

*In Loving Memory  
Of  
Mrs. Phyllis Fair Lace Jola Fearrington*

*Sunrise*

November 26, 1939

*Sunset*

November 21, 2005



*Friday, November 25, 2005*

*2:00 pm*

*Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church*

*530 Lystra Road*

*Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

*Rev. George Walls, Officiating*

# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection ..... Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir

Scripture

Old Testament ..... Rev. Dr. Julious Jones

New Testament ..... Rev. Norman Davis

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Brian E. Wright

Selection ..... Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements ..... Deacon Brenda Thompson

Obituary (Read Silently)

Remarks ..... Deacon Wallace Council and Others

Song ..... Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy ..... Rev. George Walls

Recessional

Interment ..... Church Cemetery



## To My Sister, My Hero

In life we are afforded numerous individual choices and it is up to us what we do with the choices we make. Unlike family, we are joined together by the choices made by others that resulted in our being. Such is the case for us - Lillian and Lunies Fearrington made the choice to bring us into this world as siblings.

Like all siblings, sometime we disagreed but we were never disagreeable. We never fought or called each other ugly names - that was not permissible. As we grew older, distance separated us physically but never emotionally. We shared in each other's joys and sorrows. I was Maid of Honor at your wedding and you were at mine as well. I was there for the birth of your two darling angels, Wonetta and Cynthia and you were there for the birth of my son Julian. We held each other through the death of our parents and other obstacles life had to offer.

We were all elated at the engagement and marriage of your daughter Cynthia and the arrival of your granddaughter Breanna. You served so eloquently as Mistress of Ceremony at Avon and my 25th Wedding Anniversary - the guest marveled at your wit.

During our memorable trip together to San Francisco, California, it was obvious that your health had begun to deteriorate. We did not, however, let that deter our excitement of our first ride on the cable cars, a visit to China Town and Alcatraz and a ride down the city's narrowest and crooked streets. Subsequent years challenged you with numerous hospitalizations, surgeries and home confinement. Through all of this your faith, enthusiasm and perseverance never failed. When others all but gave up on you, you overcame the odds and bounced back. When others would have given up the many activities in which you were involved, you continued - often from your hospital bed. I remember the many nights we spent by telephone putting together a paper of condolence for the family of a church member who had passed. You would often say, "just get it started and I will complete it. - Let me get my thoughts clear."

Many times you would introduce me to people as "My Sister - My Hero." while I cherished those accolades, little did you know you were truly "The Hero". I drew strength from your tenacity, your never complaining demeanor and most importantly, your willingness to "Just Keep Going".

On Monday morning, I believe you looked up to Heaven and said, "Lord, I am ready now, I have fought a good fight, I am tired, I am ready to be with You." God, in His loving and graceful way said, "Come on home my child, I have a place prepared for you - no more pain, no more dialysis, no more kidney rejections, no more wheelchairs, and no more medications. Come on up, your two angels, Wonetta and Cynthia have been waiting for you. Your birthday cake is ready for cutting on November 26. Your mom and dad, Lillian and Lunies, have also been invited to the party".

Rest in Peace my dear sister - My Hero.

Love,  
Delois

## *Only God Knows*

*God saw that you were getting weary  
So He did what He thought was best,  
He came and stood beside you,  
And whispered, "Come and rest."  
You bade no one a last farewell  
Not even a good-bye.  
You were gone before we knew it  
And only God knows why.*

*The Family*

## *Obituary*

Phyllis Fair Lacy lola Fearington was born November 26, 1939 to Lillian and Lunies Fearington.

Phyllis received her early education at Horton High School, Pittsboro, NC, graduating with honors. She further attended Shaw University in Raleigh, NC where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

In 1960, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Curtis Lee Fearington. Two daughters, Wonetta Rixine and Cynthia Rene, were born to this union, both of which preceded her in death.

Phyllis joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until death. She was a member of the Deaconess Board, Program Director, J.R. Burt Ensemble, BTU Director, Sunday School Commentator and Teacher, member of the Kitchen Committee, Church Clerk, Director of Christian Education and Church Condolence Chairperson.

She was a member of numerous community and philanthropic organizations, including: NAACP (first queen for Chatham Community Branch). She was the founder of Renaissance Court #6 Order of Cyrene Crusaders of Chapel Hill, served as first Princess Commandress, was a member of Maria Court #1 Order of Cyrene Crusaders of Durham and a member of the North Carolina Tarheel Grand Court Order of Cyrene Crusaders, member of Boyd and Hodge Court #7 Heroines of Jericho, Durham, NC, member of North Carolina Grand Court Heroines of Jericho where she served as Grand Treasurer, held office of Honorary Past Grand Most Ancient Matron, served on various committees and was the first International Queen for the General Conference of Grand Courts of Heroines of Jericho representing North Carolina. She was a member of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star for the state of North Carolina where she served as the Office of Grand Esther, various committees and crowned Queen for the State of North Carolina. She was also a member of the 10th District Administrative Council OES where she served as Worthy Matron and Treasurer as well as other committees. She was a member of the Minor Perkins Phyllis Chapter Auxiliary OES. She was a Past Worthy Matron of the Randolph Chapter Order of Eastern Star and was a member for more than 40 years. She held other offices and served on numerous committees. She was also crowned Queen of the Grand Chapter OES.

Survivors include her loving and devoted husband, Curtis Lee; sister, Delois Harding of Winston-Salem, NC; granddaughter, Breanna Leach, Pittsboro, NC; son-in-law, Bernard Leach, Pittsboro, NC; three aunts, Christine Trice, Thelma Jones and Bernice Byrd all of Chapel Hill, NC; seven nephews, nine nieces, (a special niece Schquthia Peacock, her personal nurse); three sisters-in-law, Mamie Seymour (Galento), Barbara Williams, Annie Farrow (George); two brothers-in-law, Avon Harding, Winston-Salem, NC and James Fearington (Lena), Durham, NC; numerous cousins, other relatives and friends.

*Floral Bearers*

Eastern Stars

*Honorary Floral Bearers*

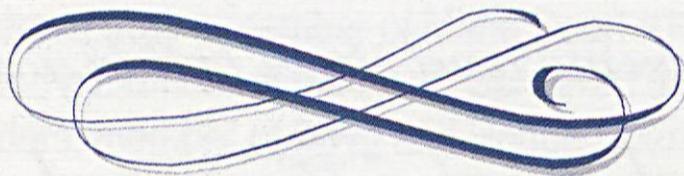
Mt. Zion Board of Deaconess

*Pall Bearers*

Masonic Brothers

*Honorary Pall Bearers*

Mt. Zion Board of Deacons



*Acknowledgment*

The family gratefully acknowledges all expressions of sympathy extended during their time of bereavement as well as the love and compassion shown Phyllis during her extended illness. May God bless each of you.

~ The Family ~

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