

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR

Mother Marjorie Lightfoot Looney

SUNRISE
May 24, 1927

SUNSET
Aug 22, 2017



Sunday, August 27, 2017
2:30 p.m.

**ST. JAMES CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA**

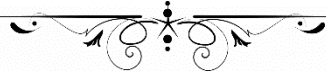
920 West Moulton Street - Decatur, Alabama

Elder Mylon Burwell, Eulogist

Pastor Michael Jones, Officiant

Her Story

May 24, 1927 – August 22, 2017



*“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering,
and the time for my departure is near.
I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*

-II Timothy 4:6-7



A Time to be Born...

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb.”

-Psalm 139:13

Marjorie Lightfoot Looney is the daughter of the late Phillip and Alberta (Holt) Lightfoot. She was born May 24, 1927 in Decatur, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her husband, James O’neal Looney; brothers: Newlyn Lightfoot, Gettis Lightfoot, Milton Lightfoot (Mary), Marvin Lightfoot and John Lightfoot (Kathryn) and her sisters: Juanita Lightfoot and Wilhelmina Lightfoot.

A Time to Learn...

*“Study to shew thyself approved until God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*

-II Timothy 2:15

Marjorie enjoyed attending school. Her early years began at Carver Elementary School which went to the 6th grade. She later graduated from Decatur Negro High School (later renamed Lakeside High School). Her extra-curricular activities included the track team. Many years after her high school graduation, she was one of the visionaries to begin planning a class reunion/school reunion, which she faithfully attended.

A Time to serve and to plant...

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

-Ephesians 2:1

During her youth, Marjorie confessed hope in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She was baptized and became a part of the body of believers at the St. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America. In her early years, she served as a delegate for the Sunday School Convention and the General Assembly. Marjorie served the Lord and her church faithfully until she began to face health challenges. She taught Sunday School as long as most people have been alive. You didn’t leave her class not knowing what “thus said the Lord”. For many years, she served on the Program Committee. It was never an option for a child to not know his or her Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day or Christmas speech or a part in a play. Other service capacities included VBS teacher, President of Club #4, pianist for “The Bunch”, and Godly Women (Mother of the Church).

Family has always been an important part of Marjorie’s life. For many years, her secretarial skills were utilized to maintain family reunion records for the Lightfoot, Drake, Lane and Moore Family Reunion and



for the Neal/Holt/Patton Family Reunions. She made certain that each person (young and old) signed their name in the attendance book.

Transporting joys - You hadn't lived until you rode with Marjorie!! She didn't get her driver's license until she was 40 and her first vehicle was a station wagon. She was Decatur's first official Uber service. If you or your child needed transportation to church or anywhere else, as long as it was before dark and it wasn't raining, she would gladly carry you to your destination.

Marjorie's career choices proved that she spent most of her life serving others and caring about their wellbeing. She was employed by Atlanta Life Insurance Company as an insurance agent. Marjorie made sure her clients maintained their coverage and faithfully made "house-calls" to collect their premiums. As a custodian for Robinson Furniture, her job was to make sure the furniture was cleaned and eye-catching for the customers. After retiring from Robinson's Furniture, she began working for Sterrs Daycare as a Foster Grandparent. Once again, she was in full teaching mode. This part-time position lasted for 17 years.

A time to love...

*"For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother
and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."*

-Ephesians 5:31

In 1966, Marjorie and James O'Neal Looney became one. This marriage took place at the home of her pastor Rev. W.E. Scott. To this union, a daughter was born.

A Time to Die...

*"Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with you;
and his limits You have set so that he cannot pass."*

-Job 14:5

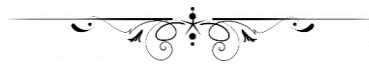
Mother Looney has met her limit on earth. She departed this life August 22, 2017 at 10:30 p.m. at Huntsville Hospital (Madison, Alabama). One of her favorite quotes was, "May the work I've done, speak for me." Her legacy and love for her family and friends will live forever.

