

#### The Celebration of the Life

### Blondola Ogeechee Powell Lucas "One of God's Greatest Gifts to Human Kind"





~Sunrise~ June 24, 1921

~Sunset~ December 25, 2012













Mrs. Blondola Ogeechee Powell Lucas, 91, entered eternal rest at 9:54 p.m. on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at the Hillcrest Convalescent Center in Durham, North Carolina. A native of Charlotte, she was born on Friday, June 24, 1921 to the late Samuel and Alice Powell. She had two sisters, Dorenda and Wilma and one brother, Allen.

She joined Woodland Presbyterian Church at an early age. Later she was a member of First Baptist Church, Oxford, North Carolina. In 1962, she joined White Rock Baptist Church.

She attended Woodland Elementary School and graduated from Second Ward High School in 1938. She attended Barber-Scotia College for two years and graduated from Johnson C. Smith University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Social Studies in May 1943. She was elected Miss Johnson C. Smith for the 1942-43 year. She did further study at North Carolina Central University, Duke University and New York University.

She began her teaching career in the Kinston Public Schools in 1943. Blondola Powell was joined in Holy Matrimony to John Harding Lucas on August 12, 1945 in Charlotte, North Carolina. They are parents of two children, Cheryl Johnice Lucas and John Harding Lucas. In 1954, she joined the faculty of Mary Potter High School in Oxford, North Carolina. She came to the Durham City Schools as a teacher at Whitted Junior High School in 1962. In 1964, she was promoted to Assistant Principal of Shepard Junior High School (later renamed Shepard Middle School) and remained there for 21 years retiring on June 30, 1985.

She was the recipient of numerous awards including the Durham City Schools Human Relations Award, Outstanding Assistant Principal Award, Department of Nursing (NCCU) Award as Lay Health Advisor. She organized the Senior Adult Ministry of White Rock Baptist Church and was cited as a Durham Mother of the Year in 1974, the first recipient of the Durham County Board of Commissioners Fitness Award on January 12, 1998, and White Rock Baptist Church Senior Adult Ministry (SAM).

She held membership in the Durham Retired School Personnel, North Carolina Association of Educators, North Carolina Retired School Personnel, National Education Association, Senior Pharmacists, Durham Area Chapter of Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association, Dorcas Club, AACOP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and White Rock Baptist Church (Deaconess Emeritus and Chair of the SAM).

She leaves to cherish her loving spirit, her devoted and loving husband of 67 years, John Harding Lucas; one daughter, Cheryl J. Lucas; one son, John Harding Lucas, Jr. (DeEdgra); one granddaughter, Tarvia Lucas; two grandsons, John Harding Lucas, III and Jai Powell Lucas; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

You may make contributions in her memory to the White Rock Baptist Church Senior Adult Physical Fitness Ministry.

Organ Prelude		Dr. Paula Harrell
Opening Hymn	O God Our Help	The Choir
Scripture Readings		Dr. Irene Gilbert Perry
	Old Testament – Psalms 23 New Testament – I Corinthians 15:49-	-58
Prayer		Rev. Thelma Melvin Battle
Selection	When I Survey	The Choir
Acknowledgements and	Resolutions	Mrs. Minnie Forte-Brown
<b>Obituary</b> – (Read silently	)	
Tributes		Jai Powell Lucas, <i>Grandson</i> John Harding Lucas, III, <i>Grandson</i> John Harding Lucas, Jr., <i>Son</i>
Selection	Grace and Mercy	Mack Jarmon and The Choir
Eulogy		Dr. Reginald Van Stephens
Recessional – We're Marc	ching to Zion & Soon and Very Soon	
Intern	ment - Beechwood Cemetery, Section A, Dur	ham, NC 27707



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Diaconate of White Rock Baptist Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

#### **Pallbearers**

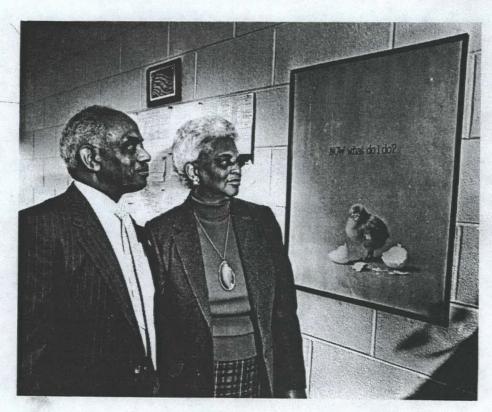
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#### Acknowledgement

Words are inadequate to express our profound gratefulness for the tremendous outpouring of love and support for our family at the homegoing of Mrs. Blondola Ogeechee Powell Lucas. May God continue to richly bless us and may we continue to celebrate her beautiful spirit!

Drivers in the Procession, Please Turn on Your Headlights and Flashers for Safety!

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#### JOHN HARDING LUCAS

John Harding Lucas is a native of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. His formal education was received in the Rocky Mount City Schools, Shaw University, North Carolina Central University, New York University, Duke University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Appalachian State University.

Lucas is married to the former Miss Blondola O. Powell of Charlotte, North Carolina. They celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on August 12, 1985. They are the parents of Cheryl J. Lucas and John H. Lucas, Jr. Both of the Lucases retired from the Durham City Schools in December after combining a total of 88 years of service to schools in North Carolina.

John H. Lucas, is a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations from 1944 to 1947.

His professional experiences include: Science Teacher; Guidance Director; Coordinator of Diversified Occupations; Basketball and Football Coach; Assistant Principal, Adkins High School, Kinston, NC; Principal, Orange Street Elementary School, Oxford, NC; Principal, Mary Potter High School, Oxford, NC; and Principal, Hillside Senior High School, Durham, NC.

Some recognitions are as follows: President, North Carolina Association of Educators, 1974-75; President, Clean Community System of Durham City/Durham County, Inc., 1984-85; Board of Directors, National Education Association; Board of Directors, Learning Institute of North Carolina; Chairman, Durham Human Relations Commission, 1973-75; Father of the Year, 1972; Chairman, Building Committee and Focus Committee of the North Carolina Association of Educators; Participant, White House Conference on Children and Youth, 1970; Participant, White House Brief Conference on Education, 1975; Chairman, Executive Committee of the Shaw University Board of Trustees; Delegate, World Conference of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP) in Africa, Asia, Ireland, British Columbia, South America and Europe; Member, Education Committee, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; Life member, NAACP; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Beta Phi Chapter; Mason, Shriner; "Man of Year", Citizens, Welfare League, Kinston and Lenior County, 1951; Board of Directors, Durham County Chapter American Red Cross; and Advisory Committee Member, Durham Education Foundation.

First Vice Chairman, Board of Deacons' White Rock Baptist Church and Chairman, Recognition Committee, Board of Trustees, White Rock Baptist Church. Member of Moore-Kennedy Bible Class, White Rock Baptist Church.

Shaw University conferred the Honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters on John H. Lucas in 1982 and the Master of Achievement in 1985. The Durham City Board of Education named John Harding Lucas Hillside High School Principal Emeritus, January 27, 1986.

The Board of Directors of the National Education Association honored John H. Lucas for many years of unflagging commitment and dedication to the education profession February 28, 1986.

The administration, faculty, staff, students and parents designated December 19, 1985 as JOHN H. LUCAS DAY.

#### BLONDOLA POWELL LUCAS

Somewhere along the line, Blonde must have written this little prayer:

"Lord, let me make this rule: to think of life or school and try my best, to stand each test and do my work and nothing shirk."

