

great-grandchild; and a sister, Mrs. Vallie Marie Brown.
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MRS. MARGARET H. MCBROOM

Final rites for Mrs. Margaret Louise Helms McBroom were held December 1 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Dr. Glenn R. Davis, pastor, officiated.

She was born September 5, 1920 in Durham, a daughter of the late Randolph and Mrs. Lelia Tucker Helms. She died November 27 at the Carver Living Center.

She was a manager at the Crest Street Senior Center for several years.

She attended New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son Emanuel McBroom; several grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Helen R. Lewis.

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and Katoshi Aashad; sons, Ibrahim Hashim (Eugene Saulters), David Saulters, Jr. and Darryl Saulters; step-children, Reginald Morgan, Ms. Sharetta Frazier, Sharonda Gray, Adrian and Randy Whoie; several grandchildren; and a sister, Ms. Helen Webb.

Arrangements by Burtney Funeral Service.



MISS CRYSTAL WHITAKER

Final rites for Miss Crystal Whitaker were held November 29 at Peace Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. William E. Daye officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery.

She was born September 14, 1996 in Durham, a daughter of Christopher D. Williams and Ms. Angela Whitaker. She died November 22.

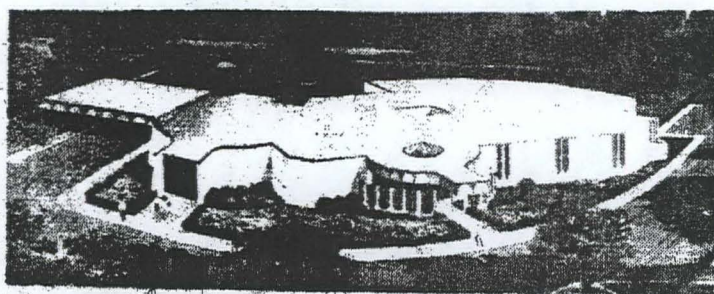
She attended Riverside High School and was a member of the chorus program. Math was her favorite subject. She participated in Cheer America.

Surviving are her mother, Ms. Angela Whitaker; father, Christopher D. Williams; and grandparents.

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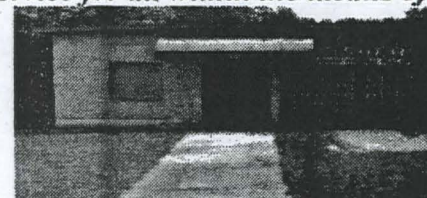
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McBroom, Margaret

11/4/2000

Charter bus company owner crushed during vehicle repairs

*Even at 72 years old,
Samuel T. McBroom Sr.
still did much of his own
maintenance work*

By BETH VELLIQUETTE

chh@herald-sun.com; 732-6397

HILLSBOROUGH — The owner of a charter bus company was killed Friday morning when one of his buses rolled onto him while he was doing maintenance work underneath it.

Samuel Thomas McBroom Sr., 72, apparently was dead when his son found him under the rear wheels of the full-size bus next door to their home on Station Road. McBroom owned McBroom Coach, a charter bus company.

His son, Samuel Thomas McBroom Jr., walked out of their home at about 11:15 a.m. to go to work in Durham when he saw his father lying under the bus.

"I was praying and hoping that what I was seeing, I wasn't seeing," McBroom Jr. said.

"I ran back and told my mom to call rescue, and then I backed the bus off him," the younger McBroom said.

The last time someone had seen the elder McBroom alive was about 15 minutes earlier, McBroom Jr. said.

The elder McBroom did much of the minor mechanical and maintenance work on the buses himself. He had just sold the bus on which he was working and was getting it ready for the new owner.

Everything about the accident was unusual, his son said. Normally, his father serviced the buses on a flat gravel area beside the house and didn't use a drop cloth, he said.

But on Tuesday, he laid out a blue plastic tarp, then drove the bus on top of the tarp and along a ditch in front of the house, apparently to give him room to crawl under the bus.

