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*Someone we love has gone away  
And life is not the same*

*The greatest gift that we can give,  
is just to speak her name*

*We need to hear your stories,  
We need you to sing songs from the  
past, I need you to understand that  
these memories, Oh' yes they will last.*

*We cannot make more memories  
Since you are no longer here  
So when we speak of you it sounds  
like music to our ears.*

*Elder Shaylena Wood  
We love you!*

*The CITY OF SANFORD*



## Floral Bearers

LCSHS Class of 1996

## Pall Bearers

LCSHS Class of 1996

## Acknowledgements

“We Have Lost Someone Special”

We thank God for enriching our lives with each of you and for your generosity of spirit, caring and love. Truly, we cannot express to you the feelings that move within us at this difficult period, yet we acknowledge with deep and abiding appreciation your countless expressions of sympathy and acts of love.

We have been sustained by the support and encouragement which has been extended by so many. Please accept our profound gratitude.

We pray that God will return to you the kindness with which you have blessed us.

~The Family

## Interment

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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR  
**ELDER SHAYLENA**

**J'NELLE WOOD**

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 24, 1977 - SUNSET: FEBRUARY 24, 2017



**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**

**2:00 PM**

Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center  
Sanford, NC

PASTOR JASON TRUSELL, EULOGIST  
LIFE CHANGER'S FELLOWSHIP CHURCH



## Order of Service

Overseer Marshall Blackmond, Presiding

Musical Prelude.....Celebration Choir Musicians

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Hymn of Praise.....“It Is Well”

\*CONGREGATION STANDING\*

Scriptures:

Old Testament

Psalms 91.....Dr. Thomas Smith, Pastor

*First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford, NC*

New Testament

John 14:1-6.....Rev. Raychon McKoy, Pastor

*Berean Holy Temple Church, Garner, NC*

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Sharon McIver, Pastor

*Lion of Judah Ministries, Sanford, NC*

Selection.....Celebration Choir

Presentation/Acknowledgements .....Symetra J. Gilchrist

Selection.....Celebration Choir

Reflections (Please limit to 2 minutes)

*Class of 1996, Symetra J. Gilchrist*

*Clergy, Elder Malcolm & Evangelist Emma Curry*

*St. Mark United Church of Christ*

*Lee County School System, Melvin Marshall*

*West Lee Middle School, Principal*

*Musicians, Minister Corey McCrimmon*

*Minister of Music, Works For Christ Christian Center*

*#I Play 4 Shay*

*Jeremiah McIver, Jared McCormick, Dominique Calhoun*

*Family*

*Sherrod Wood, Brother*

Solo.....Minister Owen Forbes

*Abundant Life Ministries, Raleigh, NC*

Eulogy.....Pastor Jason Trusell

*Life Changers Fellowship Church, Sanford, NC*

Closing Selections.....Celebration Choir

Recessional



## Obituary

*“May the work I’ve done speak for me”*



Sometimes the daffodils burst in the dead of winter and sometime a life that’s in full flower is plucked from our midst and because we’re human, we yearn to know why. Shaylena J’nelle Wood exchanged time for eternity, Friday, February 24, 2017.

Shaylena was born in Winston-Salem, NC, the daughter of Edith Hooker Wood and the late Rev. Wyatt J. Wood, Jr.

Shaylena was reared in a family whose values were deeply rooted in church, education and service to mankind. She graduated from Lee County Senior High School and furthered her education at Central Carolina Community College in the School of Cosmetology.

Shaylena delivered a powerful initial sermon in 2008. Known for her anointed voice and love of church and children she served as a Minister and Praise and Worship Leader at Life Changers Fellowship Church in Sanford.

Shaylena was a Teacher’s Assistant at West Lee Middle School, working as a Crisis Intervention Specialist and Bus Driver of #29. She made lasting and positive impressions on many students she taught and mentored.

Ministering through song, Shaylena sang across North and South Carolina also, parts of Virginia. She bought the WOW to Worship as an anointed Vessel. She had the opportunity to sing briefly with Garment of Praise from Raleigh, NC under the direction of Music Minister, Ivan Powell as they recorded for Karen Clark Sheard and Tony Terry.

Preceding Shaylena in death were her father; grandparents, James and Margaret Hooker and Wyatt and Myrtle Wood.

Those who share many joys of her beautiful life and survive to cherish her precious memories: her mother, Edith H. Wood of the home; one brother, Sherrod Wood (Lisa) of Winston-Salem, N.C., two nephews, Evan and Ryan Wood and one niece, Alyssa Wood all of Winston-Salem, N.C.; her god-children, Thomas, Taylor, Tyler, Cherie, Jeremiah, Sincere and Anthony, also a host of cousins, friends and students.

*I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;  
my God in him will I trust. Psalm 91:2*