



“REMEMBER ME”

by Anthony Dowson

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

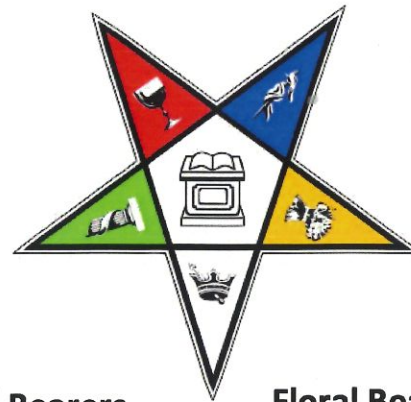
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep.
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of who you'll become.



Pall Bearers

Masons

Floral Bearers

Order of Eastern Star

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Nora Jacobs Nichols, pause to express sincere thanks for your expressions of sympathy and many personal services which shall always be remembered in the minds and hearts of each of us. We shall remain forever grateful.

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Celebration of Life

Nora Jacobs Nichols

Sunrise
October 16, 1928

Sunset
January 3, 2020



Wednesday, January 8, 2019
11:00 A.M.

New Light Missionary Baptist Church

210 Hallsboro Road South
Hallsboro, North Carolina

Reverend Franklin Graham, Eulogist



~ Order of Service ~

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| Prelude..... | James Marley, Jr. |
| Processional | Clergy and Family <i>"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"</i> |
| HYMN..... | <i>"Blessed Assurance"</i> <i>(The New National Baptist Hymnal #27)</i> |
| The Scripture READINGS | |
| Old Testament..... | Reverend David Flowers |
| New Testament..... | Reverend Armatha Shular |
| Prayer..... | Deacon Duval Shipman |
| Prayer Response: <i>"Sweet Hour of Prayer"</i> | |
| HYMN..... | <i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i> <i>(The New National Baptist Hymnal #340)</i> |
| Remarks..... | Family and Community |
| Church Resolution..... | Minister Cindy Graham |
| HYMN..... | <i>"May the Work I've Done Speak Me"</i> <i>(The New National Baptist Hymnal #399)</i> |
| Eulogy..... | Reverend franklin Graham |
| Recessional..... | Musician, James Marley, Jr. |

Service of Committal and Interment
Cutler Cemetery
Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina

~ Obituary ~

In Loving Memory of Nora Jacobs Nichols

Nora Jacobs Nichols was born October 16, 1928 and departed physical life on January 3, 2020 at her home at the age of 91.

Her younger years were devoted to being a mother who cared deeply for her children. She instilled hard work, Christian values and education as the foundation of their lives. This was done in similar fashion to her mother, Irene Jacobs. She played the piano at New Light Missionary Baptist Church since she was twelve years old and continued until 2010. At this time, she retired from active participation in church and community organizations, but she never retired in her heart.

As an underscore to her strong appreciation and love of education, one of her favorite hobbies was reading. Learning was a natural gift for Nora. As evidence, she matriculated through Farmers Union School and graduated valedictorian of her class at Artesia High School. She remained eager to learn and navigate new challenges throughout her lifetime. She attended Southeastern Community College and as her academic gifting dictated, she graduated with honors. To augment her educational experience, she participated in a North Carolina A & T University sponsored child nutrient management certification program. Truly, Nora's passions in life were serving God, serving the church, and education. She demonstrated a deep genuine desire to help guide the community through her participation in educational and religious endeavors. Nora held numerous offices at New Light Missionary Baptist Church and was a superb orator, mistress of ceremonies, and organizer of church events. Her multifaceted areas of church service ranged from homecoming celebration chairperson, Sunday school teacher, senior choir and male chorus musician, President of the Missionary Department and founder of the children's ministry. She was also the past President of the Brunswick Waccamaw Women's Home and Foreign Mission, which was a position once held by her mother. Nora also served as President of the Artesia High School Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

The leadership, mentorship, and passionate commitment unselfishly given was well respected by Nora's colleagues. She held membership in the Order of Eastern Star and Golden Circle as well as served as the Worthy Matron of the Shining Star #381 of Hallsboro. In additional past civic organization leadership capacities, she sat as the State District Deputy of District 17, Loyal Lady Ruler of the Allen Mingo Assembly #325 Order of the Golden Circle from 1979 through 1980, and was a dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary Post #233.

In 1999, she was one of four outstanding Columbus County residents honored during the 10th Community Banquet by the Tri-County Campaign of the United Negro College Fund. Nora retired in 1991 after twenty years of dedicated service to the State of North Carolina. She also worked as head start teacher at Artesia Elementary, Whiteville Edgewood Elementary School and the Columbus County Migrant School Program.

Nora Jacobs married Vangus T. Nichols and raised four boys: Vangus Winfort (deceased), George Linwood, Harold Alfonzo, and Virgil Bunn.

She is survived by three sons: George L. (Deborah) of Washington D.C., Harold A. (Gaynelle) of Gibsonville, North Carolina, and Virgil B. of Hallsboro, North Carolina, and was the tenth of thirteen siblings of the late Bunn and Irene Jacobs. (Benjamin, Annie Lee, Lillian, John Henry, Harden, Lula, Mable, Cora (twin), Joseph, Virginia, and George preceded her in death.) She is survived by her sister, Geraldine Jacobs Durham (Wade) of Dudley, North Carolina.

Treasured memories of Nora J. Nichols will forever be held by her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Mama Duck": Winfort Aaron Nichols of Hallsboro, North Carolina, Carmen Nichols McFarlin of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Nicole Nichols, Brittany Nichols, and Garland Nichols (Donna) of Gibsonville, North Carolina, Noah Nichols of Washington DC, Joshua Nichols of Boston, Massachusetts, Lauren Nichols of Newark, Delaware, and Victor Etheridge of Lake Waccamaw (deceased) ; Great Grandsons: Kaleb Nicholas McFarlin of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Ezekiel Nichols of Newark, Delaware.

Just as the aforementioned conveys, the life of Nora Jacobs Nichols is a chronicle of the love of God, dedication to family, the value of education, and service to the church and community. She touched the lives of many as she lived and worked according to that which was most important to her. As such, her life is one that touched every other life that she came in contact with. Nora J. Nichols was a stalwart of the community and a beautiful jewel inside and out. She will be forever missed, but never forgotten.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in GOD; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 12:1-3