



"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 Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.*

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

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh 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've savored much,
Good times, good friends, 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.*



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are very appreciative for the abundance of God's grace and love that have been expressed through you to us during the sudden illness and transition of our beloved grandmother. You have been a tremendous blessing to us in so many ways. We are forever grateful for your prayers, visitations, food, communications, and other generous expressions during our time of sorrow.

Special thanks to our Grandmother's nieces and nephews who always went the extra mile to care for her. She always expressed how much she loved her family and thought the world of each of you. We wholeheartedly agree with her, we think the world of you, too!

Thank you and may God bless you!
The Grandchildren of Mother Beulah Bethea



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The Homegoing Celebration Remembering

Mother Beulah Louise Staten Bethea

Alpha
September 10, 1937

Omega
July 16, 2019



Funeral Service:
Sunday, July 21, 2019
2:00 pm

Cameron Grove A.M.E. Zion Church
309 Vernon Street
Broadway, North Carolina
Reverend Kenneth Swann, Pastor / Eulogist

Order of Service

Reverend Veronica Williams, Niece / Officiating

- Musical Prelude
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Hymn of Praise.....CG Mass Choir & Congregation
- Words of Comfort
 - Old Testament:.....Sister Ruth Amerson
- Gloria Patri
 - New Testament.....Brother Jasper Tymes
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister La Tasha Bethea, Niece
- Musical Selection.....Cameron Grove Church Choir
- Tributes.....Mr. Joe Colandro, Friend
 - Miss Vanessa Pearson, Great-Granddaughter
 - Mr. Charles Wilcox, Nephew
 - Presiding Elder Chalmers McDougald, Former Pastor
- Acknowledgements/Memorial Reflections...Sister Helen Tymes
- Tribute.....The Family
- Musical Selection.....Cameron Grove Church Choir
- Eulogy.....Reverend Kenneth Swann
- Song of Victory.....Cameron Grove Church Choir
- Recessional.....Morticians In Charge

COMMITAL RITES & INTERMENT

CAMERON GROVE CHURCH CEMETERY

Precious Memories



Forever In Our Hearts

THE MEMORIAL REFLECTIONS

*“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.” Proverbs 31:25 - 26*

MOTHER BEULAH LOUISE STATEN BETHEA, born September 10, 1937, was the last surviving descendent of the late James Leonard Staten and the late Almeta Steward Staten. She matriculated through the Osgood School and was baptized at the family’s church – New England AME Zion Church, Osgood community, Lee County, NC – at an early age.

BEULAH was employed at Coty, Inc., Sanford NC, for many years. After her retirement from Coty, she became an employee at Zurn Industries, Sanford, NC until her second retirement. She spent her years in retirement “enjoying Jesus.”

On November 27, 1954, **BEULAH** united in Holy Matrimony to Mr. William Roscoe Bethea of Broadway NC. She then transferred her church membership to Cameron Grove AME Zion Church, Broadway NC, where he was a member. As a disciple of Cameron Grove Church, she was fully involved in every ministry. Her duties and responsibilities of ministry included: a member of the Original Gospel Choir; former Treasurer for the J.A. McIver Church School class; a former Class Leader; and former Chaplain for Stewardess Board #2. Upon her transition, she was a Life Member of the Woman’s Home and Overseas Missionary Society; a member of the Connectional Lay Council; a Class Leader and the Assistant Class Leader of the Steppers Small Group/Class Leaders Ministry; served on the Pastor’s Appreciation Committee; a Bible Scholar and a Prayer Warrior Team Member. Under the pastoral leadership of Reverend C.L. McDougald, she was consecrated as a Deaconess of the church – a calling she admired, cherished and loved.

BEULAH was preceded in death by her parents, James and Almeta Staten; her husband of 53 years, William “Roscoe” Bethea; her three sons: Kenneth, Michael, and Johnny Bethea; her brothers, James Robert Staten and King Lynnwood Staten; and her sisters, Elizabeth Wilcox-Staten, Betty May Staten Taylor, Clemmae Staten, and Mary Staten Williams.

On Tuesday morning, July 16, 2019, our beloved **BEULAH** transferred her church membership one last time. She now reigns as a member of the “church triumphant.” This was her daily testimony, her daily conversation, and her daily walk – “to see Jesus.”

The extraordinary life and the rich legacy of **BEULAH** will be forever etched in the hearts of her five grandchildren: Kenneth Bethea Jr. (Ashley), Adrinne Hooker, Torri Pearson, Yolanda Penn (James, Jr.), and Kendra Stepney (Daniel); nine great-grandchildren: Cameron Williams, Vanessa Pearson, Mikale Veal, Kayla Penn, James Thomas Penn, III, Zuri Penn, Zaria Penn, Khalia Cox, and Cairo Bethea; her step-son, Roscoe W. Bethea; her adopted “son and daughter”, Robert and Victoria Locust; her god daughter, Marlina King; special friends, Reverend Shirley Williams, Ollie McIver, Minnie Headen, Sonya Murphy, Gwen Marks and Mrs. Willie T. Thompson; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends.