



For Our Mother...

A face that is always on my mind,
 A smile I have seen a million times,
 Two eyes that would light up the sky at night,
 One last battle you could not fight,
 The day was long, then night then morn.
 I knew that soon you would be gone,
 I clasped your hand so warm in mine,
 Soon we would be out of time,
 To stay with us you fought so hard,
 A million pieces went my heart,
 Now a photo I look at to see your smile,
 I keep your number on my speed dial,
 A video I watch to hear your voice,
 This I do.... I have no choice.,
 But great memories I will always keep with me,
 Your love in my heart for eternity,
 I never got to say goodbye,
 To understand why, I can but try,
 Waiting in heaven from this moment on,
 "Till god asks you to bring me home....by Lorna Ferguson

We Love you mama,
 Francesca, Brittany, Bryant, & Jossie

Floral Bearers

Tywanne J. Jones
 Tiara S. Johnson

Demetra J. Cropp
 Shirley J. Evans

Lauren I. Evans

Pall Bearers

Gabriel N. Evans
 Eric Avery
 Harold Evans

Christopher Evans
 W. Meshawn Jones
 Joseph J. Scott

Acknowledgment

Love and gratitude flow gratefully from our hearts to all for each expression of sympathy extended to us. We have lost someone very special. Just to know that in countless ways our family and friends are with us makes the way easier. Your thoughtfulness, love, and concern are appreciated and will always be remembered.

With loving kindness,
 The Family

Interment

Eureka Chapel Missionary Church
 Fayetteville, North Carolina

Repast Dinner

Mt. Hebrew A.M.E. Zion Church

Services Entrusted To:

Whitted Funeral Home
 & Cremations Services, Inc.
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 Hope Mills, North Carolina 28348
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A Celebration of Life

In Loving Memory

Of

Edith Darlene Whitted King-Avery

September 1, 1966 – August 2, 2013



Thursday, August 8, 2013

11:00 A.M.

Psalm 91: 1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Mt. Hebrew A.M.E. Zion Church
 6830 Ramsey Street
 Fayetteville, North Carolina
 Pastor Larry Gordon, Pastor

Reverend Wilbert Elliott, Pastor
 Eureka Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
 Officiate/Eulogist

"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 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: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

~ 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

~ Reflections of Life ~

"I am free, praise the Lord I'm free, no longer bound, no more chains holding me, my soul is resting, it's just a blessing, praises the Lord, hallelujah I'm free!"

On Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, in the early hours of the morning, Angels were dispensed to Darlene's bedside and her soul was carried from labor to reward. She was born September 1, 1966, in Fayetteville, North Carolina to Carl Edward Whitted and Jossie Patricia Melvin-Whitted.

Edith Darlene Whitted King-Avery was a 1985 graduate of Westover Senior High School in Cumberland County. She matriculated at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The restaurant industry became a major part of her career, where she held various management positions. Her managerial skills and people skills contributed greatly to her success. Darlene was very crafty with her hands and enjoyed knitting. She also had a love for dolphins and enjoyed collecting dolphin figurines, which could be seen displayed throughout her home.

"May the Work I've Done Speak for me!"

At an early age, Darlene confessed Christ and united with Eureka Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, where her spiritual foundation and nurturing were received. Darlene had a beautiful voice and used it to glorify the Lord at every opportunity made available to her. She was very active in her church until her death. She carried on the tradition that her late grandmother, Edith Mae Evans-Melvin, started over 50 years ago, The Eureka Chapel Junior Choir. She had a relationship with Christ, understood and was raised to believe "that through Christ all things are possible." When called upon to work, she never hesitated. Though she was outspoken and very strong-willed, Darlene had a beautiful smile.

Darlene was united in holy matrimony to Thomas L. King. To this union, her greatest accomplishments in life can be seen through her children: Francesca, Bryant, Brittany and Jossie. Her greatest joy in life was experienced through her grandchildren, Farrah, Bryant and Caleb.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Elbert and Edith Mae Evans-Melvin; and her paternal grandparents, Jonathian Idell Whitted and Beulah Mae Dunham-Johnson.

Her love for life will be forever cherished and remembered by her children: Francesca B. Whitted, Brittany C. King, Bryant T. King and Jossie D. King, all of Fayetteville, North Carolina; her beloved parents, Jossie P.

Melvin-Whitted, and Carl E. Whitted of Fayetteville, North Carolina; three brothers, Carl E. Melvin (Odessa) of Waldorf, Maryland, Norman A. Whitted of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Anthony F. Whitted (Irish) of Clayton, North Carolina; two sisters, Tonya D. Whitted and Sharon Morrissey (Terry) of Fayetteville, North Carolina; three grandchildren, Farrah C. Pettaway, Bryant J. King, and Caleb J. King of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and lifetime friends.

A letter from mom and dad...

Darlene,

You were our first daughter. Oh, how we cherished you. You brought so much joy to our lives. Our is pain is great, and our hearts or broken. We raised you to believe in a living God. We taught you that to live again you must first die in Christ. So, it is. You have crossed over. We always thought we would be first, but God saw it differently. We love you Darlene. We will forever cherish you in our hearts. It is through your brothers, sisters, children, and grandchildren that a living part of you will always be with us. Until we meet again daughter, continue to rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior.



*We love you,
Mom and Dad*

She Is Gone

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on*



*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eye, love and go on....
by David Harkins
We love you Darlene,
Carl, Norman, Anthony,
Tonya, and Sharon*

Order of Service

"My prayer: That He who has begun a good work in me will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

~ Philippians 1:6

Prelude

Processional.....Choir
"Soon And Very Soon"

Hymn of Consolation.....Choir
"Pass Me Not"

Scriptures:
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Solo..... Shelton Harvey

Remarks.....Sister Connie Tyree
Rev. James Moore

AcknowledgmentsJoyce Williams, Aunt

Obituary(Read Silently)

Solo..... Ebony Melvin, Niece

Family Reflection..... Norman Whitted, Brother

Solo.....Scott McGregory, Cousin

EulogyPastor Wilbert Elliott

Musical SelectionChoir

Recessional