



### *Floral Bearers*

Family and Friends

### *Pall Bearers*

Grandsons and Friends

### *Acknowledgements*

The family of Emma Council would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all your kindness shown to us during the loss of our mother, grandmother, cousin and friend. It is through your strength and the grace of God that we have found comfort. May God richly bless each of you.

### *A Special Thank You*

Thank you to the Bella Rose Nursing and Rehab Staff  
for the awesome care and love they provided  
to our mother during her time there.  
May God Bless each of you!

### *"A Chosen Mother"*

Father in Heaven we thank you  
For planting this wonderful seed.  
When you sent her here to be with us  
You knew just what we would need.  
You knew we needed a loving mother  
Who would wear a smile and give kind nod  
Who spoke softly as she went about  
And put her trust in God.  
You sent a mother who never complained  
Even when life seemed to be unfair  
One who said, "Don't be discouraged  
For my Sweet Jesus will always be there."  
She was a special mother, a grandmother,  
and great-grandmother  
Who was meant for that part  
And she left with us a glowing light  
That will forever shine in our hearts.  
Father we thank you for this chosen mother  
that you sent to guide us through  
And we pray you will meet her  
with open arms  
As she comes back home to you.



Services Entrusted to  
**Albright Funeral Home**  
500 S. Salem St.  
Apex, NC 27502



# *Celebration of Life*

## **EMMA COUNCIL**

***Sunrise***  
**July 19, 1921**

***Sunset***  
**August 13, 2021**



***May The Work I've Done Speak For Me!***

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021  
SERVICE 1:00 P.M.

WHITE OAK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1621 WHITE OAK CHURCH ROAD  
APEX, NORTH CAROLINA 27523

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## ~ Order of Service ~

Officiating, Reverend Dr. Charles R. Tyner, Sr.

Viewing 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Processional

Opening Hymn ... .. *Pass Me Not*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament ... .. Reverend Yolanda Hammond  
*Christian Home Church – Apex, NC*

New Testament ... .. Reverend Rodney Hayes  
*White Oak Missionary Baptist Church – Apex, NC*

Prayer of Comfort ... .. Reverend George Greene  
*Pastor, Christian Home Church– Apex, NC*

Musical Selection ... .. "This Old Building"  
Reverend Dr. Donna Hawkins & WOBC Mixed Choir

Reading of Acknowledgements... .. Barbara Revels  
Obituary (Silent Reading)

Musical Selection ... .. "May The Work I've Done Speak for Me"  
Raymond Farrar & WOBC Mixed Choir

EULOGY ... .. Reverend Dr. Charles R. Tyner, Sr.  
*Pastor, White Oak Missionary Baptist Church – Apex, NC*

Recessional

Interment:  
White Oak Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery



## ~ The Obituary ~

*EMMA COUNCIL, the only child of the late Amie Ross and James William Jones, was born on July 19, 1921 in Morrisville, North Carolina. She entered into her eternal rest on Friday, August 13, 2021, at Bella Rose Nursing and Rehab Center in Garner, NC.*

*Emma joined White Oak Missionary Baptist Church in 1933 when she was 12 years old. She was an active member of the Gospel Choir; Pastors Aide, Usher, and the Missionary Circle. She received her strength from the Word of God. She started each day in prayer and reading her devotionals. A missionary from the heart is what Emma was. She loved checking on others by a call that often ended in laughter.*

*In 1947, she married the late Lee Council, Sr. and to this union, four children were born, Frances, Mary Ann, Lee Jr., and James.*

*Emma completed the 11th grade at Apex School. After her schooling, she became a housekeeper for several families in the Town of Apex. She enjoyed being a blessing to the families that she helped daily. Emma never learned to drive nor owned a car. However, she was able to get wherever she needed to go and was always on time. She was a well traveled woman. She enjoyed traveling to various states and cruising with her last trip about 5 years ago.*

*Emma will be remembered by her contagious smile, laugh and positive attitude. She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, baking, and watching everyone enjoy her food. She was known for those "heavy" pound cakes.*

*She has seen a lot and have experienced a lot over the last 100 years. She had many stories of her childhood that she often recalled vividly. Emma was interviewed and featured in the book, "Pluck, Perseverance, and Paint: Apex, North Carolina: Beginnings to 1941." During these interviews she shared her stories of growing up in a Sharecroppers family.*

*She was preceded by death by her husband, Lee Council Sr., stepmother, Annie Tabron Jones, half-brother, Rev. Percy Jones, stepbrother, Zachriah Allen, and her granddaughter Angela Marshall.*

*Emma leaves to cherish her memories four children: Frances Coleman (Billy); Mary Ann Clay; Lee Council, Jr. (Annie); and James Council. She has seven grandchildren: Tanya Marshall, Berthold Marshall, Jr., Derrick Clay (Suzanne), Jamaine Walker, Shatania Clay, Cosandra Williams (Walter), and Lee Council, III. She has 11 great grand children, 2 great-great grand children, one niece Peggye Williams Day-Warren, 2 adopted daughters Cathy Harris and Dorothy Winston, a host of cousins and friends who will miss her dearly.*