

Homegoing Services

For

Mrs. Martha Marea Emerson Singletary



Monday, November 1, 1999

12:30 P.M.

First Calvary Baptist Church

Sanford, North Carolina

Dr. J. L. Morgan, Pastor

Order Of Service

Prelude

Processional

Hymn

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23 - Rev. Bobby Womble

New Testament - II Timothy 4:1-9 - Rev. Linda Smith

Prayer Of Comfort

Dr. J.L. Morgan

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Expressions (two minutes, please)

Mrs. Maggie White,
President, Women's Convention, General Baptist State Convention

Deacon Alexander Davis,
Chairman, Deacon Board - First Calvary Baptist Church

Dr. Willis McLeod,
Chancellor, Fayetteville State University
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dr. Thomas K. Minter, Cousin

Mrs. Vivien Holcomb, Sister

Solo

D.S. 24

"May The Work I've Done Speak For Me"

Rev. Linda Smith

Eulogy

Dr. J.L. Morgan

Recessional

Interment

Minter Cemetery

Drivers in procession please turn on headlights for safety

Reflections

Martha Marea Emerson Singletary, the fourth child born to the late Rev. Dr. D.J. Emerson and Maria Delillion Minter Emerson, was born December 12, 1904 in Sanford, North Carolina. She died on the evening of October 25, 1999.

Marea professed faith in Christ at an early age. She was baptized and united with the Pearl Street Baptist Church, now known as First Calvary Baptist Church of Sanford. She was later baptized in the Jordan River along with other members of her church, and has always shown her Christian faith in Jesus Christ.

She was inspired by her Mother and Grandfather, William Minter, to receive as much education as possible. She received her early education at the Minter Graded School, and later at Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville Normal School and Fayetteville Teachers College. After receiving her Degree from Fayetteville College, she taught elementary school at W.B. Wicker in Sanford, North Carolina for one year, and later taught in the Jonesboro Elementary School. She was the wife of the late John Singletary.

Marea had always been interested in, and was an inspiration to young people. She worked with youth in a 4H Club, and she was such an inspiration to the youth of her church that a Missionary Circle was named in her honor. Marea was a Dietician at the Colored Orphanage Home, now know as The Oxford Children's Home, for several years, and until her death considered the orphanage one of her major projects. While working at the Orphanage Home she received a call from Dr. Jones, President of Fayetteville State College, asking her to accept a position there, which she accepted. Marea remained there until she retired in the early 70's.

Marea and her sisters, Alberta Emerson Baker and Narcissa Emerson Holmes, who pre-deceased her, and Vivien Emerson Holcomb who survives her, have enjoyed full and happy lives. They traveled together, vacationed together and never let a Mother's Day pass without being together - that was a promise to their Mother.

Marea served as a Deacon of the First Calvary Church, was a member of the local Eastern Star (named in honor of her elder brother, James) and the National Eastern Star. While a member of the local Eastern Star, the youth group, Marea's Jewels #58 was named in her honor. As a National member she served as Grand Financial Secretary for a number of years.

Never giving birth to any children, she had eight she considered her own; Letheal Griffin, Marian Williams, Bettye Johnson Aggerup, Ross and Sherman Diggs, Senora Diggs Davis, Dawn Diggs Jones and Edward Swann Clegg. She also had two nephews that she called her own, Dr. Theodore (Ted) Brooks and William Brooks. These "children" have always kept in touch with her and supported her when and where they could.

Marea's Mother gave birth to four sons, who preceded Marea in death, but God has blessed her and her sisters with two cousins whom she considered "brothers", Dr. Thomas K. Minter and William Arthur Minter. Their wives, Dr. Rae Alexander-Minter and Valerie Minter are also much-loved family members.

She leaves to cherish her memory besides those named, first cousins on her Father's side, Elizabeth Edwards, Alice Henderson and Katie Collins; three granddaughters, one grandson, twelve great grandchildren, ten great great grandchildren, plus a host of other relatives and friends.

*"Somewhere the sun is shining
Through mists of hazy blue;
Somewhere there is no sorrow
And hearts are happy and true*

*"Somewhere there is no parting,
Somewhere there is no pain;
Somewhere loved ones are waiting
To greet us once again*

*"And tho' beyond our understanding
We will put our hearts at rest
Somewhere in all His Wisdom
A loving God knows best."*

Floral Bearers

Eastern Star O.E.S # 63

Honorary Floral Bearers

The Lillie Akins Missionary Circle
The Nannie Johnson Missionary Circle
The M.E. Singletary Circle
The Happy Hour Club

Pallbearers

Masonic Lodge #101

Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons and Trustees - First Calvary Baptist Church

Acknowledgment

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to their many friends and neighbors for each act of kindness shown to them during this period of transition and adjustment. All that you have done will strengthen us in days to come. We thank God for people like you, and pray that His perpetual light shines upon you.....The Family~



~Professional Services Entrusted To~

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