and her family moved along with them. Ramell worked for the Taylors for over 50 years. She helped to raise their children and their children's children until health and age prevented her from working. The Taylors were indeed family to Ramell.

While in Matthews, she belonged to Janesville AME Zion Church. Once she moved to Winston-Salem, NC she joined Zion Hill Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Oscar B. Cook and attended Grace United Church where Rev. Joseph Parks was the pastor. She was a longstanding member of Zion Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, joining under the leadership of Dr. Joseph Jones. Ramell enjoyed working in ministry as an Usher and member of the Pastor's Aide Committee. She was always willing to do her part in ministry and especially enjoyed fellowship with others.

She loved to cook and was known for her coconut cake and egg custard pie. She also loved to fish and would travel to different states to do so. She enjoyed yard work and had the prettiest yard on the block. She resided in the Castle Heights community for over 60 years.

Ramell married the late Joe Whitley in 1938. They were the proud parents of three daughters: Emma, Lucille and Willie Faye.

On December 12, 2024 surrounded by her family, she passed away. In addition to her parents, siblings and husband, she was preceded in death by her grandsons, Kenyon Whitley and Benjamin Little; great grandson, Kendall Barker; great granddaughter, Natasha Whitley and great-great-great grandchildren, Nasir Carter and Dominique Whitley-Kellum.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters: Emma Sings of Charlotte, NC, Mary Lucille Whitley and Willie Faye Whitley; 11 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; 52 great-great grandchildren and 20 great-great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

“Let the Church Say Amen”

Family Visitation

10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

Opening Selection

Choir

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

Pastor Joseph Parks

New Testament

Pastor Joseph Parks

Solo

Justin Kirby

Resolution

Patricia Baskin

Selection

The Maxwell Family

Eulogy

Pastor Cooper

Recessional

“When We All Get To Heaven”

Interment

Gardens of Memory
5376 Old Walkertown Road
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