

FOREVER LOVED...



*A piece of our heart lives in*  
**Heaven**



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*Mrs. Margretta Brown-Davis  
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*Thank you for loving and taking care of our  
Moma when we were unable to do so.*

*We Love You!*

*To all the members of NEW BETHEL A.M.E Zion Church,  
Presiding Elder and Mrs. Chalmers L. McDougald,  
Pastor and Mrs. Darin M. Coleman,  
Associate Pastors,  
and Local Preachers,  
Thank you, Thank you, Thank you*

*You brought joy to Mama's soul.  
She always kept us in remembrance of  
your works in the kingdom and kindness to her.  
(She loved the Sunday morning breakfasts  
that were served!)*

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# Homegoing CELEBRATION

*Honoring the Life of*



*Sunset  
April 18, 2023*

*Sunrise  
May 16, 1934*

**Ruth Helen  
MELVIN QUICK**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023 • 1:00 PM**

**NEW BETHAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

6967 Amarillo Drive  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314

*Rev. Darin Coleman, Pastor/Presiding*



Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

SONG

SCRIPTURE READING  
OLD TESTAMENT:  
*Psalm 23*  
Minister

NEW TESTAMENT  
*1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18*  
Minister

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Pastor C. David Stackhouse

SELECTION

REFLECTIONS  
*(2 Minutes Please)*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SELECTION

WORDS OF COMFORT  
Rev. Chalmers McDougald,  
Presiding Elder of the Laurinburg District,  
Central North Carolina Conference

SELECTION

RECESSIONAL



Ruth’s Life...

**R**UTH HELEN MELVIN QUICK, “**BOOT**” as she was affectionately known by family, was born on May 16, 1934, in Hoke County, North Carolina. She was the third child of the late Eddie Grant and Lottie Mae Melvin. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Mary Hough and W. Vernon Melvin. She attended the public schools in Cumberland County and graduated from Anne Chestnut High School in 1954 as salutatorian of her class. Her diligence in her studies persuaded her teachers to give her a scholarship to attend Fayetteville State Teacher’s College. After the first two years of her schooling and the running out of her scholarship, the prayers of her mother, Lottie Mae Melvin, A woman of strong faith, made it possible for Sargent Hopkins, the owner of the land they worked, to pay for her final two years of education. She graduated in 1958 with a degree in Elementary Education, and began her career in the Robeson County Public School System.

RUTH joined New Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church at an early age and ALWAYS LOVED her church. From a child she was active in the Sunday School, Teenagers Choir, missionaries, and other childhood and Young Adult ministries. She continued to work in her church until she caught the eye of a young local preacher from Raeford, NC.

It was during a district conference that she was introduced to Rev. Jerry A. Quick while at work. The members of the district were touring the local black school. They met, continued to write letters, and fellowship with one another until they were married on October 10, 1960. For the next 46 years she worked diligently with her husband in ministry. From 1967 - 2001 she drove almost every Friday and Sunday from August to June - two and a half hours to see her husband. Upon her husband’s ascension to Presiding Elder in the A.M.E. Zion Church, they worked diligently with the people of the Wadesboro-Monroe District. Upon his illness she would drive him from church to church and meeting to meeting to assist in her Husband’s Ministry.

RUTH was a teacher’s teacher. Not by what she said, but how she carried herself. In 1963 she was able to get a job in the Hoke County School System. She was known to be creative, dedicated, neat, passionate, efficient, and of course NO NONSENSE. She worked with many principals and sometimes was not liked because of her unwillingness to cater to whims of ANY individual. She was known for putting a racist principal in his place and stated to him, “*I know you are racist and I am not*

*afraid of you*”. Ruth taught for 42 and ½ years in North Carolina retiring in 2001. Upon her retirement she was a non licensed Horticulturist having a bounty of flowers and plants inside and out.

In 2006 her husband Dr. Jerry A. Quick passed and Ruth reactivated her membership at New Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church. She was so happy to be home! She worked with the missionaries, evangelism, Sunday School and other ministries within the church. Her proudest moment was being able to be a third generation Deaconess in New Bethel. She would come at least two Sundays a month from Winston-Salem and during the summer months she came more often. She LOVED her church and during the pandemic would tell her children weekly how she missed it.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Solomon of Winston-Salem and Mavis of Bowie, Md. Her sister, Pearl Howard of Buffalo, NY. Her grandchildren Nia, Amari, Amon, Victoria and Joshua. And a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, colleagues, and many friends whom she loved, loved, loved and cherished.



A Woman of Courage

*I am a woman of courage  
whenever I am down  
I maybe tired, drained and worn out  
But I know I am strong  
To face the situation*

*I am a woman in love with the Lord  
A woman of faith  
who believes in His love  
A woman of courage  
Who turns my sadness to a joyful dance*

*I know, I can brave the storm  
I know I’ll never be alone  
You bring out the best in me.  
To love, to care and to reach out.*

MEGGIE GULTIANO