

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



Pall Bearers

Justin Peoples
Sterling Peoples
Charles McIver
Steven McIver
Mallory McIver
Samuel Williams

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge the expressions
of your love, concern and kindness shown to them
during this hour of bereavement.

-The Family



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Forever In Our Hearts

Mrs. Samelia M. McIver



May 3, 1965 ~ May 17, 2022

Order of Service

Sunday, May 22, 2022 - 3:00 PM
St. Paul AME Zion Church
550 Cumnock Road, Sanford, North Carolina 27330
Rev. Iris M. Jordan ~Pastor / Eulogist

The Prelude

The Family Processional

Soft Music/Solo.....Mr. Andre' Stroud

Scripture.....Reverend B. Renee Carter
Psalm 147:3, 2nd Corinthian 4:17-18, Galatians 6:9, Matthews 19:26

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend James Dalrymple

AcknowledgementMs. Hilda Matthews

Resolution.....Mrs. Gladys Mills

Song.....The Ties That Bind

Obituary.....Read Silently

Remarks.....Limited 2 Minutes Please
Sharon McKoy
Shayna McIver
Brandi McIver
Others

SongMinister Carla Rance

Eulogy.....Reverend Iris M. Jordan

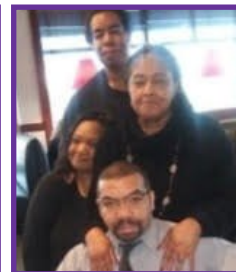
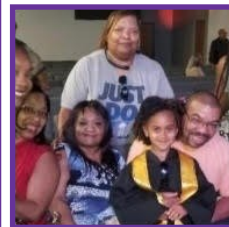
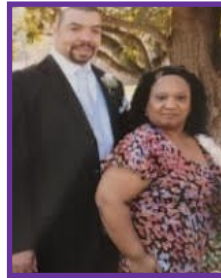
Song.....Ms. Sharon Wilson

Recessional



Interment

St. Paul AME Zion Church
550 Cumnock Road
Sanford, North Carolina 27330



Obituary

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day... 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Our beautiful mother, Samelia Milliken McIver, sadly passed away May 17, 2022, at her home in Sanford, NC. She was a wonderful person who was always there when anybody needed her. Standing at a full 4'9, what she lacked in height was gained through such a fun, sweet, giving spirit, who was definitely the life of the party.

On May 3, 1965, in Pittsboro, NC; Samuel and Margie Milliken were blessed with the wonderful gift that was Samelia, affectionately called and treated as "the baby".

Samelia, called "Pootie" by her mother, was a fun-loving child who loved to dance, and whenever there was a family gathering she was the first one on the dance floor, which never changed. Even through adversities throughout her life, she always enjoyed what she had and made sure everyone had a good time. Never empty-handed for Christmas and birthdays, giving was truly her love language. She always stressed the importance of the people you love over money and material things.

Samelia attended Northwood High School where she played the clarinet and afterward completed courses at Central Carolina Community College. An avid reader, she enjoyed taking classes and learning new things. Also a hard worker, she spent over 20 years working at UNC-Chapel Hill while taking care of her family.

In recent years our mother truly enjoyed shopping, getting all dolled-up as she referred to herself as "Tha Diva". Her hair, make-up, and nails had to be just right. She loved going out to eat and spending quality time with her family. Seafood was her favorite and she also enjoyed sweet snacks.

Samelia had a strong faith and a profound relationship with God and the Holy Spirit. She made sure her family knew Jesus and how to lean on Him to get through difficult times such as these. She enjoyed serving in different ministries at our church, living a life that showed others the love of God. She told us not to cry for her but to have a party because she was going to be happy and have a good time. It is hard, but she gave us so many wonderful memories to celebrate a life so well lived.

She loved and honored her husband for 35 years. We have been blessed to witness the beautiful and authentic love between our parents. Their final embrace was symbolic of the strength of their union.

She is survived by her husband Pilgrim McIver Jr.; her mother Margie Milliken; daughters Kamelia, Shayna, and Brandi; granddaughter Lia; sisters Chestine, Marie, and Twyla; and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Mama, we love you forever, and bless God for giving us a better mother than we could have ever prayed for. You did your job well, rest sweetly with the Lord.