This prayer describes, in part, a few of Blondola's many outstanding characteristics -- a loving teacher and dedicated worker who never shirks. In the words of the Prophet, "when you work with love, you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God. Blonde's work is love made visible.

Always the teacher whether in her office, the halls, the cafeteria or playground, Blonde treats students, colleagues, family and even strangers like friends. She's sincere, considerate, courteous, truthful, loyal, sympathetic, and helpful. She stays when others walk out; she'll lend a hand when others fold theirs.

"The teacher who walks in the shadow of the temple among her followers, gives not of her wisdom but rather of her faith and her lovingness." The great teacher gives more than ideas -- ideals; more than facts -- inspiration --; more than cold answers -- warm provocation to think; -- more than knowledge of the past -- a challenge for the future. She deals with the noblest work of God.

Blondola Powell Lucas has been and is a friend to many -- and friends are your needs answered. Friends are your field that you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. Friends are your board and your fireside. For you come to a friend with your hunger, and you seek her for peace.

As we part from our friend, grieve not for that which we love most in her may be clearer in her absence, as the mountain to the climber is clearer from the plain. Let your best be for our friend. And so, farewell to you dear friend and to all the time we've spent with you. It seems but yesterday we met in a dream. You have sung to me in my aloneness, and I, of your longings have built a tower in the sky! But now, our dream is over, and it is no longer dawn.

When in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together. And you shall sing to me a deeper song; and if our own hands should meet in another dream, we shall build still another tower in the sky.

Retirement time is a time for looking back on the past and on happy times with friends that made the year go by so fast.

It's also a time for looking forward toward the future with all its new adventures that are still ahead.

Blonde, grow rich in happiness and stay young at heart, and live life fully and joyously!

#### PROGRAM

#### May 3, 1986

#### John E. Howard, Presiding

V	rs. Gloria S. Timberlake Yocal Music Director Hillside High School		
	duby Prescott, Violin Gloria Prescott, Piano		
	r. Wenda Adams assistant Principal illside High School		
Invocation/Grace	everend Lorenzo Lynch. Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church		
LUNCHEON			
Tributes			
Governor's Office	er. Lee Monroe Senior Education Adviser to the Governor		
Lt. Governor's Office W	ayne Loftin ssistant to Lt. Governor		
Durham County	r. William Bell, Chairman ourham County Commissioners		
Mayor's Office	r. Madison Yarborough urham City Councilman		
State Department of Public			
Instruction D	r. Dudley Flood, Assistant State Superintendent		
Durham City Schools D	r. Robert Ghirardelli, Chairman Durham City Board of Education		
White Rock Baptist Church M	r. David Harrison, Chairman oard of Deacons		
Shaw University D	r. Stanley Smith, President		
Shepard Middle School M	r. John Hunter, Principal hepard Middle School		
Musical Selection "Climb Every Mountain" H	ammerstein		
Prescott String Ens	semble		

#### Tributes

N. C. Central University	Dr. LeRoy Walker, Chancellor
Clean Community System of Durham City/County	Mrs. B. J. Jennings, Executive Coordinator
HHS Class of 1963 (1st)	Mr. Nathaniel B. White, Jr.
HHS Class of 1985 (last)	Miss Sonya Laws
Principals' Association	John Howard, President
NCAE	Dr. Gladys Graves, President Dr. K. Z. Chavis, Executive Secretary
Omega Psi Phi	Mr. Edgar Murphy
al Selection Through It All"	Mr. Alton Sumner, Teacher Hillside High School

Remarks from Honorees

Mrs. Blondola P. Lucas Dr. John Harding Lucas, Sr.

(Proceeds from this occasion go to The John H. Lucas, Sr. Scholarship Fund. Contributions are tax deductible.)

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DEAR JOHN and BLONDE,

WE LOVE YOU NOT ONLY FOR WHAT YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED

TO OUR LIVES, BUT ALSO FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO

THE GENERAL WELFARE AND THE CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS

OF THE TEACHERS OF AMERICA.

SINCERELY,
SAMUEL B. and CORDIA ETHRIDGE

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SALUTES JOHN H. LUCAS, A MAN

OF VISION WHO "OPENS DOORS" FOR ALL

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GREAT SERVICE AS AN

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"BEST WISHES FOR YOUR

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"OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A HAPPY LIFE

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#### BEST WISHES TO YOU "JOHN"

- A MOMENT CHERISHED IS NEVER LOST

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AT WHATEVER

THE COST HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE

CONSIDER THEIR REWARDS.

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THIS IS YOUR DAY -

THE FRUIT OF YOUR TOIL.

DRS. K.Z. & GENEVA CHAVIS

"JOHN LUCAS HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION

TO ALL EDUCATORS. DURHAM

IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE

HIM AS A LEADER"

TERRY SANFORD

TO DR. JOHN H. LUCAS, SR.

A GREAT EDUCATOR AND A GREAT FRIEND

CHARLES "LEFTY" DRIESELL
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WITH LOVE, PRIDE, AND RESPECT,

WE CONGRATULATE YOU, JOHN AND BLONDE

FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

TO EDUCATION OVER THE YEARS!

..... YOUR SISTER, ETHEL L. BRYANT AND

..... YOUR NIECE, ANGELA R. BRYANT

### UNDYING GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US

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TO

JOHN AND BLOND

FRANK AND PHYLLIS WARD

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IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION
OF HIS TIRELESS ADVOCACY
OF THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION,

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## Homegoing Service for Jeanne Hopkins Lucas



Sunrise December 25, 1935 – Sunset March 9, 2007

Union Baptist Church - Durham, North Carolina Reverend Kenneth Kammond, Lastor Jeanne
By Bill Lucas

ewel – No diamond to you, precious jewel to me,
Jaunty – Self-confident, self-assured, lively
Judicious – Has, shows and exercises good judgement.

Efficient, while producing effective results.

Anchored in Jesus Christ, Who gives stability in any and all circumstances.

Noble – washed in the King and Savior's blood Who causes nobility (raging storms never rain on her joy)

Nice – Shows proper spirit, upright, impartial, unselfish.

Exquisite – Possesses rare quality of a high degree of excellence and does not flaunt it. Leads by example and sets examples for others to follow.

Written in June 1993 Jeanne's Quest for State Senate (at that time, Husband of 34 years)



#### Senator Jeanne Hopkins Lucas

Celebration of Life
Union Baptist Church • 904 N. Roxboro St., Durham NC
Rev. Kenneth Hammond, Pastor
March 17, 2007, 12:00 p.m.

Rev. Dr. Reginald Van Stephens, Officiating Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham

Musical Prelude	Mr. Grover Wilson, Director
Processional	Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Pastor Covenant Presbyterian Church, Durham
Opening Prayer	Rev. Dr. Frank Weaver, Retired Pastor Watts Chapel Baptist Church, Raleigh
Congregational Hymn	
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!	I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament: Psalm 6	Mr. Brock David-Yerumo, Nephew Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Durham
New Testament: II Corinthians 5	Miss Brea Wilkerson Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Norman T. Davis, Interim Pastor Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
Musical Selection	

#### Reflections: (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Early childhood - Mrs. Mary Frances Keith Shaw High School - Mrs. Carolyn I. Thornton Professional Life (education) - Mrs. Wanda J. Garrett Political Life - Dr. E. Lavonia Allison Former Student - Mr. Billie Haves Treatment Team Specialists - Dr. Lisa Carey Christian Walk - Mrs. Louise Dixon

......"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" NCCU Choir..... Mr. Richard Hodges Arr. Moses Hogan

#### **Tributes:**

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Reflections, Resolutions, and Acknowledgements	Minister Michelle Laws Dr. Donna-Marie Winn Taylor
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Rev. Joseph Harvard, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Durham
Congregational Selection	

#### Chorus:

Reach out and touch Somebody's hand Make this world a better place If you can. Reach out and touch Somebody's hand Make this world a better place If you can.

