

## *Floral Bearers*

Family Members and Friends

## *Pallbearers*

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## *God's Heavenly Garden*

*Sometimes God picks the flower that is still in full bloom;  
Sometimes the rosebud's chosen that we feel He's picked too soon.  
Sometimes the flower is fading with petals floating down,  
But God knows the perfect time to gather flowers from the ground.  
There is a heavenly garden in which God takes great pleasure  
Because He's placed within it the loved ones that we treasure.  
He walks among the blossoms, giving them eternal rest,  
And I know that it must please Him because He chose my very best.*

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## *Acknowledgment*

The entire McDowell family sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you!

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## THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION



*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Betty Lou McDowell*

SUNRISE  
4/26/1942

SUNSET  
11/6/2018



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

**3:00 PM**

*Jerusalem Chapel Free Will Baptist Church*

**6224 Chadbourn Highway  
Chadbourn, North Carolina**

**ELDER ERIC McCULLUM, PASTOR**



## Obituary

*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:1**

**Betty Lou Benjamin McDowell**, daughter of the late Lonnie Benjamin and Sarah Newkirk Benjamin, was born April 26, 1942 in Chadbourn, North Carolina. She departed this life Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

At an early age, she joined Jerusalem Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, where she served faithfully until her demise.

Surviving to cherish precious memories are her daughters, Valerie McDowell of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Sonya Guilford of Bladenboro, North Carolina, Marcia McDowell of Newtonville, New Jersey, and Lisa Saunders-McDowell of Charlotte, North Carolina; sons, Carlos McDowell of Egg Harbor, New Jersey, Jeffrey McDowell of Whiteville, North Carolina, and Marlon McDowell of Albany, New York; sisters, Leanna Thompson and Marthella Benjamin of Chadbourn, North Carolina, Arlene Gerald of Williamstown, New Jersey, and LaDonna Watson of Newtonville, New Jersey; brother, John Benjamin of Newtonville, New Jersey; grandchildren, Jamaal Johnson, Carlos McDowell, Jr., Akia McDowell, Randy McDowell, Jeffrey McDowell, Jr., and Diamond Guilford; nine great-grandchildren, very special companion, Fletcher Pollard; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

## Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy and Family

OPENING HYMN.....Mass Choir

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament.....Pastor Eric McCullum

New Testament.....Vice-Bishop Ronald Brown

PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Carlos McDowell

SOLO.....Deacon Bobby Hardie

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/OBITUARY.....Ms. Tasha Brown

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE.....Jeff McDowell

SELECTION.....Choir

### Eulogy

**BISHOP FREDERICK MURRAY**

SOLO.....Ricky Benjamin

~ Mortician in Charge ~

RECESSIONAL VIEWING.....(Music by the Choir)

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## Service of Committal and Interment

**BELVUE CEMETERY**

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