

# Her Declaration



“February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1958 until the present. The hyphen in between these dates is very special because it represents 61 years of the family friends and acquaintances I have been blessed to encounter. I am grateful to have been a help to all I have been able to be so to, and just as grateful to have received help as well. It means a lot to me to have the family, friends, and acquaintances that I have, and the love they have given unto me.”



**floral Bearers**  
Nieces, Cousins and Friends

**Pall Bearers**  
Nephews, Cousins and Friends

## Acknowledgment

With the greatest appreciation, we express our sincere thanks for every act of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during the transition of our loved one. Indeed, each of you have been a great comfort to us and have shown us that we are not alone during this difficult time. Words are inadequate to express our sincere gratefulness. May the richest blessings of the Lord continue to rain upon each of you.

~The Headen family



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## Homegoing Celebration Of Mrs. Rosilind Gattis Headen “Nessa”

Funeral Services  
3:00 pm  
Monday, January 25, 2021  
Knotts Funeral Home  
50 Masonic Street  
Pittsboro, North Carolina  
Bishop Gregory K. Hargrave,  
Officiating  
Pastor Jerry Powell, Eulogist

# The Order of Service

The Officiate.....Bishop Gregory K. Hargrave  
 Processional Selection.....Selection (Voices of Deliverance & UHCA Central Sub District)  
 Scripture.....Pastor Joe Winston  
 Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Hughes Crisp

## Remarks

(Please keep remarks under 2 minutes due to committal time constraints)