Recessional..... .....Amen NCCU Choir

#### Jeanne's Life Journey

#### Humble Beginnings

"Life for me ain't been no crystal stair. It's had tacks in it, and splinters, and boards torn up, and places with no carpet on the floor --Bare. But all the time I'se been a-climbin' on, and reachin' landin's, and turnin' corners, and sometimes goin' in the dark where there ain't been no light." (Excerpt from "Mother to Son" by Langston Hughes)

On December 25, 1935, God blessed the world with a "baby girl child" named Mary Jeanne Hopkins, affectionately known by many as "Jeanne." Jeanne was born to the parents of Bertha Holman Hopkins and Robert Hopkins at 407 Dowd Street in Durham, North Carolina. When Jeanne was a toddler, the family later moved to 1004 Lynchburg St. (now named Gurley Street) in Durham, NC.

Jeanne was just one year old when her mother Bertha passed. It is through this experience that she inherited a deep love for and commitment to her siblings. At the time of her mother's death, Jeanne had four older siblings, three boys--John Thomas "Snapper", Robert, Jr., and Leroy, who all preceded her in death and one sister--Bertha Louise "Bert". As the eldest sister and determined not to let the passing of their mother tear them apart, Bert assumed the role of "mother."

Nine years later, Jeanne's father Robert Hopkins remarried, and his second wife was Nell Roberts. To this union a baby girl named Nell Bernadette "Tumpy" was born. Two years later another tragedy struck the Hopkins home; when Jeanne was around 10-12 years of age, her step-mother Nell Roberts died.

Following the death of his second wife, Jeanne's father looked to family for help. He found help in Tumpy's grandparents, Willie Lee Roberts and his wife Nannie "Cricket" Parker Roberts. Under the condition that Jeanne would commit to help to care for her baby sister Tumpy, Cricket and Willie Lee agreed to raise Jeanne and Bernie as their own children. Modeling the behavior she had witnessed Bert perform earlier in her life, Jeanne assumed the role of mother to her baby sister Tumpy. The Roberts' home at 908 Elizabeth Street became Jeanne and Tumpy's permanent childhood home, and Cricket assumed her role as mother to her new daughters.

Cricket was a strong and stern woman who possessed a limited education and stressed the importance of getting a good education as well as showing young women how to carry themselves with respect. Jeanne learned many lessons from her parents including how to walk with pride

and dignity and how to never stop climbing to reach higher heights in life. When Jeanne lived with her father, Robert Hopkins, she would bathe in a tin wash tub, like many other families at that time. Upon moving to 908 Elizabeth St, Jeanne lived in her first home with a porcelain bath tub, a tub that Cricket put to good use. Jeanne would often recount how Cricket took pride in ensuring that she was always presentable by using, "octagon soap, a pumice stone, and a scrub cloth with water to clean her [Jeanne's] knees and elbows." Jeanne often spoke about how she had only one dressy outfit -- a polka dot dress and one pair of shoes. Cricket was a seamstress and made sure that Jeanne looked presentable in her one outfit. Many people will remember Jeanne as a fashion diva extraordinaire, a woman who loved to dress in regal attire, adorned with jewelry and perfectly manicured hands. However, it is clear that Jeanne's upbringing was one of humble means. When asked about how far she had come, Jeanne would often simply smile or send forth a roaring laugh and say, "Chile, God has been good to me!!" Indeed, he has.

Jeanne was so very appreciative of what Cricket did for her that in 1982 she wrote her the following:

"Whenever I am afforded the opportunity, I express to others how you

- -- cared for me
- --fed me
- -- clothed me and even bathed me
- -- educated me and got me my first and last job
- --encouraged me, protected me and yes
- --loved me."

It was because of Cricket's love that Jeanne learned that the most important influences in shaping her character and convictions were people that God put in her path. Jeanne









had very fond memories of family members and neighbors who routinely shared what they had with her and her siblings. Those neighbors personified the African proverb, It takes a village to raise a child, Jeanne would often reminisce about Aunts Annie Mae, Maggie and Lizzy "Kidds" Holeman; Anne Bell Hopkins; Mr. Albert and Mrs. Mable Burnett; Mr. Leonard and Mrs. Mable Lyons; Rev. Harold and Mrs. Velma Roland; Mr. John and Mrs. Rosebud Holloway; Mr. John Henry Gattis and many others, particularly members of Mt. Gilead Church, who played a major role in her upbringing. While she did not always recall everyone by name, Jeanne surely remembered everyone's loving spirit and great gestures of kindness. She tried to repay all of these wonderful "villagers" by living an exemplary life.

#### A New Journey Begins: If I Must Travel This Road, Don't Let Me Travel Alone

"If I can help somebody as I travel along. If I can help somebody with a word or song. If I can help somebody from doing wrong, my living shall not be in vain."

One day in 1957, Jeanne was on her way to school at North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University (NCCU)), when she met a man who offered her a ride. That man was William "Bill" Lucas. They were married on August 2, 1959, and their ride together continued just as they had promised, "till death do us part." For over 47 years, they were husband and wife, sharing their blessings of God's grace with family and a host of others whom they treated like family. Although no biological children were born to their union, Jeanne and Bill became surrogate parents, and "aunt and uncle" to countless young people. Both Jeanne and Bill shared a strong compassion for children. They opened their homes and their hearts to help the children whom God blessed to enter into their lives. Their love and dedication was unconditional, and their doors were never closed. Countless numbers of children have accomplished extraordinary achievements because of Jeanne and Bill's love, support and guidance.

For years, Jeanne and Bill carried on the Mt. Gilead tradition of Christmas caroling by chaperoning church youth all over the city to bring cheer to the sick and shutin. The annual Christmas caroling culminated in a late-night breakfast, which was something that everyone looked forward to as a special treat. During the later years Jeanne and Bill would invite the carolers into their home for dinner before caroling.

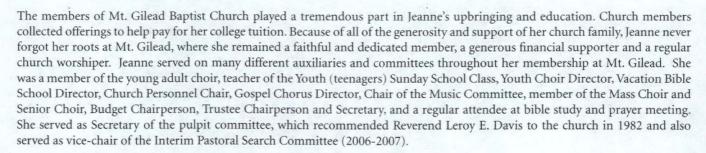
#### I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Anywhere, Lord, Anytime!

"He has shown you, O man what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

At an early age, Jeanne gave her life to Christ under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Harold

Roland of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Durham. She was led to serve God through Christian education and a commitment to service. Under the mentoring of Rev.

Harold Roland and others, she became an exemplary witness for Christ. She fondly recalled church members like Mrs. Phelola Pearsall, Mrs. Ida Manson Riggsbee, Mrs. Irene Burt, Mrs. Willie Sneed, Mrs. Georgia Mitchell, Mrs. Rosa Brown, and many others who demonstrated what it meant to be a "good Christian."





