

*A Celebration  
of Life  
in Loving  
Memory of*



*Lee Ethel Vereen*

SUNRISE: OCTOBER 22, 1952 ~ SUNSET: AUGUST 21, 2021

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021  
11:00 AM

ON THE LAWN OF CLUB 15 CIVIC CENTER  
111 JARVIS STREET  
TABOR CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

ELDER JOHN C. WILLIAMS, JR., EULOGIST



# *The Obituary*

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith ~ II Timothy 4:7*

Lee Ethel Vereen was born in Loris, SC on October 22, 1952, to Katie Mae Vereen and Albert Gause, Jr. She departed this life August 21, 2021 at Atrium Health Union, Monroe, North Carolina.

Her education began in the Columbus County School System. She highly valued learning and aspired to be a role model for her boys. As a result, she furthered her education at Southeastern Community College. Through hard work and diligence, she obtained a degree in Cosmetology, graduating at the top of her class. Later, she advanced her degree at the Dudley Cosmetology University. During her tenure at Dudley, she invented a special hair coloring which was worn gracefully for many years. She was a well-known cosmetologist. Her reputation preceded her and had persons from a far coming to solicit her services. Eventually, she opened Lee Ethel's Beauty Salon and was an entrepreneur for 40 years.

Lee Ethel confessed Christ and joined Holy Light United Holy Church. She dutifully served her church in many capacities: member of the choir and Usher Board, Sunday school secretary, church treasurer, and Pastor's Aid president. The works she did spoke volumes of her kindness and devotion to her church and our Lord Jesus Christ. She also served as treasurer for the United Holy Church Carolina District Union, YPHA, and Usher Union faithfully for over 25 years. Her trustworthiness allowed her to serve as treasurer for multiple organizations. One of her favorites was serving as treasurer for the national and local Tabor City Negro/Douglas High School Alumni. She was an active servant for the church community and the political arena as well. She worked tirelessly as a poll worker, served as the Black Caucus Hospitality hostess at her home, and was a dedicated member of the Tabor City Chamber of Commerce.

During her leisure time, Lee Ethel loved cooking for her family and friends. On holidays and special occasions, they waited with great anticipation to sample her delicious cuisines. She also enjoyed playing bingo, watching westerns & wrestling on TV, and giving her opinion whether it was wanted or not.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Katie Mae Vereen and Albert Gause Jr.; sisters: Betty Vereen, Donna Gause, Linda Vereen, Joann Vereen, Barbara Ann Vereen, and twin baby brothers.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving sons, Darrick Vereen (Pia) of Tabor City, NC, Ralph Vance McCoy (Mittie) of Wadesboro, NC, and Harry McCoy of Tabor City, NC; siblings: Charles Vereen of Elizabeth City, NC, Franklin Vereen of Columbia, SC, Albert Vereen of Columbia, SC, Darrell Vereen (Chancey) of Whiteville, NC, and Marvin Vereen of Raleigh, NC. Her grandchildren, who she adored Mykia, Darius, Chandler, Ian, Cassidy, Thomas, and Bryson; one great grand Mia, two goddaughters Teyshana Lowery and Dione Williams; special friends and sisters in Christ: Mother Irene Williams, Mother Shirley Graham, Mother Bernice Alderman, Mother Christine Melvin, Malcom and Apostle Nancy Lowery, Bishop Anthony and Ruthie Gerald, Mittie K. Thomas (Pumkin), Ralph and Melinda McCoy, Lucille Soles, Nancy Frink Burney, Louise Gore Franklin, Mary Baldwin, Ben and Edna Mae Curry, Clarence and Delois Williams Bellamy, Lynda Tuberville, Mary Lewis, Susie Bellamy, Vickie Blakley, Motaleen Rattley, Phyllis McCauley, and Renee Johnson. She also leaves a host of special cousins the Vereen, Clark, Brown, Lewis, Grate, Gause, and Johnson families as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# *Precious Memories*









### **Miss Me but Let Me Go**

*When I come to the end of the road, and the Son has set me free  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your heads bowed low  
Remember the love that we once shared, miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart, go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds, miss me, but let me go!*

Floral Bearers  
Friends of the Family

Pallbearers  
Cousins and Friends of the Family

### **Acknowledgement**

The Family of Ms. Lee Ethel Vereen acknowledges with sincere appreciation for all the comforting deeds inclusive of acts of kindness, gestures of sympathy, words of comfort, as well as your love and compassion rendered during this time of sorrow. We express heartfelt gratitude for the many cards, telegrams, floral tributes, and numerous expressions of sympathy bestowed upon our family during our time of bereavement.

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