

*Sleep Well, Mother Dear:
An Ode to our Ma-Ma, our Miss Sally*

Sleep well, Mother Dear; for you have worked so hard giving each of us your best. Sleep well, Mother Dear, for the time has come for you to take your rest.

You disciplined us, advised, and taught us while demonstrating the value of giving. So we would respect and honor God and you always— in all ways— and give your “flowers” while living.

We will remember your talks with God; It was just you and Him; you would say— You made us aware of His great presence and showed how we should and ought to pray.

You would always tell us you do not know where you would be without God and how God always brought you through— Teaching us to give Him glory and praise and that, without Him, there is nothing we can do.

*You cared; you cooked; and you loved like no other!
You would make us laugh at times, but we knew, and our children knew to respect and listen and not play with you dear Mother!*

You would tell us attend to our own business and mind what we do and say— And remind us to always do good and to love and treat everybody the same way!

We will miss you dearly and it has hurt so much seeing you slip away— But, you told us often do not cry for your going home, but rather cry for us who must stay.

So, sleep well, Mother Dear; for you have worked so hard giving each of us your best. Sleep well, Mother Dear, for the time has come for you to take your rest.

(an original family poem ©2021)

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters

Pallbearers
Grandsons

Interment
Hillside Memorial Park

Acknowledgments

We wish to thank each of you for your sympathy, thoughts, and prayers during this time. Your kind words and gestures, shared memories, and gifts have consoled our hearts and filled us with even more lovely memories.

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation are extended to the health care providers of Homebridge Healthcare, Healthkeeperz, and Scotland Hospice. Your care and joint efforts provided our mother with quality treatment and care, which gave our family great comfort and support.

We would also like to thank our Union Grove Baptist Church family and Purcell Funeral Home for your services and arrangements.

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In Loving Memory Of

Sally
“Ma-Ma”

Dell McNeill
August 15, 1927 ~ February 27, 2021



“The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want.”
Psalm 23:1

~ Graveside Service ~
Friday, March 5, 2021
1:00 p.m.

Hillside Memorial Park
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352

Rev. Margie Pegues | Eulogist
Pastor George Ellis | Officiating

Obituary

Sally Dell “Ma-Ma” McNeill, daughter of the late Preston and Nola Johnson, was a wise woman who believed there was no harm in listening to anyone and that if she could not tell you anything good, then she would not tell you anything at all! She was sure to do just that if you walked past her sitting on her porch or stopped by for a visit, and that is what made her a “Ma-Ma” and “grandma” to so many!

Sally loved her family and neighbors, always giving and encouraging when she could. Ever so wise and kind in her words and deeds, she lived and walked by faith. She never complained about her life or health but remained strong and secure in her belief in God, as well as hopeful and thankful to God in all things.

As a young girl, she gave her life to Christ. Her favorite Psalm was the 23rd Psalm, and she held fast to Proverbs 2:6 and 3:13, “For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding.”

Sally was a faithful member of Union Grove Baptist Church. She always saw the good in people and encouraged her children to do what is right, “do your part, and let God do the rest”.

Preceded in death by her husband, James McNeill; she leaves behind their eleven children to rejoice in her home-going: James Louis McNeill, Tessie Cousar, Shirley McLean, Henry McNeill, Joan Harris, James Edward McNeill, Geraldine McNeill, Lenora Underwood, Lester McNeill, Phillip McNeill, and Michael McNeill; 28 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her five brothers and nine sisters.



Order of Service

Pastor George Ellis, Presiding

Opening Selection

Teresa Pemberton-McLean

Old Testament

Rev. Theresa Morrison

New Testament

Min. Sandra Johnson

Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Woodrow McDonald

Remarks

Words of Comfort

Rev. Margie Pegues

Closing Selection

Teresa Pemberton- McLean

Committal & Benediction

Closing Prayer

Rev. Margie Pegues

Mortician Briefing

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*I've changed my address to Heaven
I've crossed the Great Divide.
I know there's no sorrow or crying,
Because I've reached the other side.
I am so happy to be here,
for the Lord Himself I see.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I bid this world goodbye.
I now live forever with Jesus in
my new home in the sky.
I have no burdens or heartaches
And from tears I am now free.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
I'm safe forevermore.
For the Lord built a mansion
And my name is on the door.
You can find us walking together,
For where He is, I'll always be.
I've changed my address to Heaven,
That's the place you'll find me.*

~ Love “Ma-Ma”

