



In Loving Memory

of

Lessie J. Headen

1922-1998



Wednesday, July 29, 1998
2:00 P.M.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
914 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Siler City, North Carolina 27344

Reverend Barry Gray, Officiating

FLORAL BEARERS

Relatives and Friends of the Family

PALL BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thanks to all of you who supported us in our time of sadness. Special thanks to Reverend Barry Gray, Evangelist Mary Jackson and Reverend Pamela Moffitt for sharing their gifts of Gods blessings. May God continue to bless each and everyone.

~ The Headen Family ~

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"MAMA"

*You have been the sunshine in many lives.
Your family and your friends;
But now your sunbeam is in the northern sky -
As your day has come to an end.*

*You have always been that ray of light,
To brighten someone's day,
you lived, By the motto,
"If I Can Help Someone Along The Way".
Now with tearful eyes and a grieving heart,
We've come to say goodbye.*

~ FOOTPRINTS ~

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, You'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed You most You would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious child I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

~ Author Unknown ~

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude(*music played softly*) "Mama"
Boyz to Men

Processional

Poem(*read silently*)

Solo "Precious Lord"
Evangelist Mary E. Jackson

Scripture Old Testament: Ps. 26:1-12
New Testament: I Cor. 15:20-22, 51-52

Prayer of
Comfort Reverend George Dark

Song "I'm Free"
Reverend Barry Gray

Obituary(*read silently*)

Song "Rough Side of the Mountain"
Choir & Evangelist Mary E. Jackson

Eulogy Reverend Barry Gray

Song "When I've Gone
The Last Mile of the Way"
Reverend Pamela Moffitt

Parting View

Recessional

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Interment

First Baptist Church Cemetery

(Drivers in Processional, please turn on headlights for safety)

OBITUARY

Lessie J. Headen, daughter of the late Andy and Jane Carter was born April 27, 1922 in Alamance County, North Carolina.

She was united in holy matrimony to Robert Lee Headen in June, 1946.

Lessie was a loyal member of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church even when her health did not allow her to attend services. She was a strong and active participant, along with being a contributor in our small but successful Lincoln Heights Community. There she joint owned and operated along with her husband, "Headen's Groceries" during a time when black-owned businesses were rare. She was a popular and successful Avon Representative, holding many of Avon's highest awards. At a time when it was difficult for black people, Lessie J. strove to achieve her piece of the, "American Dream." She was and continue to be a positive role model to us all. "Love Ya Mama"

She leaves to mourn: her husband, Robert Lee; four daughters, Nancy Ali, Delatheia James, Marie McFadden all of Siler City, N.C. and Georgia Hill of Raleigh, NC.; one son, Edward P. Carter, New York, NY.; one chosen son, Larry Siler, Siler City, NC.; one sister, Myrtle Carter, Atco, NJ.; ten grandchildren, Douglas, Eddie, Regina, Tami, Lemont, Ken, Elena, Mykol, Brandon and Marissa; eight great-grandchildren, Randell, Jeff, DeWayne, Perri, Tatiana, Daishon, Melissa and Marqus. A host of relatives and friends, new and old.