



She is away, yet ever near.  
Her presence fills each day.  
Her voice and smiles are everywhere.  
A memory away,  
And though she is no longer seen,  
By family and friends,  
She lives.  
For she was dearly loved  
And love never ends

Sorrowfully,  
The Family



*Floral Bearers*  
*Missionaries and Nieces*



*Honorary Floral Bearers*  
*Ladies Auxiliary - Post 277*



*Pallbearers*  
*Trustees and Nephews*



*Acknowledgement*

The family will never forget the outpouring of love,  
kindness, and support extended to us during the  
illness of our beloved. We would like to express our  
sincere gratitude for the expressions of condolences  
shared with us during our time of bereavement.  
We thank God for each of you.

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*A Homegoing Celebration*  
*For*  
*Mrs. Virginia S. Horton*



*Saturday, September 18, 2004*  
*3:00 p.m.*

*Gee's Grove A.M.E. Zion Church*  
*Siler City, NC 27344*

*Rev. Allen Moore,*  
*Pastor Officiating*



## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Hymn "He Looked Beyond My Faults" 12

Scripture

148 PS 150 PS  
Old Testament - Dr. Mansel P. McCleave

New Testament - Rev. Gennell Wilkerson  
200 500

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Corey Little

Acknowledgements

Obituary (read silently)

Selection "God Did It"

Remarks 3 minute limit please

Mrs. Erica Hoffman

Bishop Charles Faison

Dr. Sherwin Greene

Selection "Bye and Bye"

Eulogy 27 at 9:00 AM Rev. Allen Moore

Recessional



Committal and Interment

Gee's Grove Church Cemetery

Siler City, North Carolina

## Obituary

*I shared many nights with God in prayer. He let me know this suffering I'd no longer bear. I am not afraid for God said don't fear. For He's already given me heavenly gear.*

*I am going to meet my loved ones. They're waiting at the gate you know. God has given my final place.*

*I fought a good fight. I won my race. So, don't worry; please don't cry. And never ask questions as to why....*

*Till we meet again.*



Virginia Siler Horton, our beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend, exchanged this life for eternal life and a crown in Glory on September 13, 2004.

Born August 31, 1917 in Siler City, NC to the late Dan Henry Siler and Flora Brooks Siler, she was preceded in death by her husband Charlie Horton, a son Jimmy Lawrence Siler, and siblings Stella, Irene, Essie, Cicero, Edward, and Monroe.

Virginia became a member of Gee's Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at an early age and served as a faithful member for as long as her health permitted. She loved testifying about the goodness of the Lord. Her pride and joy was teaching the young and old about the word of God and leading them to Christ. She was a true example of living and loving the Lord with all her heart.

She was a dedicated member of the following church and civic organizations: Class Leader, Deaconess Board President, Sunday School Superintendent, Conference Worker, Sunday School Teacher, Life Member of the Missionary Society, Trustee Board, Stewards Board, Senior Choir, member of Spiritual Voices, The Round Dozens, Church Planning Committee, Quarterly Conference Secretary, Local Lay Council Treasurer, Church Custodian, Ladies Auxiliary Post 277 President, NAACP, Wise Savings Club, Notary, and Legal Aide

Her children, grandchildren, all who encountered her, could always be found on the receiving end of her wisdom, family stories, and encouraging spirit. She often talked about how fortunate she was to have been blessed with longevity on this earth and all the love and support of family and friends. At family gatherings, we could certainly count on her frying some crispy, golden chicken. She maintained a smiling optimistic spirit until the end.

She is survived by her children: daughters: Dolores Siler of Brooklyn, NY, Flora Weaver (Louis) of the home; and son, Harold (Peggy) Siler of Cross Lanes, WV; a sister, Rosa Lee Siler of Brooklyn, NY; thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, one great great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends; and Dr. and Mrs. Byron Hoffman (Erica), and their children. Also mourning her loss is canine pet, Bruno.