Bishop Georgia Ruth Riley  
 Evangelist Evelyn Eubanks  
 Pastor Kim L. Gattis

The Children's Tribute.....Nicholas, Quentin & Karyn Headen

Acknowledgments & Obituary.....Lady Monica Gattis

Selection

Eulogy.....Pastor Jerry Powell

Selection

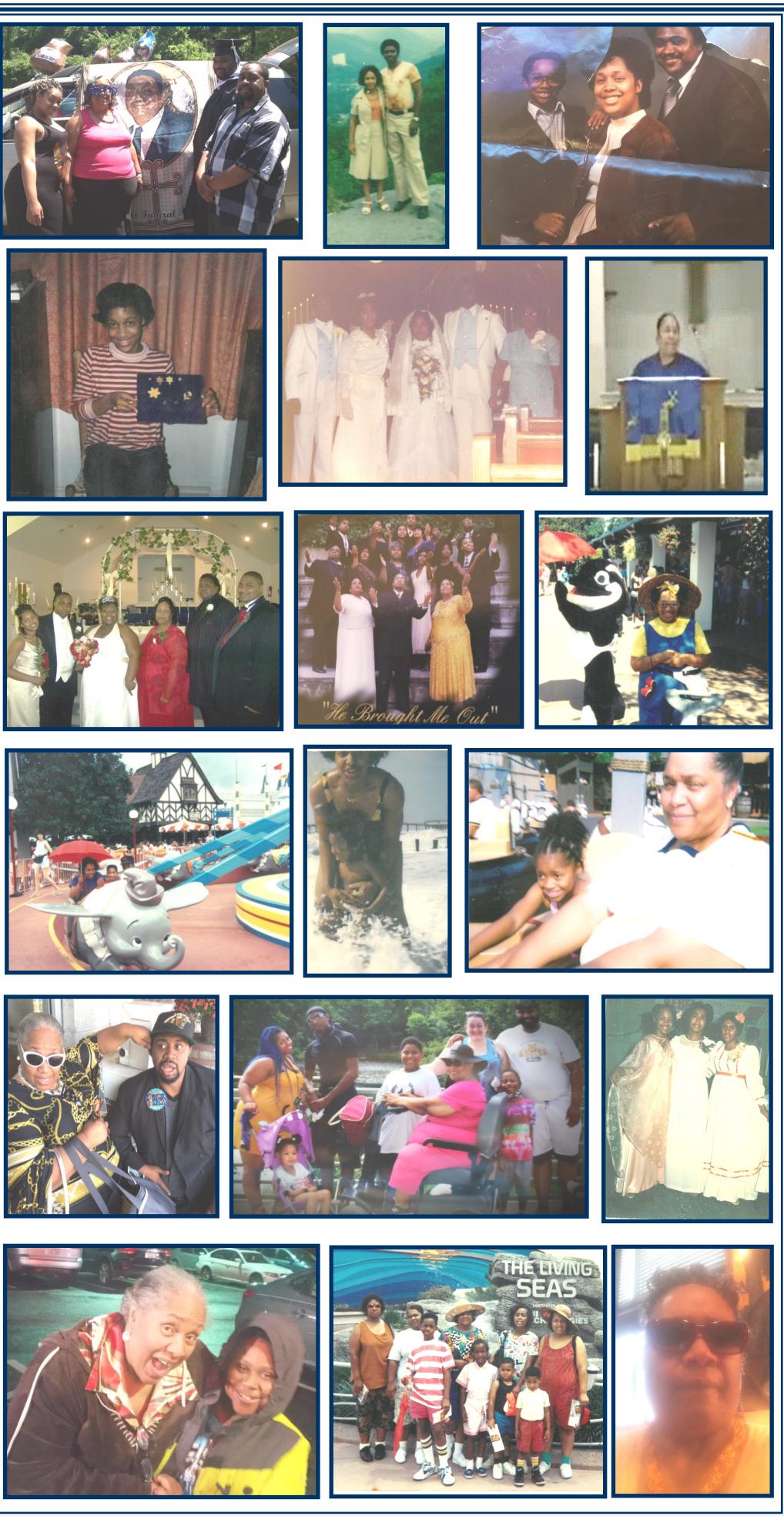
Committal

Recessional Selection



## Interment

Alston Chapel United Holy Church  
 1832 Alston Chapel Road  
 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312



# Obituary

Rosilind Vanessa Headen was born on February 24<sup>th</sup> 1959 at Duke Hospital in Durham NC to Reverend Melvin and Evangelist Ruby Gattis. She transitioned to her heavenly home on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021. She was a native of Durham County and was educated in the Durham County schools system and was an avid Northern Knight. She would briefly attend North Carolina Central University, but in her words she did not attend long enough to grow feathers. She was saved at age 7 and would later accept her calling and preached her initial sermon in 1977. She soon after met a man who had re-dedicated his life to God named Thomas M. Headen affectionately known as "Bro." The two were married on July 8<sup>th</sup> 1978. Thomas too, like Vanessa had a calling on his life to preach the two supported each other in ministry throughout life at times even conducting tag team sermons.

Vanessa, affectionately known as "Nessa" was also a singer who with her voice lifted up the name of the Lord as a youth growing up in the choir at Deliverance Tabernacle Fellowship Church (now Cathedral). As an adult she would assist her mother Evangelist Ruby Gattis in Worship & Praise conferences, lead worship with the DTFC worship & praise team as well as sing and direct with the Voices of Deliverance, She was also an original member of Joe Riley & The Deliverance Ensemble, a group lead by her cousin as well as Hessed, God's unconditional Love, which was lead by her brother, one year her junior, Pastor Kim L. Gattis.

After 15 years at Deliverance, "Bro." felt the calling to go deeper in ministry as a Pastor and re-joined his original church home. She (Vanessa) amazingly split time supporting him in ministry as well as engaging in duties at Deliverance aka "The Hill." She would also preach at Deliverance as well as evangelize at different churches in the United Holy Church of America. After some time after she came to join him full time as Assistant Pastor at Obies Chapel United Holy Church, where she organized functions for the youth, took part in music ministry of the youth, young adult and senior choirs, and yes preached the word of God tirelessly with the anointing. Even before her time at Obies, her presence was felt in the United Holy Church as she in addition to preaching, also used her vocal talents along with the Western NC and Central Sub District Choirs. After the untimely passing of her husband Pastor Thomas M. Headen, she would go on to support her brother Kim in his ministry as Pastor of Restoration Fellowship Assembly, where she would sing with the worship & praise team, preach at the church as well as still evangelize when the call came at other places of worship.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pastor Thomas Headen, her son, Elijah Enoch Headen and her mother; Elder Ruby L. Gattis.

She leaves to cherish her in memory, her father Rev. Melvin W. Gattis of Raleigh, NC; one brother Pastor Kim L. Gattis (Monica) of Wake Forest, NC; two sons, Nicholas DaTaniion Headen (Twanya) of Raleigh, NC; Quentin Thomas Headen (Krystalynn) of Hillsborough, NC; and a daughter, Karyn Trinnette Headen of Hillsborough, NC; three grandchildren; Christian Thomas Headen, Caleb Nicholas Headen, and MaKayla Mulan Trinnette Kearney and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.