McBroom Sr. then placed pieces of railroad ties in front and in back of the tires to keep the bus from rolling. The bus was situated so that the back wheels were at the top of the ditch area. The younger McBroom said he thought the chocks didn't hold because they slipped on the blue plastic tarp.

One of eight brothers, he grew up in Orange County near where the family lives now. He lived with his wife, Annie, and had two grown children and two grandchildren, ages 15 and 10.

Hester Whitted & Daye Funeral Service in Hillsborough will be handling arrangements.



WILLIAM PRESTON McBROOM

Final rites for William Preston McBroom were held Monday, September 29, at West Durham Baptist Church. Rev. Terry Thomas, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Beechwood Cemetery. He died Tuesday, September 23, at Hospice at the Meadowlands, Hillsborough.

He was born February 12, 1940 in Durham, a son of the late Charles and Mrs. Gertrude Evans McBroom. He attended Lyon Park Elementary School and was a 1959 graduate of Hillside High School. He had been a Boy Scout and member of the Safety Patrol.

He was a member since childhood of West Durham Baptist Church. He was a member of former Missionary District #1, assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Sunday School, and member of 5th District Sunday School Convention. He was an active member of the Wednesday noonday prayer service, the Burch Coley Sunday School Class, the Male Chorus, the Trustee Board and Deacon Board.

For many years, locally and nationally, he served as the "Black Santa Claus" for the City of Durham.

He worked at Duke University for over 25 years.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Cora Crosby of Brooklyn, N.Y.; an aunt, Mrs. Clara Hardcastle of Mebane; three nieces, three nephews and several cousins.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

He was born January 22, 1957 in Windsor, a son of James Ruffin and the late Ms. Amanda Smallwood. He attended Bertie County schools. He was a construction laborer.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Sharon Willis of Gastonia; three brothers, James E. Ruffin of Alexandria, Va., Kerry L. Ruffin of Jonesboro, Ga., and Dwight Ruffin of Cheraw, S.C.; an aunt, Mrs. Lillie Mae Lassiter; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Courtesy of Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home, Inc.

MCBROOM

DURHAM - Mr. William Preston McBroom, fondly known as "Poochie", 63, of 1124 Lancaster St., departed this life, to enter



into heavenly rest on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at Hospice at the Meadowlands in Hillsborough, following a brief illness.

He was born in Durham County, on February 12, 1940, to the late Charles and Gertrude Evans McBroom.

Poochie was employed at Duke University for over 25 years.

He was a member of West Durham Baptist Church for many years. For years, locally and nationally, he served as "The Black Santa Claus".

Cherishing his memories are his sister, Mrs. Cora Crosby (John) of Brooklyn, N.Y.; one aunt, Mrs. Clara Hardcastle of Mebane, N.C.; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 29, 2003, at 2 p.m., at West Durham Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Terry Thomas, Pastor, officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. The family will receive friends at the home of Mrs. Barbara Faulk, 543 Clayton Rd., on Sunday.

Burial will be at Beechwood Cemetery.

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MCBROOM

9/26/03
DURHAM - Mr. William Preston "Poochie" McBroom, 63, of 1124 Lancaster St., died Tuesday, September 23, 2003. Funeral service will be held on Monday, at 2 p.m., at West Durham Baptist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service. Arrangements by Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home.

Durham Herald-Sun

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12/3/01

MCCAIN

Mrs. Alice Beatrice McCain, 70, of 3004 Ivey Wood Ln., died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2001, at Durham Regional Hospital. She was a native of Person Co. and had been employed by Duke University.



Surviving are her mother, Nannie Ruth Ramsey of Person Co.; three sons, John Lewis McCain of Rocky Mount, and Timothy McCain and

Thomas Allen McCain, both of Durham; two daughters, Barbara A. Bonilla-Valeatin and Alice L. Williams, both of Durham; four sisters, Larcenia Poole of Philadelphia, Ernestine Shaw of Person Co., and Veola Noel and Isabell Hester, both of Durham; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. at Hyco Zion Baptist Church in Person

Co. by the Rev. Stc Kerney. Burial will be in church cemetery.

