

PALLBEARERS

Deacons-White Rock Baptist Church

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Plum Street Community Organization

Weaver McLean Post #175 American Legion

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Deaconess Board and Sarah E. Smith District

White Rock Baptist Church

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Ladies Auxiliary to Weaver McLean Post #175 American Legion

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Acknowledgment

Thanks to you our friends for your fellowship, kindness and help during the life, the illness, and since the death of our beloved husband, brother and uncle.

A meal for the family and out of town guests will be served after the burial at White Rock in the fellowship hall.

Arrangements

By

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3137 Fayetteville Street

Durham, NC

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**A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD
UPON THE DEATH OF**



Mr. Ezekiel Clemons

1894 - 1982

White Rock Baptist Church

3400 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina

Saturday, May 22, 1982

2:00 P.M.

Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor, Officiating

Obituary

MR. EZEKIEL CLEMONS was born in Franklin County, North Carolina on September 7, 1894, the son of the late Joe and Kanova Scarborough Clemons. He departed this life Tuesday, May 18, 1982 at the Veterans Administration Hospital after a brief illness.

He received his formal education at Berry O'Kelly High School in Raleigh, North Carolina and Christian College in Franklinton, North Carolina. He served in the United States Army during World War I in Germany. After returning to the states, he resided in New York City with his wife, Marion, until retiring from the Atlas Corporation in 1962. While in New York, he was a very active member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church where he served on the Deacon Board. He also belonged to several other civic organizations.

Upon coming to Durham, Ezekiel realized the importance of keeping God first in his life, therefore, he joined White Rock Baptist Church where he was a strong supporter and a member of the Deacon Board. He also was a member of the Sarah E. Smith District. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 175 and the Plum Street Organization.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Marion Daughtry Clemons; two brothers, Harvey of Route 2 Zebulon, North Carolina and Jordan of Newport News, Virginia; two sisters, Mattie Wall of Youngsville, North Carolina and Della Mae Richardson of Newport News, Virginia; along with many, many nieces and nephews.

TRIBUTE TO A LOVING HUSBAND, UNCLE AND BROTHER

Life on earth is only for a short while, but because God loved you, he allowed you to travel a many a mile. Sometimes the way was dark and dreary, but you dear Husband, Uncle and Brother had the faith and courage to travel on without growing weary.

When we were worried and dispondent, you were there with words of wisdom for our comfort. You were our loving husband, uncle, brother and friend which only makes us kin. But because you were a child of God, this is not the end.

You were unselfish, caring, thoughtful, and a friend to all mankind, for this, God will reward you with more love and tenderness than we could ever find.

In spite of the many miles you have traveled, you must now make a journey, the mysteries of which no man has unravelled.

Fret not, dear husband, uncle, brother and friend for some day we shall all meet again. We loved you dearly, but God understood and took you home to rest from your labor.

*Composed by: Tim Deck
Submitted by: The Family*

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE Mr. John H. Gattis

*PROCESSIONAL

HYMN 224 — "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

INVOCATION The Reverend Joseph Ratliff
Pastor, Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

SCRIPTURE #505 The Reverend McArthur Clemons
Pastor, Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church
and Congregation

SOLO Mrs. Virginia W. Alston

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Mr. J.M. Schooler, Sr.

SOLO — "How Great Thou Art" Mrs. Margaret Goodwin

EULOGY Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor

*ORGAN POSTLUDE Mr. Gattis

*Please Stand

BURIAL
BEECHWOOD CEMETERY
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSIONAL PLEASE TURN ON LIGHTS FOR SAFETY.

PALLBEARERS
Stewards
of
St. Joseph's AM'E Church

FLORAL BEARERS
Stewardesses and Missionaries
of
St. Joseph's AM'E Church

*Those whose hopes are strong
See and cherish all signs of life. . .
And are ready every moment to help
That which is ready to be born.*

Erich Fromm

Acknowledgement

*Thanks to you, our friends, for your friendship and deeds
of kindness during this period of bereavement for our
family. May God continue to bless each of you.*

The Family

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Homegoing Service
for
Mrs. Frances Constantia Smith Clemons



Thursday, April 8, 1993
1:00pm

Saint Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church

2521 Fayetteville Street
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 683-1379

Reverend Philip Robert Cousin, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Obituary

Mrs. Frances Constantia Smith Clemons, the daughter of the late William and Florence Smith, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 10, 1917 and departed this life on April 4, 1993 at Durham Regional Hospital.

She was married to the late Robert Lee Clemons, Sr. To this union they enjoyed the rich experience of parenthood one son and one daughter who will survive.

