

MOTHER GRANDMOTHER SISTER FRIEND

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF

*Dessie M. Egerton*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

1:00 P. M.

UNITY PRAYER HOUSE OF FAITH

NORLINA, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND JAMES DURHAM, PASTOR

(SEPTEMBER 11, 1927 - DECEMBER 20, 2017)

## *The Celebration of Life*

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL.....Clergy, Family and Friends

THE HYMN OF PRAISE .....The Bullock Gospel Singers

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament - (*Psalms 46*).....Minister Gills

New Testament - (*Romans 8: 28-31*).....Minister Ward

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Clergy

THE MUSICAL PRAISE.....The Bullock Gospel Singers

THE POETIC TRIBUTE.....Sister Ronnice Egerton, *Granddaughter*

THE EXPRESSIONS (*Please limit two minutes*).....Sister Dorothy Gills

Sister Catherine Williams

Sister Hayes

Minister Johnnie Jones

Dr. Essie Branch

THE WORDS OF INSPIRATION.....Sister Therese King

THE MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....Brother Darnell Allen

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/OBITUARY.....Sister Ward

THE MUSICAL PRAISE.....The Bullock Gospel Singers

THE EULOGY.....Reverend Dennis Wooten

*Pastor, Greater Cornerstone Holiness Church*

*Warrenton, North Carolina*

THE MUSICAL PRAISE - "*Good Bye World*".....The Bullock Gospel Singers

THE RECESSIONAL

THE POSTLUDE

## *The Interment*

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY  
LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

## *The Repast*

CAROLINA BARBEQUE RESTAURANT  
LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

## *The Obituary*

*"I will bless the Lord at all times, and HIS praise shall continually be in my mouth."*

God in his infinite wisdom, mercy and divine love called our loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt and Friend, **DESSIE M. EGERTON** to her eternal home during the early morning hours on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 while receiving care in her earthly home in Warrenton, North Carolina. Dessie was born September 11, 1927 in Monroe, North Carolina to the late John and Matte Moses.

Dessie received her education in the Monroe County School systems.

Being reared in a Christian home, she accepted Christ at an early age and remained faithful to the Lord until death. She was united in marriage to the love of her life, the late Willie Egerton. This union was blessed with eight children. After marriage, she continued her spiritual journey and joined the Greater Cornerstone Holiness Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Charlie Bullock. She loved her church served faithfully under the leadership of its current pastor, Reverend Dennis Wooten.

Dessie affectionately known as "*Mother Egerton*" had a gift for singing. She was known in the community for leading praise and worship services, singing at funerals and other musical programs. For many years, she and her loving friend, the late Evangelist Fannie K. Johnson would do prison ministry and have bible study and prayer service. She loved gospel music - two of her favorite songs were, "*Let Jesus Fix it for You*" and "*I Feel the Lord Stretching Out in Me*." Mother Egerton loved to praise the Lord and do her little dance.

Mother Egerton adored her family and friends dearly. In addition to singing, another favorite talent was sewing - she could go to a store and look at an outfit and come home and make it without a pattern.

For many years, she was employed at J. P. Taylor Company until her retirement.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: two sons, William Egerton and Richard Egerton.

Dessie leaves to cherish her memories of love, laughter and strength: four sons, Willie Egerton of the home, Albert Egerton of Manson, North Carolina, Ronnie Egerton of Temple Hills, Maryland and Larry Egerton of Indiana; two daughters, Sarah (John) of Cranford, New Jersey and Shirley (Charles) of Manson, North Carolina; three grandchildren raised as her own, Albert Egerton, Jr., Preston Egerton and Allen Egerton along with sixteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and twelve great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Minister Johnnie Mae Jones (James) and Pastor Dr. Essie Branch, both of Roselle, New Jersey; one sister-in-law, Lucy Arrington of Atlanta, Georgia; one brother-in-law, J.C. Allen of Henderson, North Carolina; a dedicated and special caretaker, Tomeka Talley of Manson, North Carolina; whenever Tomeka entered the room, Mother Egerton greeted her and said, "*Good morning baby*"; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and great friends.

### *"Our Queen"*

More precious than pearls, you will always be OUR QUEEN  
Our faithful, charismatic magnet of love and resilience, OUR QUEEN  
Our diamond, our ruby, our ray of light, OUR QUEEN  
An exemplification of poise and persistence, class and nurture, OUR QUEEN  
We will forever honor your existence, OUR QUEEN.  
Good night to OUR QUEEN, Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant.

*Love Eternally, Your Children*





## *"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"*

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME AND I'M NOT HERE TO SEE,  
IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME.

I WISH SO MUCH YOU WOULD NOT CRY THE WAY YOU DID TODAY,  
WHILE THINKING OF THE MANY THINGS WE HAVE DONE ALONG THE WAY.

BUT WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND,  
THAT AN ANGEL CAME AND CALLED MY NAME AND TOOK ME BY MY HAND,  
AND SAID MY PLACE WAS READY IN HEAVEN FOR ABOVE,  
AND THAT I'D HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND ALL THOSE I DEARLY LOVE.

I THOUGHT OF ALL THE YESTERDAYS...THE GOOD AND THE BAD.  
I THOUGHT OF ALL THE LOVE WE SHARED AND ALL THE FUN WE'VE HAD.  
IF I COULD RELIVE YESTERDAY, I THOUGHT FOR JUST A WHILE,  
I'D SAY GOODBYE AND KISS YOU ALL AND SEE EACH OF YOU SMILE.

BUT THEN I FULLY REALIZED, THAT THIS COULD NEVER BE,  
I WOULD NOT CHANGE WHERE I AM NOW, MY SAVIOR'S FACE I SEE.  
SO WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME DON'T THINK WE'RE FAR APART.  
FOR EVERY TIME YOU THINK OF ME I'M RIGHT HERE IN YOUR HEART.

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME HERE'S WHAT I'D HAVE YOU TO DO  
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME, AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU.  
DON'T LOSE THE LOVE I GAVE YOU, FEED IT WITH YOUR CARE,  
GROW IT WITH DEVOTION, AND SPREAD IT EVERYWHERE.

### *The Floral Bearers*

- Granddaughters and Nieces -

### *The Pall Bearers*

- Nephews -

### *The Acknowledgment Of Gratitude*

WE, THE FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL ACTS OF KINDNESS AND LOVE SHOWN DURING OUR TIME OF BEREAVEMENT. THANK YOU FOR EVERY PHONE CALL, TEXT MESSAGES, PRAYERS AND KIND WORDS SPOKEN. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS DEPENDABLE ALLIANCE AND HOSPICE SERVICE. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP EACH OF YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE.



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