Visitation will be Dec 2001, from 7 to 8 p.m. at borough & Hargett Chape

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IN APPRECIATION

Thank you is very inadequate to express the comfort that you, our friends, have brought to us during our bereavement. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, kind expressions and visits have helped ease the pain of the loss of our loved one.

The Family



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**SERVICES IN CELEBRATION
OF THE LIFE OF**

Mrs. Delois E. Walker McCall



Tuesday, December 11, 1990
2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's AME Church
2512 Fayetteville St.
Durham, N.C.

Reverend W. W. Easley, Pastor
Officiating

— *Obituary* —

Mrs. Delois E. Walker McCall was born in Orange County, North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Samuel C. Walker and the late Loretta Holt Walker Rives.

She attended the public schools of Orange County and Winston Salem Teacher's College. She was a former employee of American Tobacco Company.

In her early life, she was a member of Hunters Chapel AME Church in Mebane, N.C. After marrying the late Lanzer J. McCall, Sr. and establishing residence in Durham, N.C., she became a member of St. Joseph's AME Church where she served faithfully. Of this union, one son was born, the late Lanzer J. McCall, Jr.

Delois dearly loved her church and she was very active in many organizations. Some of these include the Friendly Daughters and a class leader of the Women's Sunday School Class. She was also a member of the American Legion #0175.

Delois was a pleasant and helpful person and we loved her dearly. Her kind deeds exemplified her concern and compassion for her family and those whose lives she touched. Because she was genuine in her relationship with others, she had built an enormous circle of friends.

She succumbed to death on Friday, December 7, 1990 at her home. She has affected us with her cherished qualities and love. We shall forever miss her.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three sisters, Mrs. Savannah Hawkins of Chester, Pa. Mrs. Corenthia Wright of Hillsborough, N.C., and Mrs. Lula Mae Cathcart of Hillsborough, N.C.; two brothers, Mr. Alonzo Walker of Mebane, N.C. and Mr. Pecolia M. Walker of Greensboro, N.C.; and the children of her son, the late Lanzer J. McCall, Jr., Mrs. Lannette Wright of Raleigh, N.C., Mrs. Yvette Powell of Upper Marlboro, Md., Mr. Lanzer J. McCall, III of Garner, N.C. and Miss Lavonne McCall of Largo, Md. and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
The Family*

— *Order of Service* —

PROCESSIONAL

HYMN

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE
(Old & New Testament)

MUSICAL SELECTION

RESOLUTIONS

OBITUARY
(Read Silently)

MUSICAL SELECTION

EULOGY

MUSICAL SELECTION

RECESSIONAL

Interment

Beechwood Cemetery

*Dinner will be served to the family and out of town guests in the
Edian Markham Multi-Purpose Room at the church.*

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Trustee Board

A Tribute to Grandma

*Even though you are gone far, far away
Your loveliness in our hearts will always stay.
We loved you very, very much!
Deep in our hearts we'll remember your sweet touch.*

*Katrinia, Cheri, Nikiki
Grandchildren*

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In Memoriam



MRS. RUBY THELMA BULLARD McCALLUM

1921 - 1980

Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church

Durham, North Carolina

Saturday, January 5, 1980

11:00 A.M.

The Reverend L.H. Whelchel, *Pastor*

Obituary

Mrs. Ruby Thelma Bullard McCallum, daughter of the late John and Vinnie Bullard, was born February 9, 1921 in Robeson County, North Carolina.

She was educated in the Robeson County Public School System, having attended the Beauty Spot Elementary School and graduating from the R.B. Dean High School. Later she graduated from the Practical Nursing program of the Durham City Schools Vocational Educational Department in 1960. Since graduation, she has been affiliated with the L.P.N. Association and The Durham Nurses' Registry, Inc. and has done private duty nursing in and around the cities of Durham and Chapel Hill.

