



Missing You Always

You never said I'm leaving
 You never said goodbye,
 You were gone before we knew it
 And only God knows why.
 A million times I needed you
 A million times I cried,
 If love alone could have saved you
 You never would have died.
 In life I loved you dearly
 In death I love you still,
 In my heart I hold a place
 That only you can fill.

~From Your Daughters with Love

Dear Sister In Heaven

I sit and ponder how very much
 I'd like to talk with you today.
 There are so many things
 That we didn't get to say.
 I know how much you care for me
 And how much I care for you,
 And each time that I think of you
 I know you'll miss me too.
 An angel came and took you by the hand and said
 Your place was ready in Heaven, far above...
 And you had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved.
 You had so much to live for, you had so much to do...
 It still seems impossible that God was taking you.
 And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven it starts anew
 You'll live for all eternity, just as God has promised you.
 And though you've walked through Heaven's gate
 We are never far apart,
 For every time I think of you
 You're right here, deep within my heart.

~ From Your Beloved Sisters and Brothers

A Letter from Your Grandbabies

No words could ever explain how much you meant to us. The fact that these words have to be written on paper is still unreal. We thank you for the many sacrifices you made to make sure we were always okay. The many conversations, where you gave advice, laughed at old memories, and got us in line when we were wrong, will be missed. Thank you for being the strength and backbone of our family and for always being the support system in spite of our faults. Thank you for being a PRAYING Grandmother always letting us know how much you prayed for us, and encouraging us, "not to worry and give it to God." We could go on and on thanking you but that would never be enough to match the unconditional love you always shared. It's sad that these words cannot be spoken in person but it doesn't change the fact that you were amazing and will forever remain our Wonder Woman. **Thank you Granny;** forever missed but never forgotten.

THE HEAVENLY JOURNEY

Floral Bearers

Cathy Reid
 Johnsie Mae Johnson
 Tammy Benson
 Karen Kennedy
 Clarinda Taylor
 Emily Wilson
 Nece Murchison
 Vernicia McKoy

Pall Bearers

Timothy Sellars
 Thomas Garner
 Anthony Brooks
 Robert Hill
 John W. Smith
 Timothy McKeithan
 Herman Dowdy

Acknowledgment

For much more than the words "Thank You" could ever express, the family of Mrs. Annie Lou Grant extends sincere expressions of gratitude for the many acts of kindness, cards, flowers, and your prayers during the passing of our love one. Your thoughtfulness will be a source of comfort for days to come. May God continue to bless you all.

~The Family

Special Thanks

Special thanks to our sister and cousin, Patrice Marshall. You have really been a blessing and our backbone from beginning to end throughout this process. The unconditional support that you've given to our family has given us the strength and courage during this difficult time. We cannot thank you enough for your outpouring of love and being here for us.

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The Homecoming Celebration

for

Mrs. Annie Lou Grant



Sunrise:
 October 1, 1944

Sunset:
 August 7, 2018

3:00 PM
 Saturday, August 11, 2018

Life Springs Church

3215 Keller-Andrews Road
 Sanford, NC 27330

Dale Sauls, Lead Pastor
 Reverend Paul McNeil, Eulogist

Order of Service

Pastor Daniel Owens, Officiating
Staff Pastor of Life Springs Church

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Selection.....Taylor's Chapel &
New Beginnings Combined Choir

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament

(23 Psalms): Reverend John McNeil
New Beginnings for Christ Church

New Testament

(1 Corinthians 15:50-58): Reverend Bruce Petty
Trinity United Methodist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Bishop Thurman McNeil
Deliverance Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ

Selection.....Taylor's Chapel &
New Beginnings Combined Choir

Acknowledgements.....Sister Elaine Adams

Obituary (Read Silently)

Tributes (2 Minutes).....Mrs. Debbie McNeil, Niece
Mrs. Shirley Piper, Niece
Mr. Lee Grant, Brother-in-Law
Reverend Shirley Williams, Dear Friend

Selection.....Taylor's Chapel &
New Beginnings Combined Choir

Eulogy.....Reverend Paul McNeil
Christian Life Family Worship Center

Recessional

Interment

Lee Memory Gardens
Sanford, North Carolina



Obituary

Annie Lou Grant transitioned from her journey on earth to her heavenly home on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. She was the sixth born on October 1, 1944 to the late Douglas and Lisher McNeil in Harnett County, North Carolina.

Annie Lou attended Johnsonville High School and Fayetteville Tech. At a young age, she accepted Christ, joined and became a member of Murchison Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

Throughout her life, Annie Lou wore her smile. She loved everybody and was the most forgiving person. She loved her family, enjoyed gatherings, and sharing meals with others. She is legendary for her cooking, especially her chocolate cakes. She was an excellent seamstress with great patching skills. She was dubbed as a fashionista for her versatile style. Her wisdom and joyful spirit will be missed. Gone but never forgotten.

Later in life, she retired from Eagle Electric, relocated to Detroit, and married Bobby Grant on October 1, 2001. She attended Fifth Avenue Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as the Church Secretary and Church Director. In 2013, she returned to Sanford, NC, to be closer to her beloved family. She continued serving the Lord at Christian Life Family Worship Center, where she sang in the choir and served on the Missionary Board. Annie Lou served faithfully to the end of her life here on earth. She lived her life in such a way that others could see that she walked by faith. Her favorite songs were “Somehow I Made It” and “Lukewarm”.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Douglas McNeil Jr., one sister, Clara Gilchrist, and one stepson, Kiane Lewis.

She leaves to cherish her memories three daughters; LuAnn Marshall of Cameron, NC, Johneatta McLean and Yolanda Marshall (Walter) both of Greensboro, NC; one stepdaughter, Takisha Lewis, of Detroit, MI; three adoptive daughters, Alexis and Sierra Grant and Theresa O’Neal all of Detroit, MI; seven brothers, Johnny McNeil, Paul McNeil (Onelia) both of Sanford, NC; Richard McNeil (Patricia) of Albany, NY; Thurman McNeil (Helen) of Siler City, NC; Harold Brooks, Tyrone Brooks (Agnes), and Anthony Brooks (Deborah) all of Sanford, NC; five sisters, Hildra Nelson of New York, NY; Phyllis Johnson, Cinder Goldston (Walter), and Robin Brooks all of Sanford, NC; and Lawanda Carter (Tom) of Spring Lake, NC; ten grandchildren, Rodriquez Marshall, Anthony Edwards Jr., and Janelle Thomas (Steven) all of Sanford, NC; De’Orrin (Danny) Neal of Cameron, NC; Tylisher (Dejan) Brown of Fort Stewart, GA; Kevin and Autumn McLean both of Bear Creek, NC; Jaslyn (Donica) Thomas of West Palm Beach, FL; Dashane and Donata Lewis both of Detroit, MI; one great-grandchild, James McLean of Sanford, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.