

Maevern Marcella Best McKenzie

"Give unto the Lord, O ye mightily, give unto the Lord glory and strength." Psalm 29



A TIME TO BE BORN

Our dear and adored mother, nana, sister, aunt, cousin and friend **Maevern Marcella Best McKenzie** was born to Lula and Pink Best on December 23, 1931.

A TIME TO LEARN AND SERVE

**Maevern** had a love for education and admiration for hard work which prompted her decision to further her education after graduating from Columbus County Schools. She attended Durham Business School, Newark Beauty School in Newark NJ. and in 1980 she graduated from South Eastern Community College as a Certified Nurse's Assistant. Maevern worked at Duke Hospital, as a beautician, Nurse's Assistant, Factory Worker, and Teacher Assistant. She committed herself to the Lord at a young age. She was a member of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Where she served in many capacities such as Choir Member, Usher, Pastor's aid and also president of the Missionary Circle. She was a member of Columbus County Women's Auxiliary and NC Beautician Association #49

A TIME TO LOVE & LIVE

On June 30, 1952, she was united in holy matrimony to Thomas Otto McKenzie who preceded her in death. This union was blessed with six children Rita, Jerome, Michael, Anthony, Otto Jr. and Kimberley. Maevern loved her family, church, community and her crafts. She was very talented and a creative person. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to all when needed.

A TIME TO DIE

Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries, it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories of our precious **Maevern Marcella Best McKenzie** who was called from labor to rest on Saturday August 24, 2019, at her home in, Whiteville NC. She was preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings, her husband Otto Sr., two sons Michael and Jerome McKenzie and a daughter-in-law Hedy McKenzie

A TIME TO MOURN

In her later years, she devoted her life to spending time with family and friends. She leaves to cherish her loving memories: two daughters; Rita and Kimberly McKenzie of the home, two sons; Anthony and Otto McKenzie Jr. of Whiteville, NC; three sisters-in-law Lillie Mae Williams of Whiteville, NC, Maenovia Best of Florida and Liz Best of Texas, two daughters-in-law Latania McKenzie and Dianna McKenzie of Whiteville, NC her two best friends; Ruthalene McKenzie and Aggie P. Harrington and numerous grand's, great-grand's, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Until We Meet Again

by Zohaad Irfan

Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile  
if only i could have you back  
just for a while  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
and always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
will always cause me pain  
but you're forever in my heart  
until we meet again

~Your Children

Rita, Kimberly Anthony and Otto Jr.

I miss you

Unknown Author

We miss you in the morning  
And when the sunset fades away,  
The ache within our heart  
Just will not go away.  
Our heart fills with love for you  
When we think how much you cared.  
As we relive all the happiness  
And the joy that we shared.  
You're with us every moment  
And in every move we make  
Like the memories, we have of you that  
we will never forsake.  
~Your Grand Children

Order of Service

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall  
abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD,  
He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.  
Psalms 91:1-2

Pastor Ronnie Clarida, Presiding

- PRELUDE.....Musician
- PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy and Family
- HYMN OF PRAISE.....Choir
- SCRIPTURE READING:  
Old Testament.....Rev. Patricia Richardson  
New Testament.....Re. John Shirden
- PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. James Smith
- SELECTION .....Choir
- REFLECTION OF LOVE AND TRIBUTES(2 MINS PLEASE)  
Church and Community.....Deacon. Amon McKenzie  
Formal Co-worker .....Wynola Peacock  
Family
- SOLO.....AJ McKenzie(grandson)
- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS  
AND RESOLUTION.....Harlene Walters
- OBITUARY READ SILENTLY
- SOLO.....Fulton and Glen Best
- EULOGY.....Reverend. Dr. Ronnie B. Clarida  
MORTICIANS IN CHARGE
- RECESSIONAL.....Choir



FINAL RESTING PLACE  
Kelly Cemetery Bladenboro, NC



REPAST  
Cedar Grove Community Center