She married Talmadge McCallum on April 15, 1943 and moved to Durham in 1944. To this union three children were born.

Mrs. McCallum joined the Saint Mathews C.M.E. Church, now known as the Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church, in 1946. Among the organizations she served are The Fragment Gatherers Circle of the Missionary Society, The Nurses Aide Society, and the H.E. Murray Bible Class of which she was President and Treasurer.

Those who will cherish her memory are her husband, Mr. Talmadge McCallum; her daughters, Mrs. Evangeline Ellison of Durham, N.C., and Mrs. Ruby Faye McGhee of Upper Marlboro, Md.; her son, Mr. Dwight T. McCallum of Durham, N.C.; her grandchidren, Katrinia and Cheri Ellison and Nikiki McCallum; her sisters, Mrs. Martha Armstrong of Durham, N.C., Mrs. Grace Pighet of Rowland, N.C., and Mrs. Jaunita Faulk of Hempstead, N.Y.; her brothers, Mr. John Bullard and Mr. James A. Bullard, both of Philadelphia, Pa; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

ONE MUST GO

One must go and one be left,
It happens soon or late,
One is called and one must stay,
For that's the way of faith.
One arrives at journey's end,
The other must go on,
Although the heart is broken and
The joy of life has gone.
Death may break the earthly tie,
But not the unseen bond,
True affections cannot die,
Where hearts are warm and fond.
One must go and one be left,
That's life, it has to be,
Changes come but LOVE goes on,
For all eternity.

From Your Husband

The Tribute

PROCESSIONAL - "Crossing the Bar"The Organist
Mrs. G.S. Timberlake

HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy," Page 26

SCRIPTURE.....The Reverend J.L. Durden

PRAYER.....The Reverend W.W. Carey
Presiding Elder, Durham District
Carolina Conference, C.M.E. Church

HYMN - "Blessed Assurance" Page 224

THE OBITUARY.....Mr. F. Howard Alston, Church Treasurer

SOLO - "The Lord's Prayer"Mrs. Dorothy Graham

THE EULOGY.....The Reverend L.H. Whelchel, Pastor

RECESSIONAL - "Onward Christian Soldiers"The Organist

INTERMENT
GLENVIEW MEMORIAL PARK
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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A Celebration of Life
For



Georgia Barbee McCallum

March 25, 1911 – January 1, 2001

Reverend L. Gene Hatley, Officiating
Barbee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Wednesday, January 3, 2001
1:00 p.m.

The Obituary

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Georgia Williams Barbee McCallum was born March 25, 1911 in an "Abe Lincoln"-type log cabin in Durham County to the late Mozella Jones Williams and Sandy Williams. She entered her eternal rest early in the morning of January 1, 2001.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

Colossians 3:23

She was educated at Barbee's Chapel Elementary School up to 7th grade which was located behind her current home on Barbee's Chapel Road and she went on to Hillside High School in Durham, North Carolina where she graduated.

Mrs. McCallum recounted the inspirational story of how she was so determined to get a college degree that she went to Dr. James Shepard, the president of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua (now North Carolina Central University). She asked if she could attend the college with what she had saved which was not enough; and she promised to pay later and to make good grades. He told her to keep her money and he gave her a scholarship to go to school. She also got the Durham County School Superintendent to allow her to ride the public school bus to the college. Graduating Magna Cum Laude, she received the Bachelors of Science in Social Studies and Biology in 1941.

In 1945 - 46 as a part of a unique initiative between the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health and North Carolina Central University, Mrs. McCallum received the Master of Science in Public Health Education becoming one of the first black health educators in the state. She also did graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, UNC at Greensboro and Yale University in Connecticut.