"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her and she will promote you; she will bring you honor when you embrace her. She will place on your head on ornament of grace; a crown of glory she will deliver to you." (Proverbs 4:7-10)



#### Formal Education

Throughout Jeanne's youth, Cricket worked as a maid – washing clothes, scrubbing floors, cleaning, and cooking—so that she could provide for Jeanne and make sure that Jeanne received a better education than Cricket. Jeanne attended East End Elementary School and Hillside High School (on the corner of Concord and Lawson Streets) in Durham. The fact that she often had no money



to ride the bus from her home on Elizabeth Street to Hillside High School did not stop Jeanne from getting her education. When circumstances dictated, Jeanne walked. It was evident early in Jeanne's life, that she possessed a unique talent for public speaking, oration, and performing. She began performing on stage at East End Elementary in the fourth grade when she played the lead role in Sleeping Beauty and she went on to assume many more leadership roles on stages, in pulpits, and at podiums for years to come.

Jeanne began attending North Carolina College in 1953. During the summer months while attending college, Jeanne would go to New York to work and earn money to help pay for her education. During the summer of 1956 after Jeanne's junior year in college, she met a boy and fell in love. Clearly smitten by her new beau Jeanne decided that she was going to stay in New York and not finish her college education. However Cricket wasn't having it. Cricket called Jeanne's uncle Jimmy Hopkins, who

was in New York at the time, and told him to put Jeanne on a bus headed to Durham and send her

"Yam-Yam" home. Jeanne did as she was told. Cricket's efforts and stern hand clearly paid off. In 1957, Jeanne graduated with Bachelor of Arts degrees in French and Spanish. Jeanne went on to get a Masters Degree in School Administration in 1977 from her beloved NCCU and took a variety of courses at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) and Virginia State University in Petersburg Virginia.



#### Career As An Educator

Once Jeanne graduated from NCC, Cricket was not done making sure that her child was successful. Jeanne got her first job because of Cricket's efforts. Cricket, herself with a third grade education, called Superintendent "Warren" of the Durham City School System and told him that her daughter needed a job. At that

time, Durham had two school systems, the City system and the County system. Jeanne got a job teaching French and Spanish at Hillside High School from 1957-1974. In 1974, she was nominated for and won Hillside Teacher of the Year. In 1975, she became North Carolina's State Classroom Teacher's President where she traveled for one year all over the state of North Carolina working to improve conditions for teachers. Jeanne became the Durham City Schools Staff Development Director from 1976 to 1991. She became Personnel Director in 1991 and Public Relations Director in 1992. She retired in June of 1993 after 36 years of service with the public school system. Before retiring, she organized and implemented the "Reach to Teach," a program designed to help students become teachers. There were many people who recognized early on that Jeanne possessed special gifts. Rev. Dr. Frank B. Weaver, who used Christian principles to teach Jeanne how to become a professional educator, mentored Jeanne and remained close to her throughout her life. Another of her mentors was the late Dr. Charles Orr who was instrumental in guiding Jeanne through her graduate school studies.

#### Commitment to Providing Educational Opportunities for Youth

In 1991, her husband Bill established a scholarship in Jeanne's name at Mt Gilead Baptist Church. Jeanne's scholarship has helped to educate several church youth by paying for part of their tuition and books. Jeanne's scholarship is one of over a dozen such scholarships at Mt. Gilead. Similarly, she has an education endowment established at NCCU. Jeanne has been instrumental in getting the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus to grant scholarships to several deserving students. She has sponsored numerous high school students as Senate





pages for the North Carolina General Assembly. For example, as recently as February 24, 2007, an article appeared in the News and Observer, which highlighted the pivotal role that Jeanne played in introducing Hillside High School student Erica Vines to the Page program.

Jeanne has been a loyal and steadfast advocate in the North Carolina General Assembly for her alma mater North Carolina Central University. As a result of Jeanne's legislative efforts and sponsorship in the North Carolina General Assembly, NCCU has received much needed funding over the years to assist in advancing the University's mission to provide high-quality education and services to students and to advance its long-term capital improvement plan. Jeanne was instrumental in securing more than \$15 million dollars to aid in the building of a new Education building on the campus of NCCU.

#### Career as a Politician

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! And now they are asking to do it, the men better let them." (Excerpt from "Ain't I a Woman" by Sojourner Truth)

Jeanne had always exhibited a great respect for and knowledge of the importance of politics in the lives of all citizens. One evening in the early 1970's, while attending a Precinct 29 meeting at the Gorman-Ruritan Club in Durham, Jeanne nominated herself for 1st Vice-chair of the precinct. Of course, knowing Jeanne as we do, she won! That was the start of something very special for the State of North Carolina. She went on to become the Chair of Precinct 29, Secretary and Chair of the Durham County Democratic Party, and Chair of the Second Congressional District.

In August 1993, just two months after she retired from the public school system, God opened yet another door giving Jeanne the opportunity to utilize her gifts and talents through service to others and public speaking. Jeanne



was appointed as the first African American woman to serve as a State Senator in the North Carolina General Assembly. This opportunity was one that suited her well and embodied her life's passion. Words cannot express the joy that illuminated Cricket's face when Jeanne, the daughter whom she loved and cared for as her own, leaned over and whispered tenderly in her ear, "your daughter is now a State Senator." Cricket was 93 years old at the time and marveled at the reality that she had lived to see God perform a "good and perfect work" in Jeanne's life.

Since 1993, Jeanne was elected for seven consecutive terms as State Senator: five terms for the 13th District representing Durham County, part of Wake County, part of Granville County, and part of Person County; and two terms following the redistricting of 2004, representing the 20th District serving parts of Durham County. While serving in the State Senate, Jeanne won the respect of her peers and became affectionately referred to by members in the Senate as "Queen Jean." Her extraordinary ability to gain consensus and work across party lines earned her the status of becoming the first African American ever elected as the Senate Majority Whip. Jeanne carried her Christian principles into the General Assembly, treating people like she wanted to be treated and leading prayers when asked. Her creed was simple: no matter what political ideology a person espoused Republican or Democrat, if a person was on the side of justice and equality and maintained his or her integrity then that person was on the right side. One of Jeanne's greatest political strategies was her humor. Jeanne would often deescalate contentious debates or conflict with humor and distract her opponents with a witty comment that often left them willing to consider seeing things her way.

A true soldier for justice, committed to improving the plight of the poor, women, and children in her district as well as the state of North Carolina, Jeanne refused to let something like cancer stand in her way. Although physically ill, her mind and spirit remained sound and strong. Determined to remain faithful and to keep her commitment to her constituents, Jeanne was last sworn in as a North Carolina State Senator in January 2007 by Chief District Court Judge Elaine Bushfan.

#### I Will Trust In The Lord Until I Die

"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21-22)

Although she remained an intensely private person throughout her life, Jeanne always tried to live so that God could use her to give someone a helping hand in order to make this world a better place. On October 3, 2001, just a few short days after 911, Jeanne put into action the official procedure to support "life" by donating her organs and tissues to help others. It came as no surprise that Jeanne, once beating breast cancer several years ago, became a spokesperson for Breast Cancer and the wonderful

treatment she received at UNC-Chapel Hill Medical Center. Jeanne's work as a spokesperson and her amazing recovery was featured in the October 2006 edition of Ebony magazine.

Jeanne had teams of exceptional physicians, nurses, technicians, and assistants who worked tirelessly on her behalf. While Drs. Lisa Carey (Director of Medical Oncology), Anthony Meyer (Surgical Oncology), and Jan Halle (Radiation Oncology) were her core physicians, Dr. Brian Goldstein (Internal Medicine Chief of Staff), Dr. Matthew Ewend (Division Chief of Neurosurgery), Dr. Caroline Klein (Neurology), and Dr. Robin Hardie-Hood (Hematology Oncology) were very involved in her care. Her primary care physician was Dr. Elaine Hart-Brothers of Metropolitan Durham Medical Group. Jeanne and her family are eternally grateful to all of them.

