

I'm Free



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free.*



FLORAL COURIERS

Her Nieces

PALL BEARERS

Her Great-Grandsons

USHERS

Church of God
Cameron Grove AME Zion Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We, the Sumpter - Burroughs Family, gratefully acknowledge your compassion, kindness thoughtfulness, and love you have expressed to us during the illness and the transition of our beloved **"Golden."** Your presence, communications, food, contributions, floral arrangements, and prayers have sustained us during this time. You have truly blessed us in so many immeasurable ways. We pray for God's continued blessings to be with you.

Love, Reva and Family



*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God,
believe also in me."*

John 14:1 NRSV

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THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & CELEBRATION

In Loving Memory of

Mary Golden Sumpter Burroughs



Her Sunrise
November 2, 1931

Her Sunset
July 2, 2019

**Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a
memory no one can steal.**

Funeral Service
Saturday, July 6, 2019
2:00PM

Cameron Grove AME Zion Church
309 Vernon Street
Broadway, NC 27505

Rev. Kenneth L. Swann, Pastor / Eulogist
Pastor Arthur Simmons, Jr. | Officiating

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pastor Arthur Simmons, Jr.
Church of God, Broadway NC

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Song of Praise.....Cameron Grove & Church of God Choirs

Words of Comfort

Old Testament.....Minister Theresa Feaster

New Testament.....Minister Baxter Newby

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Tribute.....Minister Theresa Feaster

Remarks.....(Two Minutes Please)

Family Video Tribute

Acknowledgements &

Resolutions.....Deaconess Kathy Sumpter

Musical Tribute.....Sister Brittany Yarborough

Eulogy.....Pastor Kenneth Swann

Cameron Grove AME Zion Church

Song of Victory.....Cameron Grove &
Church of God Choirs

Recessional.....Morticians in Charge



COMMITTAL RITES & INTERMENT

Church of God Cemetery
Olivia Road, Olivia NC

Precious Memories



Forever In Our Hearts

THE REFLECTIONS

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." | Isaiah 41:10

MRS. MARY GOLDEN SUMPTER BURROUGHS, the daughter of the late John and Carrie Moore Sumpter, was born in Georgetown, SC on November 2, 1931. **"Golden,"** as she was affectionately known, was the ninth of ten children.

"Golden" was educated in the Georgetown Public School System.

In her early 20s, **"Golden"** was united in Holy Matrimony to Ulysses Grant Burroughs of Bucksport, SC. Their beautiful union was blessed with one daughter. As a military wife, she truly supported her husband as he traveled the world serving in many tours with the United States Armed Forces (the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps). In February 1968, he passed away during the Vietnam War Conflict. Determined to persevere as she faced life's uncertainties without her husband by her side, **"Golden"** moved her family to Sanford NC to be closer to her family. She, then, united with the Church of God, Broadway NC. She remained a faithful supporter of the church until her health failed.

"Aunt Golden," as everyone called her, loved people and never met a stranger. Her home was welcoming and full of love. She is fondly remembered for speaking her mind. Her conversations were full of wisdom, advice, laughter, and soul-searching. Her conversations included her favorite sayings: "hold 'em in the road;" "let not your heart be troubled;" and "if you are playing checkers, it is your time to move." She was our living illustration of Proverbs 31.

"Golden" was preceded in death by her husband, Ulysses G. Burroughs; her parents, John and Carrie Moore Sumpter and eight of her siblings.

In the stillness of Tuesday afternoon, July 2, 2019, **"Golden"** quietly transitioned from her earthly life as her heavenly Father whispered to her: ***"well done, good and faithful servant."***

The precious memories of our **"Golden"** will forever be etched in the hearts and souls of her daughter: Reva M. Graham; her grandchildren: Henry Graham (Vonda), Monica Graham, and Epstine Graham, all of Sanford NC; ten great-grandchildren; seven great, great-grandchildren; her brother: Listen Sumpter of Broadway NC; her sister-in-law: Zettie Sumpter of Sanford NC; special nieces, Modestine Newby (Baxter), and Alma Parker (James); special nephew, Dennis Sumpter (Ann); and generations of nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.