Professionally, she began her career in Edenton, Georgia as a high school teacher for one year. She taught another year at Piney Mountain School and she then taught at Horton High School in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

Her first job after graduate school was in Wayne County, North Carolina as a Health Educator with the school system and the health department. After several years of working with the State Department of Health and Public Instruction, she joined the faculty in the Department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University. She taught classes as well as served as a consultant to the public schools and other organizations in the Durham community. In this capacity, she also served as a liaison between North Carolina Central University and the Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mrs. McCallum retired in 1974 after 32 years with the state.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13

Mrs. McCallum was very active in several organizations, both locally and statewide. She was a member of the Executive Board and Board of Christian Education of the New Hope Association, Historian for the Orange County Missionary Union, Women of Distinction Extension Homemakers Club, Randolph Chapter #185 Order of Eastern Stars and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

"...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your soul and with all your mind."

Matthew 22:37

At an early age, she joined the Barbee's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where she was a very active member until her recent illness. She participated in a number of auxiliaries such as Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Choir, Trustee Board and the Barbee's Builders Club. For many years she served as Sunday School teacher for youth and young adults where she inspired the notion of "throwing bouquets" of appreciation and acknowledgement of good works each Sunday. Most of the young did not want to leave her class and the class was extended to older years.

The Family

She leaves to cherish her memory, her foster daughter of 45 years, Roberta Vereen and foster son in-law, John Vereen of Durham, NC; one foster grandson, Kenneth Vereen of Lexington, KY; two devoted nephews, Charles Barbee of Chapel Hill, NC; Joseph Barbee of Greensboro, NC and a host of cousins and friends.

Emmett Barbee to whom she was married for 47 years and Booker McCallum for 4 years preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death in October 2000 was her beloved brother, Lewis Henry Williams.



When You Are Close, God Is

I cannot comprehend Forever
But I understand the arching Now
And I know that Now
Has neither beginning nor ending
And I am in the circle of Now
With God and you

Without you
I would not have experienced
Such wonder
God has not forsaken us
He refines us by affliction
And He is present
In our caring for one another.

by Dona Hoffman

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Rev. E. Marie Mann

PROCESSIONAL

Clergy and Family

HYMN OF PRAISE

L. G. Hatley Ensemble
"Lead Me, Guide Me" (p. 355)

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS

Old Testament (Psalms 92)
New Testament (John 14:1-6)

Evangelist Alma E. Jones
Rev. Bossie Jackson

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Rev. Eugene Blacknell

HYMN OF CONSOLATION

"Blessed Assurance" (p. 27)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

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Evangelist Belinda Jones
Family/Friend/Protege

Dr. Howard Fitts, Sr., Past Chair
Department of Health Education
North Carolina Central University

OBITUARY

(Read Silently with Soft Music)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"I Am Thine, O Lord" (p. 329)

MESSAGE OF CONSOLATION

Pastor L. Gene Hatley

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"It Is Well" (p. 189)

FUNERAL DIRECTOR MOMENT

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

INTERMENT

Barbee's Chapel Cemetery



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Randolph Chapter #185

Order of Eastern Stars

CHOIR

L. Gene Hatley Ensemble

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family wishes to express appreciation to their many friends for all the acts of kindness extended during the illness and home going of our loved one.

May God Bless You!

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BARBEE'S HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Lift every voice and sing, to our Savior King
Sing with the glory of Christianity,
Let our praises rise, beyond the vaulted skies,
Let it ring out, over the world so wide;
Sing a song, full of the hope that our past faith has taught us,
Pray a prayer, thanking the Savior for all things he's brought us;
Facing a future day, O Lord God, we pray,
Show us the way, O God, Show us the way!
2. Sometime the road we trod, was very very hard,
But in our hearts-we've kept the vows we took,
To keep the faith and tread, the path toward heaven led,
May we follow on, to our eternal home;
We have come, over the hilltop with Jesus beside us,
we have worked, even where ole' satan tried to stop us,
Faith was our guiding light, we dared todo the right,
Show us the way, Oh Lord please, show the way.
3. God who has calmed our fears, throughout these hundred years,
Calmed with thy grace, and mercy ever-more,
Hear our voices raised to thee in Holy praise,
Our voices sing, thy praises o'ver and o'ver;
We thank thee, now and forever and ever we'll praise thee,
We thank thee, for blessings both seen and unseen we thank thee,
Facing our future years, through blood and sweat, and tears,
Show us we pray, O God please show, the way!