In true Jeanne style, throughout her battle with cancer, Jeanne displayed extreme dignity, courage, strength, and perseverance. However, if there is

one single thing that even her doctors attribute to her amazing ability to fight and ward off the cancer for so long it was her humor. Jeanne could tell a joke that could cause the Queen's guards at Buckingham Palace to lose their composure and crack up in laughter. Oh, what a glorious time on the other side she is sure to have in the Lord's royal court!

Jeanne succumbed to her battle with cancer resting peacefully with her husband by her side every day and night at the Meadowlands Hospice Care Facility in Hillsborough, NC. Her sisters Bernie and Bert, niece Debbie Breese, and close family friend Donna-Marie Winn Taylor provided round-the-clock care to make sure that Jeanne was comfortable and well attended.

Jeanne loved the Lord, and she loved helping people accomplish their goals in any way she could, regardless of their station in life. To many, Jeanne was a counselor, a consultant, a doctor, a lawyer, a banker, a minister, a judge, and a comedian. Her life was not easy, but that was no excuse for Jeanne. She did not sit back and mope or go crawl into a corner or give up when she faced obstacles. Instead, Jeanne triumphed and excelled!

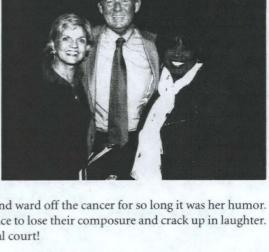
#### Selected Community Organizations

Jeanne has served in many distinguished positions on numerous boards, committees and organizations. The following lists represent a select few of the manifold organizations for which she was a member and officer.

- · African American Dance Ensemble Council of Elders
- · Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.
- Durham Congregations in Action
- · Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People
- Habitat for Humanity of Durham Charter Member
- · The Links, Inc, Durham Chapter
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Lifetime member
- College View Duplicate Bridge Club
- · Sisters Network®, Inc., Triangle, NC
- WTVD Minority Advisory Committee

#### Honors, Awards and Citations

Jeanne has won and received over 200 awards, plaques, citations, certificates, and resolutions. She would often confide in her family that she felt that she had gotten enough awards and that "they" should be given to other people. However, as a 1957 graduate of NCCU, there was one award she was looking forward to receiving this year. She relished in the idea of becoming inducted into the "NCCU Golden Eagles," an honor she had awaited 50 years to receive. On March 24, 2007, posthumously, she will receive the Spirit of Hayti Trailblazer Award sponsored by the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc. in Durham North Carolina.





The following is a list of only a select few of the many honors, awards and citations she received for her lifetime commitment to service:

- 2005 Durham Human Relations Commission (award for demonstrating commitment to human relations through policy making and personal involvement)
- 2004 Lifetime Member of the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus
- · 2004 Long Leaf Pine
- 2003 Legislative Public Policy Award
- · 2003 Distinguished Humanitarian Award
- · 2003 Distinguished Service to Education Award
- 2003 NCCU Award for pioneering spirit which led to being the first African American female in the North Carolina General Assembly
- 2002 Public Service Award from the Child Care Services
- 2000 Distinguished Service Award for the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
- 2000 North Carolina Association of Educators, Inc for extraordinary efforts to enhance equality for all North Carolina Citizens
- 1999 Sertoma International District Service to Mankind Award
- · 1998 Women-In-Action Elna B. Spaulding Founder's Award
- 1997 James Teamer School of Religion Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
- · 1996 Governor James B. Hunt recognition for demonstrating

- special confidence in integrity, learning and zeal
- 1995 Inducted into the African American Heritage Preservation Cultural Complex's Hall of Distinction
- 1995 Durham County Habitat for Humanity Outstanding Service Award
- · 1994 Operation Breakthrough Certificate of Appreciation
- 1993 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Outstanding Loyal, Faithful and Meritorious Service
- 1993 Durham City Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Dedicated Service Award (for 36 years)
- 1991 Project Reach to Teach Appreciation Award for dedicated service, guidance, loyalty and support
- · 1988 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- · 1986 Sojourner Truth Award
- 1986 Durham Senior Club Meritorious Community Service Award
- 1978 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Gospel Choir Dedication and Service Award
- 1976 Delta Sigma Theta Merrick-Fisher Spaulding Public Service Award
- 1976 North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers Award for excellence in interpreting, promoting, and publicizing the cause of public education in the state of North Carolina

"Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

(2 Corinthians 12:6, 9-10)

#### Hobbies/Activities

- · She loved going to and renting movies.
- · She loved to play Scrabble, Chess and Backgammon.
- · She was an avid card player and especially loved playing Spades and Bridge.
- She loved to sing, talk and tell jokes.
  - She LOVED to shop and eat!

#### Relatives

- Born to Bertha Holman-Hopkins & Robert Hopkins (deceased)
- Raised by Nannie "Cricket" Roberts and Willie Lee Roberts (deceased)
- Siblings: John Thomas, Robert Jr., and Leroy Hopkins (deceased);
   Bertha Louise Breese; and Bernadette David-Yerumo
- · Husband: William "Bill" Lucas
- Sisters-In-Law: Freddia Hopkins, Christine Hopkins, Marion L. Butler, Mary L. Eubanks, Gladys L. Surles, and Margaret L. Lang (Samuel)
- · Brother-In-Law: Henry C. Lucas
- · Aunt: Juanita Dent Hopkins (Jimmy), Ruth Roberts Moore
- Nieces: Bonnee Breese, Debbie Breese, Patricia Lee (Ronald), Wanda Hopkins and Sharen McGlothen
- Nephews: Cervantes Hopkins (Evelyn), DuBois Cates, Femi David-Yerumo, Jr., Brock David-Yerumo
- A host of cousins, great nieces, nephews and friends

#### Summary

Jeanne will be greatly missed and, if love could have saved her, she never would have died. While her candle has burned out, her light will forever shine. She had a magnetic personality and a way of illuminating a room with her big smile and infectious laugh. Many people looked forward to seeing Jeanne to hear her jokes, get a new perspective on a topic, or just hear the unique way she would say their names. One of her favorite songs was "I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere, Lord, anytime" and that she did. Jeanne lived life to the fullest. During the final stage of her life, with a big smile on her face indicating no regrets, she once remarked to her sister: "Tumpy we had a GOOD ride didn't we." Touching the lives of many, Elton John said it best in the words of a song, Jeanne's "candle burned out long before her legacy ever will." Jeanne has gone to claim her position as a Queen in God's royal court. May she spend her life eternally resting in peace, laughing and having a good time in the presence of the Lord!



#### Interment

Markham Memorial Gardens 4826 Trenton Rd., Chapel Hill, North Carolina

#### Committal

Reverend Donald H. Fischer, Pastor Greater New Birth Baptist Church, Durham

Drivers in the processional, please turn on headlights and blinkers for safety.

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc. have prepared a repast for the family and out of town guests immediately following the interment. (Location: Union Baptist Church Fellowship Hall)

The Family prefers that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to:

Jeanne Hopkins Lucas Scholarship Fund c/o Mt. Gilead Baptist Church P.O. Box 11877 Durham, N.C. 27701 (919)688-6052

#### Ushers:

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church and Union Baptist Church

#### Floral Bearers:

Ladies of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

#### Pall Bearers:

Trustees and Deacons of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

#### Honorary Floral and Pall Bearers (In alphabetical order)

College View Duplicate Bridge Club Durham Chapter of The Links, Inc. Hillside High School Class of 1953 National Council of Negro Women NCCU Class of 1957

#### Honor Guard:

Durham County Sheriffs Department

#### In Appreciation

We sincerely thank you for your love and kindness, your participation, calls, cards, flowers, gifts, and prayers. Your thoughtfulness and concern shown during this loss of our loved one has been noted and greatly appreciated.

