

*"In tears we could not reach you,
After you faded away.*

*Our hearts were truly broken,
We wanted you to stay.*

*But when we saw you sleeping,
So peacefully and free from pain;
How could we wish you back with us,
To suffer that again.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home."*

-Author unknown

Pall Bearers

Friends and Church Family

Floral Bearers

*Classmates, Friends and
Church Family*

Acknowledgements

*The family acknowledges with sincere gratitude and appreciation the
many kind deeds and condolences expressed by you during their
hours of bereavement.*

*A very special "Thanks" to Russell Funeral Home Services.
May the richest of God's blessings be upon each of you.*

The Family

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**Celebrating the Homegoing  
of  
Elder Mary Brown McSwain**



**Unity Powerhouse Holy Church**

**Siler City, North Carolina**

**2:30 PM**

**May 14, 2002**

**Pastor: Bishop William Goins**



## The Obituary

Elder Mary Brown McSwain was born to the late Sadie J. Brown on February 16, 1939 and departed this life on Sunday, May 12, 2002 in the Sunbridge Nursing Center in Siler City, NC.

Elder McSwain was a 1958 graduate of Chatham County Training School in Siler City, NC. She continued her education with Bible Study at Central Carolina Community College under Dr. Mattie Walden. Most recently, Elder McSwain wrote articles for the Sunbridge Nursing Center serving as the Residential Counselor President.

Elder McSwain loved the Lord and joined Palmers Chapel Church at an early age and was saved. She was very active at St. Luke Holiness Church where she was at one time the pastor of both St. Luke and Oak Grove Holiness Churches. She was a singer, a writer and loved using her hands with arts and crafts.

Elder McSwain leaves to remember her, one sister, Evangelist Listeen Mitchell (David), of Siler City, NC, one brother, James Brown (Faye) of Bear Creek, NC, one stepson, June McSwain of Pittsboro, NC, one step-grandson, Rev. Roderick McSwain of Pittsboro, NC, a loving God-daughter, Beverly Foxx of Siler City, NC and many aunts, uncles, neices, nephews, relatives and friends.

**In the "Sweet Bye and Bye We Shall Meet on That Beautiful Shore."**

We Love You, but God Loves You Most!

## Order of Service

Prelude.....Organist  
Processional  
Opening Selection....."Just as Soon"  
Old Testament Reading.....Rev. Oscar Rush  
New Testament Reading.....Dr. Mattie Walden  
Prayer.....Bishop William Goins  
Solo.....Ms. Mary Harris  
Remarks .....Elder Irene Glover,  
(3 minutes please) St. Luke Holy Church  
Remarks.....Bishop R. C. Bryant,  
Pastor of Mt. Nebo  
Holy Church of God,  
Jonesville, NC  
Acknowledgements and Remarks.....Sis. Donnie Brooks  
Obituary (Read Silently)  
Special Selection.....Bro. Bobby Mitchell  
Eulogy.....Elder P. S. McMillan  
Recessional  
Song....."I'll Fly Away"

~Interment~

Oak Grove Holy Church  
Sanford, North Carolina