LYRICS BY GEORGIA BARBEE McALLUM

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION
FOR

MRS. RUTH SUITT MCCOLLUM

Sunrise
April 22, 1921

Sunset
May 18, 2007



Wednesday, May 23, 2007
2:00 P.M.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church
1007 South Roxboro Street
Durham, North Carolina 27707

The Reverend Dr. Joseph L. Morgan, Interim Pastor
Officiating Minister

~The Order of Service~

Family Visitation – 1:30 – 2:00 P.M.
Mrs. Shirley Hamilton Carter, Musical Selections

PROCESSIONAL Mr. Jesse McCrite, Organist
Reverend Dr. James W. Herndon, Pianist

HYMN OF PRAISE The Combined Choirs
“Blessed Assurance”

SCRIPTURES Reverend Troy L. Dixon, Associate Minister
Peace Missionary Baptist Church
Durham, North Carolina
Old Testament
New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend William McCoy, Associate Minister
Mount Vernon Baptist Church

HYMN OF CONSOLATION Mr. Ralph Judd and Choir
“Amazing Grace”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS Mrs. Velma S. Wilson
Church Clerk

OBITUARY (Please Read Silently)

SELECTION Ms. Denise Barnes and Choir
“I Go to the Rock”

EULOGY Reverend Dr. Joseph L. Morgan, Interim Pastor

SELECTION Reverend Dr. James W. Herndon and Choir
“Your Grace and Mercy”

MORTICIAN’S BRIEF The Funeral Director

RECESSIONAL “When We All Get to Heaven”

Interment
Glennview Memorial Park
2515 Apex Highway
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Drivers In The Procession, Please Turn On Your Bright Headlights and Flashers For Safety

❧The Obituary❧

Mrs. Ruth S. McCollum was born the youngest of three children on April 22, 1921, in Durham, North Carolina to the late Thomas Allen and Carrie Oakley Suitt. Preceding her in death were her husband, Cardoza, and her brothers, Thomas and Frederick.

A graduate of Hillside High School, Ruth furthered her education at North Carolina College for Negroes (North Carolina Central University) where she received a Bachelors of Science in Commerce degree in 1942.

On September 3, 1949, Ruth was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Cardoza McCollum, Sr. To this union, three children were born.

Ruth was the executive secretary for the senior vice president at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for forty years. She retired from this position in 1987.

At an early age, Ruth joined Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where she was a devoted member to the music ministry. She was honored January 15, 2006, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church for rendering sixty-six years of service as organist. She loved her three choirs: Senior Choir (formerly Senior Choir Number One), Mass Choir, and Inspirational Choir. Through each choir, she developed close friendships with the members. In fact, some of the members called her Mama Ruth.

In addition to her commitment to the music department, Ruth served the church in other capacities. She served as Family Day chair from 1989-2005, board member and secretary of Mount Vernon Day Care Center from 1973-2006, member and secretary of the Scholarship Committee from 1980-2006, co-editor for the *Echo Newsletter* sponsored by the Department of Missions in the late 1970's, Women's Day chair in 1982, and chair of the Social Committee in the 1970's. In addition, she was a former teacher and president of the Daughters of Ruth Bible Class.

Ruth's civic activities included being a member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and a devoted member of the Progressive Mother's Club, of which she served as secretary.

