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Ms. Elizabeth Palmer
Mrs. Gertrude Williams
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Mrs. Gwendolyn Thompson
Mrs. Izetta Rives

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Mr. Freddie Cotten
Mr. Fred Cotten
Mr. Gene Harris

Mr. Walter Cotten
Mr. Eddie Palmer
Mr. Adolphus Headen

Ushers

Roberts Chapel Usher Department

Acknowledgment

The family of Mrs. Flora Jane Cotten Bynum wishes to express their humble thanks and gratitude to relatives and friends for their acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and departure of their loved one.

The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To

Knott's Funeral Home

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*A Celebration of the Life and Legacy
Of
Mrs. Flora Jane Cotten Bynum*



**Monday, September 5, 2005
11:00 a.m.**

**Roberts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Roberts Chapel Church Road
Goldston, North Carolina 27252**

**Dr. Sampson Buie, Jr., Pastor Officiating
Rev. Harvey Alston, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jace L. Cox, Eulogist**

The Celebration of Life
For
Mrs. Flora Jane Cotten Bynum

Prelude Pianist
Processional Ministers and Family
Musical Selection Union Grove Mass Choir
 "I Can Go To God In Prayer"
The Holy Scriptures
 Old Testament Psalm 23 Minister Patricia Headen
 New Testament St. John 14: 1-14 Rev. Harvey Alston
Prayer of Comfort Minister Willie McCrimmon
Solo Pastor Dorsett Murvin Headen
 "We're Gonna Have A Good Time"
Acknowledgments & Resolutions Rev. Sherry Gray
Obituary (Read Silently)
Family Tributes
 My Grandmother ~ Mrs. Jackulene Goldston
 Aunt Flor's Favorite Song ~ Evangelist Elizabeth Palmer
Selection Union Grove Mass Choir
 "Through It All"
Eulogy Rev. Jace L. Cox, Grandson
 Pastor, Union Grove AME Zion Church
Recessional Ministers and Family

Rev 22:1-4
When grandma see Jesus

Our Mother's Love

*So tender is our mother's love
A love that can't be measured,
A love we know without a doubt,
Is one that's to be treasured.
For God instilled this special love
Within our mother's heart
For each of her dear children,
Whether near or far apart,
On this day of sacred memories
Our Father, we would like to thank thee
For our mother who gave us life,
Who surrounded us early and late
With love and care.
Whose prayers on our behalf still
Cling around the Throne of Grace,
A haunting perfume of love.
The dearest gift God gave,
Is that of our Mother's love
Which wipes away all tears.
Bless her whose name we whisper before thee,
And keep her in thou perfect peace,
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.....*

The Obituary



"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them that also love his appearing." II Timothy 4: 6-8

On a warm, spring day, May 20, 1906 to be exact, the first baby girl and second child of eight by the name of Flora Jane Cotten was born to Fred and Gertrude Headen Cotten in Goldston, North Carolina. She was educated in the Chatham County Public School System. After ninety-nine years of such a fruitful life, she made her transition into life everlasting and joined her Heavenly Father on Friday, September 2, 2005. One of God's chosen angels came and carried her from her earthly home at 915 St. Luke Church Road, Goldston, NC at 2:15 PM while her two daughters Carolyn and Elmira, her grandson Rev. Jace Cox, and her great, granddaughter Brandy Goldston stood by her bedside.

We will never, ever forget the love and humble spirit of this pretty, little woman of God. Mama, Mama Flor, Sister, Jane, Grandma, Mrs. Flora Jane as she was fondly called was a nurturing and compassionate mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She was affectionately named the Matriarch of the Headen and Cotten families. Mama Flor was always known in the community as the sharp dressing, elegant, petite little woman who possessed the gift and passion to cook. People would come from all over the country just to sit and eat some of Mama Flor's soul food. Her strength and faith in God has helped to hold her family, church and community together for almost one century. Even during her final days on earth, she prayed to God and sang her favorite song, "If It Wasn't For The Lord, Tell Me What Would I Do!" Daily she sent praises up in the midst of angels surrounding her bed, and she never, ever complained. We will all miss her; however, before she transitioned from labor to reward, she stated that she was tired and ready to go home to be with the Lord.



Since Mama Flor was reared in a Christian home, she accepted Christ at a very young age and became a member of Robert's Chapel Baptist Church where she was one of the original members of the Senior Choir, a member of the Gospel Choir, usher board, the Oppie Jones Sunday School class, and missionary department. She was a member of Morning Star Chapter #594 Order of Eastern Star and a life long democrat. She retired from working outside the home to care for her grandchildren Rufus III, Jace, April and Timir.

Mama Flor was united in holy matrimony in August 1935 to the late Rufus Goldston Bynum, Sr. (R.G.) who preceded her in death on October 14, 2001. To this union three children were born. She loved her family.

Seeking comfort and strength are her two daughters, Mrs. Elmira Wicker, Evangelist Carolyn Cox (Gary) and one son, Rufus Bynum, Jr. (Carolyn) all of Goldston, NC, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Annette Cotten Jones (Billy) of Sanford, NC; grandchildren include, Mrs. Jackulene Goldston, Mrs. Veralynn Covington, Mr. Rufus Bynum, III, Pastor Jace L. Cox, Mrs. April Royston, and Mr. Timir L. Cox. There are three great-grandchildren, Sgt. Billy Goldston, Mrs. Audrey Swann and Ms. Brandy Goldston; three great-great grandchildren, Billy Goldston, Ashley Goldston and Elijah Swann. She also leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Othelia Jones (Oather) of Baltimore, MD and Mrs. Lottie Palmer of Goldston, NC; eight sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ola Alston, Mrs. Ossie Emerson, Mrs. Elizabeth Donnell, Ms. Mary Eliza Bynum, Mrs. Mildred Barrett, Mrs. Lillie Bynum, Mrs. Mary Bynum and Mrs. Mary Lou Cotten; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Farewell

Farewell my dear ones, don't weep, for I am at peace now, just asleep;

Farewell my children, I'm not alone the Mighty Maker has led me safely home.

Just think back over the many years, how sometimes we seemed so strong holding back the tears;

Yet God always made a way, I thanked Him every night for another day.

Be strong my loved ones, always love one another, be a thoughtful person, be a kind servant;

Be strong my loved one, strong in heart, the blood ties no one can ever part.

If somewhere I've made a mistake, as you live, many you will make;

Farewell everyone, I've been called away, walk with God, trust Him everyday.



Precious Memories



Never To Be Forgotten



Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over. Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever. Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?

And He came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread
And with Jesus' arm to lean on could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you so you must not idly stand
Do it now, while life remaineth you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home
Oh, the rapture of that meeting oh, the joy to see you come!