

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude .....	Mr. DJ Stringfellow
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Solo .....	Mrs. Karen McDuffie
Scripture Readings.....	Minister Bradley
Old and New Testament	
Prayer of Comfort.....	John McAuley
Acknowledgments/Obituary.....	Kecia Couch
Reflections.....	Ms. Josett L. Daniels
<i>Founder and Director of Maggie and Erma House, Greensboro, NC</i>	
Solo .....	Mrs. Karen McDuffie
Eulogy.....	Reverend Douglas Waterson
<i>Pastor of New Zion Missionary Church</i>	
Recessional.....	

# Obituary

On July 5, 1955, Marzella Williams Hairston was born to Linnie Stringfellow and the late Leroy Newby in Sanford, North Carolina.

Marzella was a happy and funny child with many nicknames such as Lil Bit, Tootie, and Z. She was always with her aunties and uncles; they grew up like sisters and brothers. However, Marzella was very close to one particular aunt named Alicie Spruill, aka Twin; they were inseparable.

At a very young age, Marzella accepted Christ into her life. She was a faithful member of East White Oak Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. Marzella attended Grimsley High School in Greensboro, North Carolina. Earlier in life, Marzella married the late Albert Bobby Hairston.

Marzella had many jobs. She was a dedicated worker at Green Ford until she became ill. Later, she took the time to volunteer at the Maggie and Erma House, which was a faith-based recovery house. While volunteering, Marzella became close friends with the director of the program, Josett.

Marzella loved to do crossword and dot to dot puzzles, shopping at Five and Below, watching television, and having bible study faithfully every week with her friends Josett and Rosalind in her spare time. Most importantly, she loved spending time with her mother and eating her favorite white grapes and coming back to her roots in

Sanford, North Carolina, spending time with family and friends.

Marzella leaves to cherish her memories, her mother, Linnie Stringfellow; two brothers, Donald Stringfellow (Sandy), and Neal McAuley (LaToya); five sisters, Linda Chalmers (Cletus), Brenda Stringfellow, Sandra Sutherland (Ralph), Kecia Couch (Fred) and Jackie McAuley; her aunts, Evelyn McAuley (Williams), Martha Cain (Robert Sr.), Mary McAuley, Edith McAuley (John), and Alice Spruill (Archie); her uncles, Elijah Williams, Ernest Williams, Albert Williams (Mary) and James Williams; one step-son, Frank Ruiz (Karen); three step-daughters, Julia Hairston, Barbie Hairston Woods (Kenny), and Nicole Hairston; numerous grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Marzella was preceded in death by a grandmother, Eva McDuffie Williams, a grandfather, Eddie Williams Sr., three uncles, Wilson McAuley, Levi McAuley and Eddie Williams Jr.



*Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God richly bless each of you.

***The family of Mrs. Marzella Williams Hairston***

*Floral & Casket Attendants*  
Family

*It's so hard to think of the good times, when your heart is heavy with grief and pain, but by the help of God, we will get through this. No one can explain the last 64 years that you, my twin, born the same year, 3 months apart, the good times, bad times, sickness and good health. Remembering us dressed in our little home-made white dresses, with white socks and black shoe, or not getting off the bus because the driver didn't pick us up there. Going to high school, double dating, having cookouts, or vacationing together during the summer. When I pass a Five and Below, or Family Dollar store, you will always be thought of. When I see a puzzle, fill-ins and a word search, I know you will be thought of. On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, God saw you were getting tired, and needed a rose for His garden, so He plucked you up and brought you on home with Him. So, to my sister, my partner in life, my best friend, the one who has always had my back, until we meet again, keep watching over me, and you will never be forgotten and always in my heart.*

**Love you sister. Your twin, Alice**



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