Ruth had a strong love for children. She was known for giving out "goody bags" and kisses to children and grandchildren of her many friends. Also, Ruth loved flowers. Her home was arrayed with various floral arrangements. In addition, Ruth was known for her hospitality. She enjoyed preparing her specialties to share with others: home-made rolls, fried chicken, potato salad, turnip greens, sweet potato pie, brownies, and Russian tea. Ruth probably will best be remembered for her outspoken ways. She was a very strong-willed person.

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☞Pallbearers☞

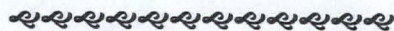
Men of Mount Vernon Baptist Church

☞Floral Bearers☞

**Department of Missions, Mount Vernon Baptist Church
Daughters of Ruth Bible Class**

☞Honorary Floral Bearers☞

**Former Co-Workers of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company
Progressive Mother's Club
Mount Vernon Day Care Center Board of Directors**



MAMA, MA RUTH, GRANNY, GA-GA

**You lived a long, fruitful life so dear
Your love for us will keep us going on from year to year
God knew you were ready to come on home
With our memories of you, we will never be alone**

Love

Rosalyn, Anita, Cardoza Jr., Calvin, Ricky, and Roderick

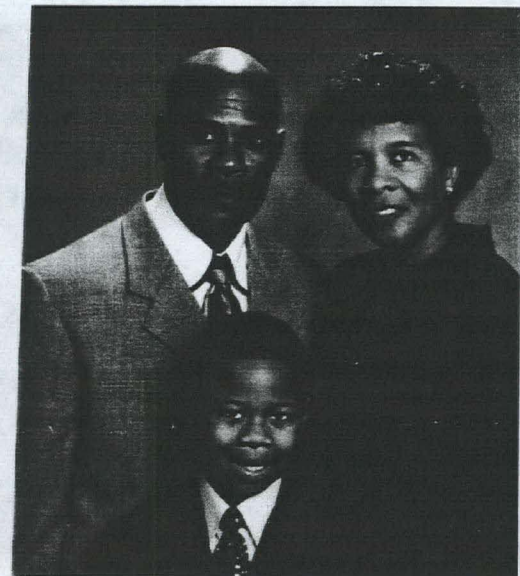
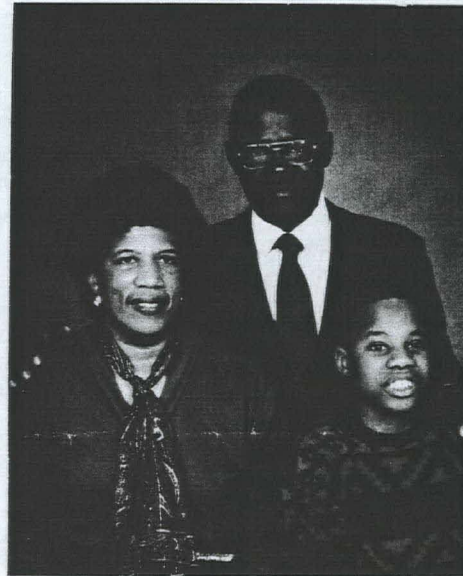
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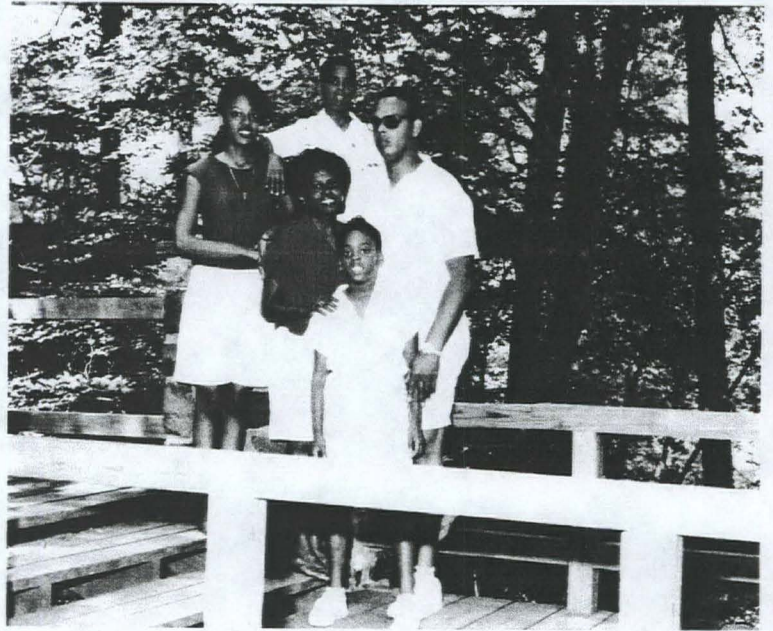
The family of the late Mrs. Ruth Suitt McCollum acknowledges with deep appreciation the kind expressions of love and sympathy shown to them during the illness and death of their loved one. May God continue to bless each of you.