With love,

With love, The Family



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#### Jeanne Hopkins Lucas

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departed this life on Friday, March 9, 2007, at 7:45 p.m. at Meadowlands Hospice in Hillsborough, following an extended illness.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Senator Jeanne Lucas was born on December 25, 1935, to Robert and Bertha Holman Hopkins in Durham. She was reared by her grandparents, Willie Lee Roberts and his wife Nannie 'Cricket' Parker Roberts.

Senator Lucas graduated from Hillside High school in 1953. In 1957, Senator Lucas graduated with Bachelor's degrees in French and Spanish from North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University). She went on to get a Master's Degree in School Administration in 1977 from her beloved NCCU.

At an early age, Senator Lucas gave her life to Christ at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. She remained there as a faithful and dedicated member until her death. At Mt. Gilead, Senator Lucas served the young adult choir as a teacher of the Youth (teenagers) Sunday School Class, Youth Choir Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Church Personnel Chair, Gospel Chorus Director, Chair of the Music Committee, member of the mass choir and senior choir, Budget Chairperson, Trustee Chairperson and secretary.

Senator Lucas' first job after college was in the Durham City School System teaching French and Spanish at Hillside High School from 1957-1974. In 1975, she became N.C. State Classroom Teacher's President. Senator Lucas became the Durham City Schools Staff Development Director from 1976 to 1991. She became Personnel Director in 1991 and Public Relations Director in 1992. She retired in June of 1993, after 36 years of service with the public school system.

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Special Thanks

To Alexia "Neecie" Corbin and Norwood Harris. May God richly bless you both.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We the family, sincerely appreciate any kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you for your thoughtfulness.

Arrangements by Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home and Memorial Garden Homegoing Services for

Johnny G. Lucas

(July 26, 1943 - May 29, 1997)



Monday, June 2, 1997 1:00 P.M.

Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home and Memorial Garden Durham, North Carolina

Pastor Gladys Surles, Officiating

## Obituary

JOHNNY GILBERT LUCAS, son of Mrs. Dorothy Lucas Eubanks and the Late Roosevelt Eubanks was born in Durham, North Carolina on July 26, 1943. He went home to be with the Lord on May 29, 1997 at the Triangle Hospice Center in Hillsboro, North Carolina after a lengthy illness.

Johnny attended public schools in Durham County. He was well liked in the community and seldom met a stranger. He held several jobs in Durham County until his health failed him.

He is survived by two sons, Gregory "Greg" Lamont and Roderick "Toby" Tobias Lucas of Durham; one daughter, Julian Laquency "Candy" Lucas of Charlotte; one granddaughter, Candi Denise Lucas; one grandson, Courtney Devon Lucas; his mother, Dorothy L. Eubanks all of Durham; four brothers, Rev. Frederick H. Lucas (Wanda), of Greensboro, Michael D. Eubanks of Cumberland County, Maryland, Kevin A. Eubanks (Marilyn) and Steven D. Eubanks both of Durham; two sisters, Alexia E. Corbin (Ricky) and Blanche J. Eubanks both of Durham; two uncles, Henry C. Lucas of Philadelphia, PA., William Lucas (Jeanne) of Durham; four aunts, Marion L. Butler (Dr. J. Ray) of Winston Salem, Margaret L. Lang (Samuel) of Philadelphia, Pastor Gladys L. Surles and Mary L. Eubanks (Jesse) of Durham; two special friends, Edward Phillips and Norwood Harris of Durham, and a host of other relatives and friends.

You are not forgotten "Loved One,"
Nor will you ever be,
As long as life and memory last,
We will remember you.
The Family

# Order of Service

Hymn I'll Fly Away

Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament Isaiah 26:1-4

New Testament St. John 14:1-6

Solo Ronald Gilchrist

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Gladys Surles

Solo Regina Meadows Thomas

Acknowledgements

and Obituary Gloria Singleton

Solo Shantel Hargrove

Eulogy Rev. F. II. Lucas

First Baptist Church Kannapolis, North Carolina

Recessional

Interment Beechwood Cemetery

Kelly Bryant Collection



God saw the road was getting rough The hill was hard to climb; He gently closed her loving eyes, And whispered, "Peace be thine."

Her weary hours, her days of pain Her sleepless nights are passed; Her ever-patient worn-out frame, Has found sweet rest at last.



### Acknowledgement

The FAMILY gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many acts of kindness extended to them during the illness and death of their loved one. May God continue to richly bless you.

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# Memorial Celebration

For

# Mrs. Julia Ann Wright Herndon Lucas

Sunrise April 12, 1912



Sunset May 22, 2002



THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2002 2 P.M.

### WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

3400 Fayetteville Street Durham, North Carolina 27707

Reverend Doctor Reginald Van Stephens, Pastor Reverend Thelma M. Battle, Officiant

# **Obituary**

### "Nobody But You"

JULIA ANN WRIGHT HERNDON LUCAS, daughter of the late Alfred and Lucy Bullock Wright, was born April 17, 1912 in Warren County, North Carolina. She departed this life on Wednesday, May 22, 2002, at her residence, 2002 Otis Street, Durham, North Carolina.

She received her education in the public schools of Warren County and graduated from John R. Hawkins High School. She was a 1938 graduate of North Carolina College for Negroes (now North Carolina Central University) and a member of the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association and a "Golden Eagle."

She was a former member of Snow Hill Baptist Church of Warren County, North Carolina. She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church and served with the L.B. Farrington District, Noon Day Prayer, Deacon Board, and Child Care Development Center.

Other affiliations included: Scarborough Nursery, Durham Housing Authority, Azalea Garden Club, Volkheminia Literary Club, Women-in-Action, John Avery Boy's and Girls Club, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, Durham Business and Professional Chain, Durham Housewives League, NAACP, National Council of Negro Women and Church Women United.

For many years, she was owner of The Palace Barber Shop on Mangum Street. Mrs. Lucas was a public servant, church leader, community servant, business woman, teacher, who had a great sense of humor; and touched the lives of many persons.

She was predeceased by her husbands, Charlie Herndon and Herman T. Lucas.

Survivors include: daughter, Charsie J. Herndon of Atlanta, Georgia; sister, Ophelia W. Davis of Warrenton, North Carolina; several nieces, nephews, in-laws and other relatives and friends.

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SCRIPTUREDr. Reginald Van Stephens
PRAYER OF COMFORTReverend Thelma M. Battle
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RECOGNITION OF JULIA H. LUCAS CHAIR
MEMORIAL TRIBUTE
MUSICAL INTERLUDE
BENEDICTIONReverend Thelma M. Battle
RECESSIONAL



### Obituary

### MRS. JULIA WRIGHT HERNDON LUCAS

Memorial services for Mrs. Julia Wright Herndon Lucas were held on Thursday, May 30 at White Rock Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lucas was known for her business, religious, civil rights and community activities down through the years. She was a member of White Rock Baptist Church where she served on the deacon board, member of the missionary society, started the noon-day prayer program, Church Women in Action, Women in Action for the Provention of Violence, member of the Sunday School, White Rock Child Developmennt Center, one of the first board members of Scarborough Nursery School, National Council of Negro Women, Church Women United, Durham Housing Authority, president of the P-TAs at Pearson, Whitted and Hillside High Schools, Volkamenia Literary Club, Azalea Garden Club, Harriette Tubman Branch of YWCA, Stanford L. Warren Library, Durham Business and Professional Chain, Durham Housewives League, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, and was a supporter of the Durham Black Solidarity Committee for Community Improvement.