Those left to cherish her memory include a loving and devoted daughter, Phyllis Looney-Jones (*Kim*), Huntsville, Alabama; two grandsons she adored: Phillip Kenard and Krayton Andrew Jones, both of Huntsville, Alabama; three compassionate nieces: Ann Lightfoot, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Juanita Lightfoot and Jeanette Lightfoot Daniels, both of Boston, Massachusetts; three caring nephews: Kennedy Lightfoot and Marvin Lightfoot, Jr., both of Boston, Massachusetts and Edward Lightfoot; two loyal sister/cousins: Helen Burwell, Huntsville, Alabama and Ellen Walton, Detroit, Michigan; an affectionate brother/cousin, John A. Drake, Sr., Harvest, Alabama; four special cousins: Melvin Lightford, Nashville, Tennessee, Louise Gurley, Huntsville, Alabama, Christine Neal, Louisville, Kentucky and Curtis Miller (*Elizabeth*), Decatur, Alabama; a host of great nieces, great nephews and cousins; special friends: Mary Carden, New York, Reletha Moch, Detroit, Michigan, Etta Freeman, Edna Priest, Nellie Jackson, Delilah Fletcher, Linda Williams, Rose Cooper, Judy Davis and others all of Decatur, Alabama; Rosie Jones and Ruth Mathews, both of Huntsville, Alabama; the Lightfoot, Drake, Lane and Moore Family, the Baughs, the Neals/Holt/Patton Family, the Robinsons/Russells (godchildren), the Luckett/Ratliff Family, the Toney's, the Fennells, the Johnsons, Edmonds/Caudles, Mathews, Sales, the Taylors, and the St. James CPCA Church Family.





Order of Service



PRELUDEDr. James Reginald Jackson

PROCESSIONAL

MUSICAL SELECTIONSt. James Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
Women's Choir

PRAYER Elder Steven Thomas

MUSICAL SELECTION Choir

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT Pastor Alexander Lampkin
*Associate Pastor, First Seventh Day Adventist Church
Huntsville, Alabama*

NEW TESTAMENT Pastor Deblearire Snell
*Senior Pastor, First Seventh Day Adventist Church
Huntsville, Alabama*

RESOLUTIONElder Leo Carroll
Church Clerk

MUSICAL SELECTION Choir

REFLECTIONS

(Please adhere to the three-minute limit)

Mother Helen Burwell

Sister Monica Redus

Pastor Emeritus Theodore Bone
*Beaver Dam Primitive Baptist Church
Toney, Alabama*

Pastor Michael Jones
*St. James Cumberland
Presbyterian Church in America
Decatur, Alabama*

Dr. Gloria Lynne Herring
*Pastor, Macedonia Cumberland
Presbyterian Church in America
Decatur, Alabama*

MUSICAL SELECTIONGuest Soloist - Sister Linda Raybon Choir
*Macedonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America
Decatur, Alabama*

EULOGY Pastor Mylon L. Burwell
*Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama*

MUSICAL SELECTION Choir

PRAYER Pastor Otis Dixon
*Providence Missionary Baptist Church
Danville, Alabama*

MORTICIANS..... Reynolds Funeral Home

RECESSIONAL





Deep Down Inside

Written
by
Phyllis Looney-Jones

*Mom, deep down inside I knew you had pain.
Deep down inside, I knew there was nothing left on earth for you to gain.
Family and friends continued to pray, while in the hospital you lay.
After experiencing the "unexpected laughter" you gave us that day, I thought you would stay.
But deep down inside, I knew you waited until I left to quietly slip away.
And because this was God's ultimate plan, our family and I will be ok.*

*Loving you always,
Phyllis*



MARJORIE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – MAY 2012



LDLM FAMILY REUNION – JULY 2017



MARJORIE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – MAY 21, 2017



LDLM FAMILY REUNION – JULY 2014



PHILLIP AND ALBERTA (HOLT) LIGHTFOOT
MARJORIE'S PARENTS



LDLM FAMILY REUNION – JULY 2014



Callbearers

NEPHEWS AND COUSINS

Flower Bearers

NIECES AND COUSINS

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

(Rho Chi Omega Chapter)

Ushers

FIRST SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama



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Decatur, Alabama

Repast

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Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgements

The family of Mother Marjorie Lightfoot Looney expresses gratitude for the kindness and compassion shown during the illness and death of their loved one. They are grateful for calls, text messages, Facebook posts, cards, gifts, support and especially your prayers.

Special appreciation is expressed to Jide Irons, III and Malissia Irons (Caring Hands), Nettie Wynn (deceased), Andrea Sterling, Zandra Fennell, Lorene Fletcher, Kathy Brown, Brenda and Cynthia Gurley, Patricia Bullard, Rosalie Lane, Annie Washington, Julie Peters and sister/cousin, Helen Burwell and her family whose caregiving postponed having to place Mother Looney in a nursing facility at an earlier time. Gratitude is also extended to the St. James CPCA Church family, the First SDA Church Family and the Robinson/Russell Families (godchildren) for the outpouring of love, comfort and assistance to the family. May God richly bless each of you.

The Family of Mother Marjorie Lightfoot Looney



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