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PRESENTATION TO MRS. RUTH S. McCOLLUM

REV. HIGH, MEMBERS OF MOUNT VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH AND
FRIENDS:

IT BECOMES A PLEASURE FOR ME TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION
TO (Mrs.) RUTH S. McCOLLUM FOR HER MANY, MANY YEARS OF SERVICE
TO US AS OUR ORGANIST.

MUSIC MEANS SO MUCH TO OUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS AND
RUTH HAS QUIETLY MADE OUR MUSIC GREAT WITH SUPERB TALENT.
AS WE BECAME MORE APPRECIATIVE OF GOOD MUSIC, WE LEARNED
IT WAS GOOD MUSIC BECAUSE IT SET THE TONES AND FEELINGS AT
OUR SERVICES AND IT IS SAID THAT CHURCH MUSIC IS THE SPEECH OF
THE ANGELS.

THIS PRESENTATION IS OUR EXPRESSION TO YOU OF THE MUSIC
THAT HAS MADE US HAPPY ALL THESE YEARS.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

DECEMBER 19, 1999

HAZELINE V. WILSON

Ruth Suitt McCollum

DURHAM — Mrs. Ruth Suitt McCollum, 86, of Durham, died on Friday, May 18, 2007, at Durham Regional Hospital.



She was the youngest of three children, born on April 22, 1921, in Durham to the late Thomas Allen

and Carrie Oakley Suitt.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Cardoza; and her brothers, Thomas and Frederick.

A graduate of Hillside High School, Ruth furthered her education at North Carolina College for Negroes (North Carolina Central University) where she received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Commerce in 1942.

On September 3, 1949, Ruth was united in holy matrimony to the late Cardoza McCollum Sr.

To this union three children were born.

Ruth was the executive secretary for the senior vice president at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company for 40 years.

She retired from this position in 1987.

At an early age, Ruth joined Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, where she was a devoted member to the music ministry.

She was honored January 15, 2006, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church for rendering 66 years of service as organist.

She loved her three choirs: Senior Choir (formerly Senior Choir Number One), Mass Choir and Inspirational Choir.

Through each choir, she developed close friendships with the members.

In fact, some of the members called her Mama Ruth.

In addition to her commitment to the music department, Ruth served the

church in other capacities.

She served as Family Day chair from 1989-2005, board member and secretary of Mt. Vernon Day Care Center from 1973-2006, member and secretary of the Scholarship Committee from 1980-2006, co-editor for the Echo Newsletter sponsored by the Department of Missions in the late 1970s, Women's Day chair in 1982, and chair of the Social Committee in the 1970s.

In addition, she was a former teacher and president of the Daughters of Ruth Bible Class.

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Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 23, 2007, 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1007 S. Roxboro St., Durham, with the Rev. Dr. J.L. Morgan, Interim Pastor, officiating.

The family visitation will be a half hour before services at the church.

Interment will be at Glenview Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rosalyn M. Cole, 3 Burgess Lane, Durham.

Arrangements are entrusted to Scarborough & Hargett Funeral Home.