She was educated in the Baltimore Public Schools and the New York School of Design. She received a B.S. degree from North Carolina A&T State University in 1941, a M.A. degree from New York University in 1946 and a teaching certificate from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in 1948. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a Contact Helpline Volunteer, NEA and NCAE.

In 1948, she moved permanently to North Carolina. She taught in the Warren County School System, NC A&T State University Early Childhood Education Program, Little River and Merrick-Moore Schools and in 1960 became the Principal of Lakeview School where she remained until her retirement in 1980.

She was a member of St. Joseph's AME Church where she served as a member of the Senior Choir and was a soloist for over twenty-five years.

Surviving are her daughter, Patricia Clemons Newman, a son, Robert Lee Clemons, Jr., a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Vaughan Clemons, four grandchildren, Christopher, Santawn, India and Tiffany, a beloved brother, Richard B. Smith of Providence, Rhode Island, two sisters-in-law, Emma Clemons Best and Mary Clemons of Baltimore, Maryland, numerous nieces and nephews, and three cherished friends, Margaret Headen of Greensboro, Richalean Tucker and her companion, Brenda A. Carson.

Order of Service

PRELUDE Mr. Fred Mason, Jr.

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING HYMN *448* The Senior Choir

PRAYER Reverend. Trevón D. Gross
Assistant Pastor
St. Joseph's AME Church

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

HYMN *463* The Senior Choir

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
AND RESOLUTION ... Mr. Paul Williams

HYMN *396* The Senior Choir

EULOGY Reverend Philip Robert Cousin, Jr.
Senior Pastor
St. Joseph's AME Church

RECESSIONAL

Interment
Beechwood Cemetery
Durham

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PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY.

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Honorary Pallbearers

Sarah E. Smith District
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Plum Street Community Organization

Floral Bearers

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Thanks to you our friends for your fellowship, kindness
and help during the life, the illness, and since the death of our
beloved Aunt.*

The Family

A meal for the family and out of town guests will be served after the
burial at White Rock in the fellowship hall.

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD UPON THE DEATH OF



Mrs. Marion D. Clemons
1900 — 1985

White Rock Baptist Church
3400 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Saturday, April 6, 1985
2:00 P.M.

Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor, Officiating

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE.....Mr. John H. Gattis

*PROCESSIONAL

HYMN 224.....*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*
Choir and Congregation

INVOCATION.....The Reverend McArthur Clemons
Pastor, Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

SCRIPTURE No. 505.....The Reverend Paul Stewart
Pastor, Russell CME Church
and Congregation

SOLO — *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*.....Mrs. Virginia W. Alston

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Mr. D.L. Harrison

SOLO — *"How Great Thou Art"*.....Mrs. Margaret Goodwin

EULOGY.....Lorenzo A. Lynch, *Pastor*

*RECESSIONAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE.....Mr. Gattis

* Please Stand

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Burial
Beechwood Cemetery
Durham, North Carolina

DRIVERS IN THE PROCESSION, PLEASE TURN ON HEADLIGHTS FOR SAFETY.

Obituary

MRS. MARION DAUGHTRY CLEMONS was born and reared in Savannah, Georgia. She was the only daughter of George and Alice Daughtry. She departed this life Sunday, March 31, 1985 at Durham County General Hospital, after an extensive illness, at the age of 84.

She received her elementary and secondary education in Savannah, Georgia. At an early age, she joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, there, where she was active in church and Sunday School.

Later, she moved to New York City where upon she saw fit to join the Abyssinian Baptist Church and was active in the spiritual life of the church. There, she met and married Mr. Ezekiel Clemons, in 1932, who preceded her in death on May 18, 1982.

Upon coming to Durham, in 1962, she realized the importance of keeping God first in her life, therefore, she, along with her husband, joined the White Rock Baptist Church where she was a member of the Sarah E. Smith District and Deaconess Board. Also, she was a member of the Plum Street Organization.

Her survivors include Evelyn, Maurice and Tim Deck of Durham, N.C., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute To A Loving Aunt in Life and Death

Life is a never ending quest for happiness. It begins with happiness at birth and travels along the continuum of time; sometimes up, sometimes down; in sickness and in health but your life was sublime.

Life, for you Auntie Dear, was fragile and dainty. It was filled with caring and sharing. We know that life for you may not have been a crystal stair, but we could tell by the twinkle in your eye, and the smile on your lips that God made it all easier to bear. For you Auntie Dear, there will be no more pain because God has fulfilled His promise once again.

Life ends in death, just as it has for you. It is a time of sadness and sorrow and feelings of hopelessness. But we know that it was not a mistake for God knows what to do. Because of the life you lived and your love for us, our lives have been made more complete.