She is survived by a daughter, Charsie Herndon, a sister, Mrs. Ophelia W. Davis, Warrenton, several nieces and nephews and many good friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to White Rock's Child Development Center. Arrangements by Fisher Funeral Parlor.

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To: RKBRYANTJR

Mr. Bryant, we cna take a picture in a ".tif" or ".jpeg" file or you can bring one by. We will get it in this week's paper.

Kenneth Edmonds
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### LUCAS

Memorial service for Mrs. Julia Wright Herndon Lucas, 90, of 2002 Otis St., will be held at 2 p.m.



at 2 p.m. Thursday at White Rock B a p t i s t C h u r c h , 3400 Fayette-ville St. Survivors include a daughter, C h a r s i e Herndon; sister, Ophelia W. Davis of

Warrenton.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the White Rock Baptist Church Child Development Center. Email condolences to fisherfp@hotmail.com

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### ~ A Tribute To Minnie ~

There's an open gate at the end of the road, Through which each must go alone; And there's a light we cannot see, Our Father claims his own.

Beyond the gate our loved one, Finds happiness and rest; And there is comfort in the thought, That a loving God knows best.

The Family



Homegoing Service

# for Mrs. Minnie Brown Lucas

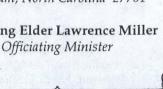
(November 8, 1911 - December 21, 1996)



Saturday, December 28, 1996 2:00 P.M.

St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church 531 South Roxboro Street Durham, North Carolina 27701

Presiding Elder Lawrence Miller Officiating Minister



# ~ The Order of Service ~

PRELUDE The Musician
PROCESSIONAL
HYMN OF FAITH The Choir "Blessed Assurance"
SCRIPTURES Old Testament The Reverend Conrad K. Pridgen, Pastor Greater Bethel A. E. M. Zion Church Charlotte, North Carolina
New Testament The Reverend H. H. Parker, Pastor Mt. Zion A. M. E. Zion Church Wilmington, North Carolina
PRAYER OF COMFORT The Reverend Linda Russell
HYMN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTION
REMARKS
SORORITY HYMN
OBITUARY
SOLO Mrs. Myrtle S. Hardin
EULOGY
MORTICIAN'S BRIEF The Funeral Director
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE

#### ~ Interment ~

Beechwood Cemetery Fayetteville Street and Cornwallis Road Durham, North Carolina 27707

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Your Headlights And Flashers For Safety.

### ~ Pallbearers ~

Trustees and Stewards of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church

### ~ Floral Bearers ~

Altar Guild and King's Daughters Club of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church



### ~ Acknowledgement ~

We, the family of the late Mrs. Minnie Brown Lucas want you to know that we deeply appreciate your reaching out to us in understanding, love and consolation. Every tangible and intangible act is greatly appreciated. We will always cherish your kindness. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as you are in ours.

May God continue to richly bless each of you.



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## Minnie Brown Lucas

(November 8, 1911 - December 21, 1996)

#### ~ In Memoriam ~

Your face and patient smile, With sadness I recall. You had a kindly word for each one, And died beloved by all.

You are not forgotten, loved one, Nor will you ever be. As long as life and memory last, I will remember thee.

The Family

## ~ The Obituary ~

"In the Christian home in Glory, There remains a land of rest. There my savior gone before me, To fulfill my soul's request. There's rest for the weary, There's rest for me."

Mrs. Minnie Brown Lucas, daughter of the late L. C. Brown and Delia R. Brown, was born on November 8, 1911 in Abbottsburg, NC. She entered into eternal rest on Saturday, December 21, 1996 at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, NC.

She was preceded in death by her husband of fifty years, William "Bill" Lucas and brother, the Reverend Lawrence Brown.

She received her formative education in the Bladen County School System and graduated from North Carolina A & T State University, Greensboro, NC. Minnie completed her graduate studies at New York University, New York, NY, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

As a professor of speech pathology and audiology at North Carolina Central University, Minnie excelled in her professional career. She was recognized by many organizations for her outstanding work and contributions to the speech pathology field. After a long tenure in this profession, she retired and operated a private speech clinic out of her home.

Minnie was a member of St. Mark A. M. E. Zion Church and served in the following capacities: Co-founder, Chief Editor and Publisher of the St. Mark Gazette (1982-1986), Chairperson of the Courtesy Committee, Sunday School Teacher, member of the King's Daughters Club, Altar Guild and Adult Choir.

She was a member of the Apha Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and various professional organizations.

Minnie was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many through her service in her professional and religious work. She will truly be missed.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two sisters, Louvenia Gantt and Clara Pridgen (Joseph); one brother, L.C. Brown (Jessie); one brother-in-law, Lawrence Lucas; one sister-in-law, Thelma McDowell; nine nephews, Davis Lucas (Anne), Joseph Pridgen, Jr., Conrad Pridgen (Helen), Columbus Pridgen (Vicky), John Lucas, Jr., Sherwood Lucas, Donovan Lucas, Terrence Brown (Stephine) and Thomas Brown (Joenette); seven nieces, Jacqueline Byrd, Karen Brown, Betty Gerald, Joyce Jackson, Robyn Gantt, Athea McAllister and Claudette Harper and a host of other loving relatives, dear friends and neighbors.

"Life's race well run, Life's work well done; Life's crown well won, And now she rests."

The Family

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# Third Annual Service of Remembrance Friday, September 12, 1997

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# MINNIE BROWN LUCAS

1911 - 1996

Professor of Speech Pathology and Audiology (1963-1978), Department of Education; Private Speech Clinic; Member: Speech Pathology and Audiology Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC, and St. Mark A.M.E.Z. Church, where she served as Co-Founder, Chief Editor and Publisher, St. Mark Gazette (1982-86), Chair, Courtesy Committee, Sunday School, King's Daughter Club, Altar Guild, and Adult Choir; Graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, New York University. The University of Virginia at Charlottesville, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

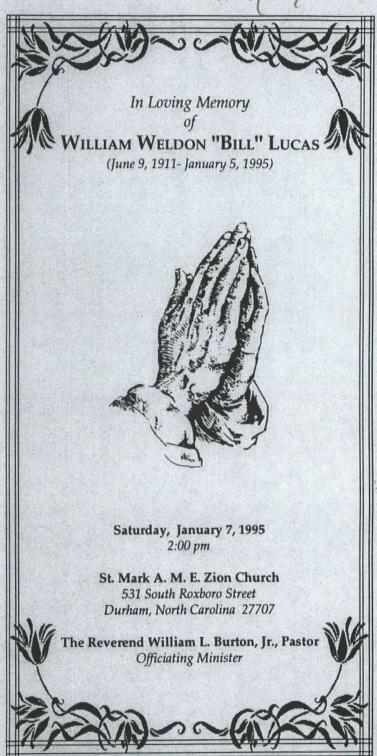
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### A Tribute To Bill

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SCRIPTURE The Reverend G. Curtis Newby, Paston Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church Elizabethtown, North Carolina Old Testament
SCRIPTUREThe Reverend Dr. Conrad K. Pridgen, Paston Greater Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church Charlotte, North Carolina New Testament
PRAYER OF COMFORT The Reverend Linda Russell
HYMN
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS Mr. Larnie McNeil, Leader of Leaders St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church
REMARKS
OBITUARY Please Read Silently
SOLO
EULOGY The Reverend William L. Burton, Jr., Pastor
MORTICIAN'S BRIEF The Funeral Director
RECESSIONALMusical Interlude "Going Home"
POSTLUDE The Musician

#### Interment

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### Acknowledgement

With sincere appreciation, the family wishes to acknowledge the many kind words, thoughts, deeds and prayers expressed during the loss of their loved one.

