

Memorial Reflections

*"Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid."
(St. John 14: 27b)*

On Saturday afternoon, October 23, 2021, at 3:09 p.m., the Lord decided that it was time to take an angel and decided to take our beloved mother, *Ms. Marzella Long Murchison*. She was born on March 29, 1929, to the late William and Lelar Long. Marzella was married to the late Donnell Murchison in December 1947. They were blessed with a son, the late Ronnie Murchison, and five daughters, Dottie, Deborah, Vernell, Sherlene, and Linda.

Marzella was educated in the Lee County School System. Her years of employment included but were not limited to working as a caretaker, a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Sanford Furniture Factory, and a personal Certified Nursing Assistant in her home. She loved family and would play with her grandchildren as if she was their age, even after she had passed the age of 50. Her grandsons fondly called her "Stick," and her son-in-law lovingly referred to her as "Slim." Marzella was fun to be around and was always positive. She would take children that people threw away and rear them as her own. People loved her, and she loved people. She was a beautiful, elegant, and classy woman with a smile that only came from heaven. She loved to dress.

Marzella was a saved, sanctified, Holy Ghost-filled, faithful servant of the Most High God. Holiness was her way of life. She was faithful to her church, loving God with all her heart. In her early years, she and her husband, Donnell, joined Mount Sinai Holiness Church, under the leadership of Bishop J. G. Lowdermilk, where she was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Marzella later became a member of the House of Prayer Holiness Church, in Olivia, North Carolina. She later moved her membership to Saint Peters Holiness Church in Lemon Springs, North Carolina, under the leadership of Bishop William Berryman. As a member of Saint Peters, she became

the Choir Director, president of the Golden Bells Singers, member of the Usher Board, and a Church Mother. In 2009, her daughter, Sherlene Ethridge was called to pastor New Beginning Ministry of Worship in Fayetteville, North Carolina. By the leading of the Spirit, she moved her membership to New Beginning and became the Senior Church Mother and a member of the Trustee Board. Whatever her hands found to do, she would do it and did it with excellence. Her legacy of being a servant continued until her health failed. Marzella will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great-grandmother.

Marzella was preceded in death by her parents, William and Lelar Long, her husband, Donnell Murchison, one son, Ronnie Murchison, one sister, Anna Bell Long, two brothers, William Long, Jr., and Willie Jackson, and one grandson, Paul Murchison.

Cherishing her life and legacy are her daughters, Dottie White (Malcolm) of Spring Lake, North Carolina, Deborah Lee (Marvin) of Cameron, North Carolina, Vernell Groce (Ellsworth) of Beulaville, North Carolina, Sherlene Ethridge (William) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Linda Butler (Edward) of Fayetteville, North Carolina; two sisters, Rachel Sellars and Doris Sellars of Olivia, North Carolina; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family, and many friends.

You are safe now in Jesus' arms. We will meet again in the sweet bye and bye.

***As I Sit in Heaven
And watch you everyday,
I try to let you know with signs
I never went away.
I hear you when you're laughing,
and watch you as you sleep.
I even place my arms around you,
to calm you as you weep.
I see you wish the days away,
begging to have me home.
So I try to send you signs
so you know you are not alone.
Don't feel guilty that you have
life that was denied to me.
Heaven is truly beautiful,
just you wait and see.
So live your life, laugh again,
enjoy yourself, be free!
Then I know that every breath you take
You'll be taking one for me.***

Order of Service

Bishop Da'Quan Baldwin, Officiating
Evangelical House of God

Musical Prelude	Bishop Joshua Matthews Evangelical House of God
Processional	Clergy and Family
Musical Selection.....	Evangelical House of God Choir Spring Lake, North Carolina
A Tribute to an Angel	"I Shall Wear a Crown"
Scripture Readings:	
Old Testament	Elder Beverly Monroe Evangelical House of God
New Testament	Bishop Alfred Marshall Without Walls Worldwide Fellowship Ministries - Spring Lake, NC
Prayer of Comfort	Apostle Preston Davis True Love Church International - Fayetteville, NC
Musical Selection.....	Evangelical House of God Choir Spring Lake, North Carolina
Reflections.....	Please Limit to Two Minutes
Solo	Pastor Gregory Austin Evangelical House of God - Spring Lake, North Carolina
Acknowledgments & Obituary	Elder Patricia Miller Evangelical House of God Choir -Spring Lake, North Carolina
Musical Selection.....	Evangelical House of God Choir
Eulogy.....	Elder Pearline McMillan Oak Grove Holiness Church, Sanford, North Carolina
Song of Victory	
Recessional	

Acknowledgment

The family would like to thank you for your outpouring of love and prayers that were extended to us during this difficult time. Every card, thought, deed, call and word of encouragement gave us strength to embrace a new day. Friends like you are jewels that God gives to strengthen us. You have shown us that the family of God knows what we need and makes it happen when we need it. You knew how to do what we needed and how to carry it out. For this we say thank you.

Our prayer is that God abundantly bless you. Elder Pearline McMillan, our Eulogist and mom's best friend, thank you.

A special thanks to Apostle Juanita Troy, and the Evangelical House of God family. Your support was awesome, and we appreciate and love you.

The Family



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Marzella Long
MORCISON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
11:00 AM

*Evangelical House of
God Ministries*

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BISHOP DA'QUAN BALDWIN, OFFICIATING



Interment

Johnsonville Community Cemetery
Highway 27 | Cameron, North Carolina

Floral Attendants
Family & Friends

Casket Attendants
Family

Knotts
FUNERAL HOME

Sanford Location
719 Wall Street - Sanford, North Carolina
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Memorial Programs: DC'S CREATIVE CONCEPTS - (910) 634-0469

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