Even though life ends in death, as it has for you, it extends through darkness into infinity. God blessed and kept you from hurt, harm and danger because of His divinity. We know that God is good and God is great, and we can only hope and pray that we can learn to love life, live a life of love, and accept death gracefully as an inevitable entity of life just as you did before it's too late.

God saw fit to end life for you just as He will for all the rest, but we know that it is only because He alone knows what's best.

Still. . . . life goes on.

Composed by: Tim Deck

Submitted by: The Family

R E S O L U T I O N

I Do Not Go Alone

Mrs. MARION CLEMONS

The Sarah E. Smith District of White Rock Baptist Church pauses to pay tribute to a fallen member. For some 23 years Mrs. Marion Clemons has been a staunch and supportive member of the Sarah E. Smith District and has worked faithfully with White Rock Baptist Church,

Whereas, she was a devout Christian with encouraging words for all persons that she was associated with and she met along life's way,

Whereas, her gentle smile and her many services to the church leaves a positive Christian influence that can be emulated,

Whereas, she was an asset to the Plum Street community and a good neighbor,

Be It Therefore Resolved, that we extend our deepest and sincere sympathy to the members of her family in this hour of bereavement, and that we thank God for having been touched by Mrs. Clemons and her Christian life, and that we draw closer together and ever cherish the memory of this our friend.

If DEATH should beckon me with outstretched hand
And whisper softly of "AN UNKNOWN LAND,"
I shall not be afraid to go,
For though the path I do not know,
I take DEATH'S HAND without a fear,
For He who safely brought me here
Will also take me safely back,
And though in many things I lack,
He will not let me go alone
Into the "VALLEY THAT'S UNKNOWN" . . .
So I reach out and take DEATH'S HAND
And journey to the "PROMISED LAND!"

-Helen Steiner Rice

Respectfully submitted,
SARAH E. SMITH DISTRICT

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, President
Mrs. Ruth S. Boyd, Secretary

April 6, 1985
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CLINTON

6-18-00

Anthony Clinton was born March 21, 1957, to the union of Ernest L. and Elizabeth F. Clinton in Durham. He died June 14, 2000. He attended the following: W.G. Pearson, Whitted Junior High, and Durham Senior High. After graduating from Durham Senior High School in June of 1975, he started his college career at North Carolina Central University, where he met his wife, Clara. Anthony and Clara were married September 29, 1990. Anthony received his bachelor of science degree in 1980 and his master of science in 1994, both from NCCU.

Anthony had been an active member of Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ since his youth.



CLINTON

He gave his life to Christ in 1972 and continued his fellowship with Mt. Calvary UCC. He worked with the usher board, the Young Adult Choir, and

the Male Chorus. He was ordained as deacon at an early age and served as a deacon until the time of his death. He was a loving and devoted husband, son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, and church servant.

He devoted his life to helping and caring for children. He worked professionally with the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club for 18 years. At the time of his death, he was employed by the City of Durham Parks and Recreation, where he served for the past 18 months as the director of W.D. Hill Recreation Center.

The funeral will be Sunday, June 18, 2000, at Mt. Calvary United Church of Christ.

Anthony leaves to mourn and cherish his memories, his wife, Clara Ragland Clinton, of the home; his mother and father, Ernest L. and Elizabeth Clinton; three sisters, Ernestine Clinton, Elizabeth (Michael) Simmons, and Tracy (Paul) Scott; eight brothers, Charles E. Clinton, Ronald (Mildred) Clinton, Richard L. Clinton, Michael (Evangula) Clinton, Eric L. (Camilla) Clinton, Gregory W. (Cynthia) Clinton, Bryant D. (Lillian) Clinton, and David L. (Erica) Clinton; his mother and father-in-law, the Rev. Garland C. and Magdalene B. Ragland; three sisters-in-law, Manda (James) McIntyre, Annie R. (Herman L.) Gibson, and Vanessa L. Ragland; one brother-in-law, Garland E. Ragland; two aunts, Ernestine Frazier and Dorothy Everette; 11 nieces; 15 nephews; three great-nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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***Bettie
Peebles
Closs***

1935-2003



Sunday, October 12, 2003
3:00 pm

Bethlehem Baptist Church
7215 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC

Reverend W. L. Morgan, Pastor
Officiating

~ Order of Service ~

Prelude	Mrs. Nell Hinton
Processional	
Selection	Bethlehem Baptist Choir
Holy Scripture	Mother Ruth Small
Prayer of Comfort/Expressions	Rev. Paul Anderson, Baptist Grove Church
Solo "I'm Still Holding On"	Mrs. Carolyn Harrison
Remarks and Resolution	Mrs. Glenda Small, North Carolina Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Acknowledgements and Resolutions	Mrs. Gloria Morgan
Obituary	Ms. Ola Linda Bennett
Solo "I'm Free"	Mrs. Carolyn Harrison
Eulogy	Rev. W.L. Morgan
Recessional Hymn	Church Choir

~ Interment ~

Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery

~ Floral Bearers ~

Missionaries of Bethlehem Baptist Church
And Nieces

~ Pall Bearers ~

Deacons and Trustees of Bethlehem Baptist Church

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all expression of kindness and sympathy during our bereavement.

