The Change of Address

Please be advised that I have moved. I received a call from God, the Chief Architect, the other day and He informed me that a new home was complete. I knew that my house needed some finishing touches and that the Chief Carpenter, Jesus Christ, had to inspect it and give me the final approval.

On March 31, 2018, God let me know that my home was completed and that it was okay to move in. So He told me to go ahead and change my address.

Well, my new home is finished and what a sight it is to behold. It is located on an exclusive estate, behind a beautiful pearly gate. It is just over the other side of Serene Celestial Shore, of course. You know the streets are paved with gold and everyday is Sunday just like you've been told. Trees with twelve manners of fruit grace my garden here, and I can walk and talk with my master with not a worry or a care.

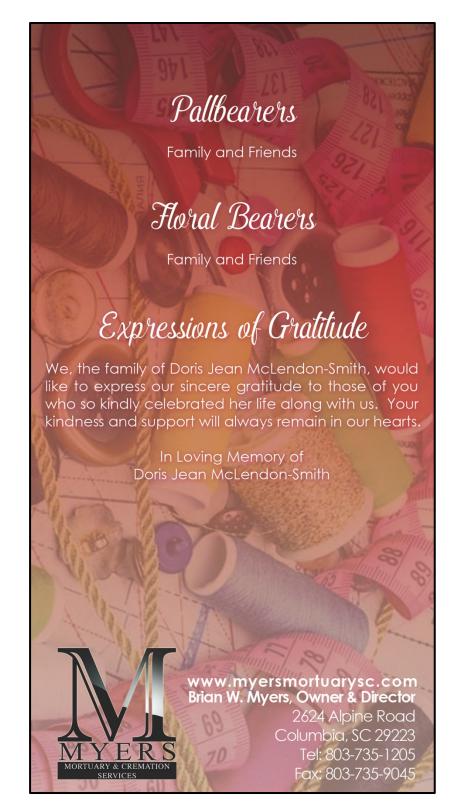
I live in a home built for man, for a short time, but my new home is so much better than any other place I've lived. There is peace here, joy, no more crying, no more pills or pain, only sweet serenity. I can dine and the Master's table and listen to the heavenly choir.

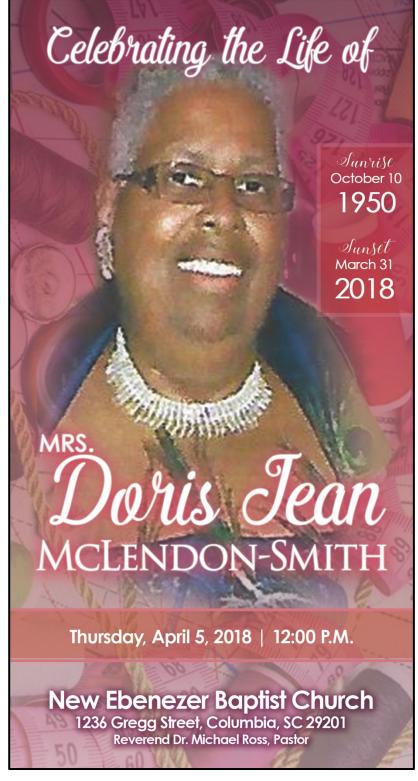
Oh yes, I have my own designer here who has fitted me with my very own white robe and wings. I could go on and on about my home, but instead I am going to pray that you get to move here yourself one day. Before I go, let me give you my new address:

> Doris M. Smith 12 Pearly Gates Godstown, Heaven 11222

P.S. I don't have a phone, but you can always call on God. If you don't know his number, read your Bible, it's listed on every page.

(Author: unknown)







Doris Jean McLendon-Smith was born October 10, 1950 to Arthur Lee and Sara McLendon in Cordele, Georgia at Crisp County Hospital. Doris was the fourth child of five children. Doris departed this earthly journey on March 31, 2018.

Doris was a 1968 graduate of Boggs Academy Preparatory School in Keysville, Georgia. She attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where she received certification in Early Childhood Education. After twenty-eight years of service, Doris retired from Richland School District One.

At a young age Doris joined the choir and was baptized at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. Doris later became a member of New Ebenezer Baptist Church where she served on many ministries. Doris served as the Pastor's Aid from 1992-1999, and also served as a Trustee for many, many years. Doris was presented with the "Distinguished Service Award" in 2000 for her service beyond the call of duty as a decorator to enhance the beautification of the facilities of New Ebenezer Baptist Church for various functions. She was also recognized as a former Servant Leader of The Pastor's Aid Ministry. Doris was very instrumental with the opening of **New Ebenezer Child Development Center over twenty years** ago. She was a member of the choir for many years and was presented with "The Choir Member of the Year Award" with the W. M. Fair Singers in 1989. In addition to her accomplishments, she used her blissful hands and talents to make weddings and other events very special.

Doris was preceded in death by three siblings, William "Billy" McLendon also known as "Chico", Shirley M. Thompson and Arthur Lee McLendon, Jr.

The joy of Doris' earthly walk will be forever be cherished by her loving son, Marco McLendon and wife Naneika of Atlanta Georgia; daughter, KaTrina McLendon of Columbia; her only surviving sibling, Betty Kirkland of Charlotte, NC; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many sorrowing friends and co-workers, as well as her New Ebenezer Baptist Church family.







Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Michael Ross, Officiant

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Choir

Choir

Scripture

Rev. Arnold Williams

Old Testament:

Psalm 46

New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Willistine

Rev. Willistine Lagree

Hymn

"I'm Free"

Remarks: (3 minutes please)

Ms. Letitia T. Reed

Mrs. Vivian Coaxum

Mr. J.B. Brown

Poem

Ms. Betty Kirkland

Solo

Rev. Betty Morris

Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Michael Ross

Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Choir

Recessional

Committal, Interment, Benediction:

Will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018

Bethel Cemetery 100 N. Joe Wright Drive Cordele, GA 31015