

Ruth McKenzie

Written for and presented to Ruth McKenzie, 1996

You've known her for many days
You're acquainted with her kindly ways
Her gentle spirit, her friendly smile
Words of encouragement all the while (She gives).

When you are feeling down and out
With problems all 'round about
She does not hesitate to say "You'll get better"
And, we hope so right away!

She has a personality that shines
Folks who know her this she's fine
We've never know her to complain, nor to be rude
She's a Christian. It shows in her attitude.

A mother of eight children, she has been a light
Teaching and guiding them all a-right,
She's loved by her family, church and friends
To all her good works there seems no end.

Her co-workers all know she's one of the best
She's passed the Comprehensive service test.
Her loving smile and gentle ways
Brings from others admiration and praise.

-Ermine M. Stanley

Perhaps

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly on a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
that anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We

thank you
so much whatever the part.

From the Family of Deaconess Ruth Faison McKenzie

In Loving Memory of



Ruth Faison McKenzie

May 9, 1935 - August 15, 2020

Services

Saturday, August 22, 2020
1 p.m.

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
5548 Silver Spoon Rd.
Whiteville NC

Rev. Dr. Timothy Lance, Pastor
Officiant
Elder LaDontae Wooten
Eulogists

Rev. Dr. Timothy A. Lance, Pastor, Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church
& Moderator, New Era Association
Rev. Anthony Rowell, Pastor, New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church



Obituary

Deaconess Ruth Faison McKenzie was born in Bolton, N.C. to the late John and Rosalie Faison on May 9, 1935. She departed this life on Saturday, August 15, 2020 in Whiteville, N.C. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Elaine and her grandson, Javon.

After completing her high school education at Central High School, Ruth married Starlin McKenzie on May 13, 1957 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Their union was

blessed with eight children. In addition to being a devoted wife and mother, Ruth continued her education, receiving licenses and certifications as a cosmetologist and as a Certified Nurses' Assistant. She was well respected and admired by her clients, co-workers and community throughout her many years of service.

Ruth was active and ever faithful in her service and commitment to her church and community organizations for over 60 years. Deaconess McKenzie was a member of the usher board, choir, missionary department and various committees of New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. She particularly loved working with the youth and remained involved as a teacher, missionary and advisor over the years.

Her love for the the Lord was evidenced by the kind words and actions she extended to everyone she encountered. As an active member of the NAACP for many years, Ruth was always concerned with fairness and equality for all people.

Ruth had a flare of sheer elegance and an undeniable uniqueness. Her personality, wit and laughter were gifts she shared with the many family members and friends whom she cherished.

To hold her precious memories she leaves her husband, Starlin McKenzie; daughters, Phyllis Cromartie (Tony) of Nakina, N.C., Thomasina McKenzie and April McKenzie of Fayetteville, N.C., and Rosemary Bowser (Michael) of Charlotte, N.C.; sons, Starlin McKenzie, Jr. (Diane) of Elizabethtown, N.C., Ardell McKenzie of Goldsboro, N.C., Donnell McKenzie (Olivia) of Charlotte, N.C., Chester McKenzie of the home; son-in-law Hayes Fane of Dunn, N.C., and a special grandson, Brandon McKenzie; sisters, Yvonne Scipio of Whiteville, N.C. and Margaret Torrence of Seattle, WA.

Order of Service

Opening Selection		New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Ensemble
Scripture		Rev. Corey Lyons, Pastor <i>First Baptist Church</i>
Prayer		Rev. Rosa F. Wade, Assistant Pastor <i>New Genesis Fresh Start Ministries</i>
Selection	<i>Our Father Prayer</i>	Jared Payton, Classical Vocalist
Obituary, Acknowledgments & Resolutions		Mr. Chester McKenzie
Remarks	*Limit of 2 minutes*	Deacon Starlin McKenzie & Others
Selection		Sis. Soulae McDonald
Words of Comfort		Rev. Anthony Rowell, Pastor <i>New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church</i>
Selection		Minister Franklin Patterson
Words of Comfort		Rev. Dr. T.A. Lance, Pastor <i>Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church</i>
Balloon Release		Children <i>"For All We Know"</i>
<i>Morticians in charge.</i>		

Pall bearers
Grandsons

Interment
Mount Olive Baptist Church Cemetery

Until We Meet Again

*We think about you always,
We talk about you still.
You have never been forgotten,
And you never will.
We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain.
To walk and guide us through our lives,
Until we meet again.*