May God continue to shower upon each of you His abundant blessings!



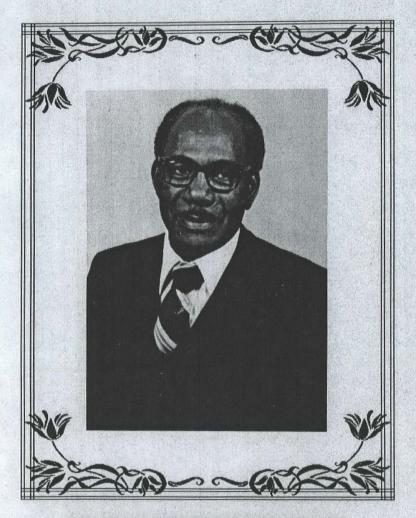
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# William Weldon "Bill" Lucas

(June 9, 1911 - January 5, 1995)

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Minnie

# The Obituary

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WILLIAM WELDON "BILL" LUCAS, son of the late Robert Lucas and the late Arnetta M. Lucas McDowell, was born on June 9, 1911 in Fayetteville, NC. He departed this life on Wednesday, January 5, 1994 in Durham, NC.

He was united in Holy Matrimony to Minnie Brown Lucas for fifty years. Bill was a very devoted husband, brother, uncle and friend whose courage through his own adversity will always be an example to us all.

He attended school in Bladen County, NC and furthered his education at New York University, New York, NY. He then became a successful businessman for many years in St. Pauls, NC. He and his wife later moved to Durham, NC in the early 1960's where Bill was employed with A&P Food Chain until retirement.

His early church membership was with Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Elizabethtown, NC. After moving to Durham, NC, he transferred his membership to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church where he held many positions and served faithfully. He was also active in the masonic organization as well as other civic groups.

He leaves to cherish his memory and mourn his loss, his wife, Minnie B. Lucas of the home; one brother, John Lawrence Lucas of Elizabethtown, NC; one sister, Thelma A. McDowell of Elizabethtown, NC; one brother-in-law, L. C. Brown (Jessie) of Jacksonville, NC; two sisters-in-law, Clara Pridgen (Joseph) and Louvenia Gantt (William), both of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Margaret McNeil of Elizabethtown, NC; nine nephews, David L. Lucas (Anne), Joseph Pridgen, Jr., Conrad Pridgen (Helen), Columbus Pridgen (Vicky), John Lucas, Jr., Sherwood Lucas, Donovan Lucas, Terrence Brown (Stephine) and Thomas Brown (Joenette); seven nieces, Athea McAllister, Claudette Harper, Robyn Gantt, Jacqueline Byrd, Karen Brown, Betty Gerald and Joyce Jackson; thirty grandnephews and grandnieces and a host of other loving relatives, dear friends and neighbors.

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#### ~ Pallbearers ~

Cousins

#### ~ Floral Bearers ~

Cousins



### ~ Acknowledgement ~

The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to everyone for the support extended during the illness and subsequent loss of their loved one. Your kindness shall never be forgotten. Please accept our thanks for the cards, food and most of all for your prayers.

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In Celebration of the Homegoing of

Ms. Stacy Ovella Lumpkin

(October 16, 1965 ~ March 16, 1996)



Thursday, March 21, 1996 1:00 P.M.

Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.
Memorial Chapels and Gardens

306 South Roxboro Street Durham, North Carolina 27702

The Reverend William E. Daye Officiating Minister

# ~ The Order of Service ~

PRELUDE	
PROCESSIONAL	
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SCRIPTURE	Old Testament New Testament
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SOLO	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.	
OBITUARY	
HYMN	
EULOGY	The Reverend William E. Daye
	The Funeral Director
	Musical Interlude
	The Musician

#### Interment

Glennview Memorial Park 2515 Apex Highway Durham, North Carolina 27707

## ~ The Obituary ~

Ms. Stacy Ovella Lumpkin, loving daughter of Mrs. Hazel C. Lumpkin and the late Mr. William E. Lumpkin, departed this life on March 16, 1996.

She was a native of Durham, North Carolina. She was educated in the Durham City Public School System and North Carolina Central University. She was employed with Duke University Medical Center before the onset of her lengthy illness.

She leaves to cherish her memory and mourn her loss, her mother, Mrs. Hazel C. Lumpkin of the home; two sisters, Crystal D. Lumpkin of the home, and Kathy M. Brihm of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; her grandmothers, Mrs. Ovella S. Lumpkin of Durham, North Carolina and Mrs. Stacy D. Coleman of Bryson City, North Carolina; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other loving relatives and dear friends.



#### Memoriam

A golden heart stopped beating,
Working hands were laid to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

The Family

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Your Bright Lights And Flashers For Safety.

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Lumpkin, William E.

### WILLIAM E. LUMPKIN

The funeral for William E.

"Billy" lumpkin of 714 Grant St. will be held at 1 p.m. today in Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church Burial will be in Glennview Memorial Park.

Lumpkin died Saturday.

He was a native of Durham and was educated in Durham city schools, graduating from Hillside High School. Lumpkin was employed by the U.S. Postal Service and Associated Cab Co. He was an assistant football coach at Hillside High School and Shepherd Middle School.

Lumpkin was a member of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Bull City Golf Club and the A.S. Hunter Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Williams Lumpkin; three daughters, Mrs. Kathy M. Briham of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Miss Stacy O. Lumpkin and Miss Crystal D. Lumpkin, both of Durham; two stepdaughters, Ms. Serena Rush and Ms. Dana Rush, both of Durham; his mother, Mrs. Ovella S. Lumpkins of Tarrytown, N.Y.; three sisters, Mrs. Barbara A. Burnette of Tarrytown and Ms. Doris E. Lumpkin and Mrs. Peggy L. Ellis, both of Durham; and three grandchildren.

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#### WILLIAM LUNCEFORD

ROCKINGHAM William Lunceford, 78, of 5 Front St., died Monday at Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Lunceford was a native of Richmond County. He was a retired tex-

tile worker.

The funeral will be conducted at 4 p.m. today at St. Paul's United Methodist Church by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Lunceford is survived by is wife, Mrs. Carrie Miller Lunceford; three brothers, Tommy Lunceford and John Lunceford Jr., both of Dur-ham, and Edgar Lunceford of Rock-

ingham; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Thompson of Dolphin, Va., and Mrs. Ruby Stone of Rockingham. Carter Funeral Home in Rocking-

ham is in charge of arrangements.

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### JERMAINE LAMOUNT LUNSFORD

Final rites for Jermaine Lamount Lunsford were held Friday, May 13, at Scarborough Memorial Chapel. Rev. Robert Mack was eulogist. Interment was in Glennview Memorial Park. He died Sunday, May 8.

He was born December 4, 1973, a son of William Lunsford and the late Mrs. Edna Smith Lunsford. He attended Durham public schools and graduated from Durham High School. He was self-employed as a painter. He was a member of Morehead Baptist Church and was baptized at Rogers Grove Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to his father, are four children, Tear rah Mason, Jasmine Hunt, Keshawna Lunsford, Jermaine Lunsford, Jr., all of Durham; a sister, Ms. Tuawanda Hill, Atlanta, Ga.; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Alice Smith Thompson, Durham; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Shot his girlfirent in the foce in an effort to kill her and then committed suicide. Her eye was shot out.