

He Only Takes the Best



God saw you were getting tired,

A cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around you
and whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes, we watched you,

And saw you fade away.

Although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Your tender hands at rest.

God took you home to prove to us

He only takes "the best".

~The Family



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Honorary Floral Bearers
Deaconess Board of Love Grove Church

Floral Bearers

Lenora Berryman	Carolyn Davis
Peggy Davis	Desiree Marsh
Patricia Newby	Patricia Sellers

Pall Bearers

Perry Hicks	Wallace Hicks
David Locklear	Andra Swann
Gregory Swann	Nelson Swann

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in the chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us today.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you much for whatever the part.

We, the family of Lena Belle Ellba Swann, wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends for their numerous expressions of kindness, support and concerns during Lena's illness. We give special thanks to her caregivers and medical providers, especially Dr. Wendy Brewster (primary care physician), Ms. Shannon Morgan (nurse) and the UNC Hospice Staff. We are truly grateful.
May God richly bless each of your lives.

~The Family

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**A Celebration of
Life and Love**

Lena Belle Ellba Swann



Sunrise
July 12, 1938

Sunset
October 22, 2018

*Who can find a virtuous woman?
for her price is far above rubies.*
Proverbs 31:10

Saturday, October 27, 2018
2:00 p.m.

Love Grove A.M.E. Zion Church

796 Love Grove Church Road
Sanford, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Ronald Thomas
Pastor / Eulogist

Order of Service

Rev. Kenneth L. Swann, Presiding
Pastor of Cameron Grove AME Zion Church

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Musical Selection.....The United Voices

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament.....Evangelist Veronica Ingram Williams

New Testament.....Pastor Deon Allbrooks

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Alice Faye Hooker
Works for Christ Christian Center

Acknowledgements &
Resolutions.....Anita Pearson Royster

Obituary.....Anita Pearson Royster

Sermonic Selection.....David Ware

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Ronald Thomas

Musical Selection.....The United Voices

Recessional



Interment

Church Cemetery

Repast

Church Fellowship Hall



Obituary

Remembering the Life of *Lena Belle Ellba Swann*



Lena Belle Ellba Swann was a special lady in the lives of many so we celebrate her life with these memories and reflections.

Lena, as we fondly called her, was born in Harnett County, North Carolina on July 12, 1938 to the late Willie Ellba and Carrie McLean Ellba. Lena entered into eternal rest on October 22, 2018 at her home.

Lena was one of six children born to Willie and Carrie Ellba with three children, Josie Mildred, Love Maria and Reggie, having predeceased Lena. Lena was educated at Shawtown High School in Lillington, North Carolina and married her high school sweetheart, the late Wilbert Swann. Upon her marriage, Lena became a homemaker for her husband and the two children born to their union.

At an early age, Lena became a member of Chapel Hill A.M.E. Zion Church and later joined Love Grove A.M.E. Zion Church where she was consecrated as a Deaconess and served on the Stewardess Board. She was also a member of the Heavenly Voices and Mass Choir.

Lena was employed by the Harnett County Public School System as a member of the staff at Johnsonville School. Upon leaving the school system, she became employed by the Koury Company and Coty, Inc. After serving Coty, Inc. for over twenty years, Lena retired from her position and became engaged in helping to raise her granddaughters.

Lena's life will continue to bloom through her surviving family members: daughter, Geovonna King and son, Conrad Swann, both of the home and granddaughters, Marlena King and Makaya King of the home. Lena is also survived by one aunt, Betty Stackhouse of Sanford, NC, two sisters, Helen Hicks of Sanford, NC and Beulah Locklear (Billy) of Sanford, NC; three sisters-in-law, Alga Swann of Greensboro, NC, Delano Swann of Fayetteville, NC and Markenzie Swann of Sanford, NC as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends who will forever cherish memories of Lena Belle Ellba Swann.