In particular, we want to thank the countless numbers of family members, church members, and work colleagues that made up our mother's important and extended family. Your prayers, visits, hand-holding and laughs during her time of prolonged illness allowed our mother's final years to be just as fulfilling as her life had been all along – and gave her the drive and commitment to – in her words, “keep hanging in there”.

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*God Saw the road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb.  
He gently closed your loving eyes  
And whispered, “Peace be thine.”  
The weary hours, the ays of pain,  
The sleepless night are past.  
The ever-patient, worn out frame  
Found sweet relief at last.*

- The Family

**Funeral arrangements by  
Lea Funeral Home, Raleigh, NC**



## ***In Loving Memory of Bettie Peebles Closs***

A vessel for peace who placed a high value on patience and tolerance.

***Mrs. Bettie Peebles Closs*** was born October 13, 1935 in Raleigh, North Carolina to the late Dockery and Mary Hinton Peebles.

Growing up on the family farm in what was historically known as the rural community of Jeffrey's Grove in North Raleigh, Bettie graduated from Berry O'Kelly High School in the community known as Method in West Raleigh. She attended Payne's College and completed formal training in Business.

Much of Bettie's life centered on a few basic but precious things that made life for her memorable, full, and vibrant: her place of work; her place of worship; and her family.

***Bettie*** was employed at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company in Durham, NC to which she commuted to everyday – at a time before commuting between cities was common along with her sister, Mae Pearl. And both of them enjoyed an extended sisterhood with other pioneering black women business professionals in the 1950s. She retired in June 1990, after 35 years of dedicated service as a valued employee,

***Bettie*** joined Bethlehem Baptist Church at an early age. She was a member of the Usher Board, President of the W.L. Morgan Gospel Choir, and President of the Floral Club and contributed to other auxiliaries and projects of the church. Whatever was going on at Bethlehem, Bettie was sure to be involved one way or another. She loved her church and her energy was abundant as she labored on behalf of it. Bettie vigorously and graciously volunteered her professional skills honed at NC Mutual as Church Clerk for more than 35 years.

***Bettie*** was a proud mother, known to talk much about the progress of her two sons but it is she who deserves the credit for their accomplishments. Though born ten years apart, both Willie and Wyatt have fond memories of a mother who was always encouraging, always providing, and always telling them there was nothing they couldn't do. Whether teaching Willie, Jr. how to fish or taking Wyatt window-shopping, she always found a way to inspire and make them feel good – even under difficult circumstances. As both sons continue to travel and grow as men, they will draw on those early experiences and share Bettie's loving spirit with the world they encounter in the future.

***Bettie*** leaves to cherish her precious memories the following: her two sons, Willie, Jr. (Nardos) of Durham, NC and Wyatt of New York City and Philadelphia; one sister Mae Pearl Peebles Snelling of Raleigh, NC; two brothers Daniel Peebles (Kathleen) and Paul E. Peebles (Mary), both of Raleigh, NC; sister-in-laws Hazel Peebles of Baltimore, MD, Mary F. Peebles of Springfield, MA and Minnie P. Bridges, Rose B. Closs both of Raleigh, NC; a special niece Dr. Janet Peebles McLin (Floyd) of Raleigh, NC, two special nephews George A. Snelling, Jr. of Bear Creek, NC and Daymion A. Snelling of Knightdale, NC. She was the youngest child of eleven children. She was predeceased by one sister, Cozy Peebles and six brothers: Allen, Victor, Dockery, Jr., Charlie, Dennis and Frank.

Poise. Courage. Sweetness. Perseverance. Dignity. Positivity. Unselfishness. And a good laugh. These were but a few qualities of Bettie Peebles Closs. May they live on in all of us.



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COACHMAN — Mr. Wayne Anthony Coachman of 18C Brentwood Junction Rd. died Monday at Duke Medical Center. Services will be conducted Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Union Oak A.M.E. Church with Dr. Joseph Smith, officiating. Burial will follow in the Rock Fish Memorial Park in Fayetteville, NC. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at St. Joseph's A.M.E. Church in Durham, N.C.