

FLORAL BEARERS

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The family appreciated your prayers, expressions of love, calls of support and condolences, words of encouragement and deeds of endearment. We thank you for your presence, good deeds, kind gestures and mindful thoughts during this time of of sorrow and grief.

"Miss Me But Let Me Go"

*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.*

*Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we shared.*

Miss me but let me go.

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.*

*It's all a part of the Master's plan.
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to a place aglow,
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds.*

Miss me but let me go.



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Home Going Celebration IN LOVING MEMORY For

Mrs. Valencia Dee Merkerson



Sunrise

November 13, 1951

Sunset

January 3, 2018

Saturday, January 13, 2018 • 1:00 PM

SILVER GROVE IMMANUEL MBC

Raeford, North Carolina

REV. DR. JAMES W. PARSONS
OFFICIATING

ORDER OF SERVICE

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION Rev. Dr. J. W. Parsons

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN (#130)

.....SGIMBC Combined Choir

SCRIPTURES READING

Old Testament.....Minister Sarah Pope.

Silver Grove Immanuel MBC, Inc. • Raeford, NC

New Testament Rev. Denise Conner,

Marvin AME Zion Church • Waxhaw, NC

PRAYER OF COMFORTElder Monique Davis,

One Life Church • Concord, NC

MUSICAL SELECTION.....A. J. Hillard

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/RESOLUTION

..... Sis. Elaine Shaw

OBITUARY

REMARKS (3 minutes per person)

Evangelist First Lady Parsons,

Christine Sheppard, Gail Hubbard

MUSICAL SELECTION..... Granddaughter Tribute,

Keonna, De'ja', Delisha & Tia

EULOGY Rev. Dr. J. W. Parsons

RECESSIONAL.....SGIMBC Combined Choir

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. J. W. Parsons



INTERMENT

SILVER GROVE IMMANUEL MBC CEMETERY

Raeford, North Carolina

THE OBITUARY

Valencia Merkerson was born on November 13, 1951 to the late Melvin and Mary Thomas in Cincinnati, OH. She departed into eternal rest on January 3, 2018 in the sweet comfort of her home.

Valencia Merkerson received her education from Detroit Public Schools of Detroit, MI. Then continued her education at Wayne State University, where she studied to be a CNA Nurse and was a 1979 graduate.

Valencia Merkerson worked for the United States Army Postal Division for 20 years and retired in the year 2007. Soon after, Valencia and her husband, Robert E. Merkerson, moved to Raeford, NC and became members of Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church. While a member, she was a faithful choir member and deaconess. Valencia was a very devoted wife. She received an Appreciation Award from the Department of the Army, for her outstanding support and understanding provided to her husband throughout his military career. Her support to the U. S. Army reflected her high ethics, love for her country and family. This brought great credit upon herself, the Army Sustainment Command and the entire Army Family.

Her devotion was nonetheless in motherhood. She shared a special connection with everyone she came in encounter with; her children and, in later years, her grandchildren. Valencia solidified a special bond with her grandchildren though music and singing. You would often hear Valencia and her grandchildren singing wherever music can be heard, especially in the church, but never at the dinner table. Her voice would often encamp others to burst out, joining along in song with her. Can you hear her singing?

Valencia was a “straight to the point” kind of lady, you can always count on her to tell it how it is and how it should be. Due to her love of fashion, many considered her to be a diva. You can always expect,

whenever Valencia would walk into a room, she is wearing her very best; with a hat to match the outfit.

Valencia Merkerson was preceded in death by her older sister, Melvina Rogers and her daughter-in-law, Yolanda Sutton.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories to her husband of 41 years, Robert E. Merkerson; three sisters and one brother; five children, Timothy “Jay” Merkerson (Carla) of Jacksonville, FL, Sherri Merkerson-Latham (Demond) of Charlotte, NC, DeNorris “Pookie” Sutton of Hampton, VA, Robert “Little Robert” Merkerson, Jr. of Detroit, MI and a God-daughter, Stephanie McCall of Kansas City MS; fifteen grandchildren; three great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and friends that will admire her presence forever.

