

Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning
Tears are for the sad.
I left to be with Jesus and
This should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving;
No need to feel distress.
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't vex yourself with questions,
Or try to reason why
Life here for me has ended;
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you;
Feed it with your care.
Grow it with devotion and
Spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way.
We'll have another meeting
In God's Eternal Way.

Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Mrs. Edith B. Sweetenburg, are grateful to all of you for your comforting expressions of sympathy and love rendered to us during this sorrowful period. A special thanks to the Hospice of Laurens County care team for their loving care provided to my family and our mom during her time with them. May God continue to shower His blessings upon you.

Services Entrusted To:

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*And He will raise you up on
eagle's wings,
Bear you on the
breath of dawn,
Make you to
shine like the sun,
And hold you
in the palm of
His Hand*

*Homegoing Services
Celebrating the Life
of*
Mrs. Edith B. Sweetenburg

Sunrise
March 13, 1933

Sunset
December 24, 2020

Saturday, January 2, 2021
11:00 A.M.

Mt. Hebron A.M.E. Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Reverend Wayne K. Pratt, Sr., Pastor
Reverend Anthony Washington, Officiating

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Obituary

Mrs. Edith B. Sweetenburg passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at her home. Edith B. Sweetenburg was born to the late Inez Robinson Bookman and Eugene Bookman on March 13, 1933. Joyfully known to her family as “Tootsie”, she caught an early morning flight to be with the Lord on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2020.

She retired from Walter P. Rawls and Son after 46 years of service. She was a long time member of Mt. Hebron AME Church where she was a member of the Usher Board, Missionary Choir and Gospel Choir while working faithfully until her health declined. She loved visiting her family, church, helping others, red nail polish and red lipstick and keeping that contagious smile on her face.

She was married to the late Claude T. Swittenburg for 68 years who preceded her in death. To this union eleven children were born. Five preceded her in death Willie, Willie Mae, and Donna Swittenburg, Rosetta Glover and Shirley Wall. She was also predeceased by sisters, Mary F. Swittenburg, Willie Mae Cromer, Thelma Bookman, Joann Ruff, Rosa Lee Jones, Naomi Wise, Laura Mae, Mary Edith Bookman, and Elizabeth Austin; brothers, Malverse, George, Gene and James Bookman; grandchildren, Barbara and James Swittenburg, Teater Jackson, Tyrone Neal, Kyrie Jenkins and Fallon Meggett.

Surviving to cherish her loving memories are daughters, Mary Swittenburg and Lula Mae Prince of Norristown, PA, Emma Swittenburg (JW) of Clinton, SC, and Kathleen Meggett of Newberry SC; sons, Claude Swittenburg (Emma) of Johnston, SC, Gene Swittenburg (Barbara) of Newberry, SC; three sisters, Mary D. Carol and Georgia Bookman of Prosperity, SC; three brothers, Roy, Albert and Terry Bookman of Prosperity, SC; eighteen grandchildren, Debra Duffy, Felicia Williams, Cruz and Tanisha Swittenburg, reared in the home; thirty-eight great-grandchildren and twenty-five great-great-grandchildren; one aunt, Florence Stoudermire; one uncle, Willie Mack Stoudermire; one brother-in-law, Roger Ruff; devoted nephew, Butler (Arleen) Cromer; devoted caregivers, Felicia Williams, Tanisha, Emma and Mary Swittenburg, Destini and Kathleen Meggett.

Order of Service

Reverend Wayne K. Pratt, Sr., Presiding

Selection	<i>“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”</i>
Prayer	Clifton Huff
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament	Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims
New Testament.....	Emma Swittenburg
Reflections.....	Clifton Huff, Church Troy Swittenburg, Family
Solo	Reverend Jacqueline R. Sims
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Anthony Washington
Committal and Benediction.....	Graveside
Interment	Mt. Hebron A.M.E. Church Newberry, South Carolina

Blessed
ARE THOSE WHO MOURN,
FOR THEY SHALL BE
Comforted
Matthew 5:4