

*Pallbearers*  
Becks Family & Friends

*Her Journey's Just Begun*

*Don't think of her as gone away,  
her journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets,  
this earth is only one,  
Just think of her as resting,  
from the sorrows and the tears,  
In a place of warmth and comfort,  
where there are no days or years,  
Think how she must be wishing,  
that we could know today,  
How nothing but our sadness,  
can really pass away,  
And think of her as living,  
in the hearts of those she touched,  
For nothing loved is ever lost,  
and she was loved so much.*

*In loving memory of our beloved mother and grandmother.*

*Acknowledgment*

*The family of Mrs. Velma Whitney Becks wishes to convey our sincere appreciation  
for the many expressions of kindness extended to our family during our time of  
bereavement. Your thoughtfulness and concern have been a great source of comfort.  
We thank you for your love, compassion, prayers, kind words, and deeds.*

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*Celebrating the  
Life of*

*Velma  
Whitney*

*Becks*



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Mrs. Velma  
Whitney Becks*

MAY 2, 1927 - FEBRUARY 7, 2020

*Ms. Velma*

Visitation: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

Sunday, February 16, 2020  
3:00 PM

Baucom's Life Celebration Center  
9480 Lewis & Clark Boulevard  
Jennings, Missouri 63136

*Rev. Stephen R. Vasser, Pastor  
Compton Hill Baptist Church*

*Repast*

Fashion's R (Rear)  
11833 New Halls Ferry Road  
Florissant, Missouri 63033  
Immediately following Celebration of Life

*Interment*

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
2900 Sheridan Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63125  
Monday, February 17, 2020  
9:45 AM



## *Psalm 23*

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
My cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch;  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee;  
God wanted me now—He has set me free.*





*Mrs. Velma  
Whitney Becks*

MAY 2, 1927 - FEBRUARY 7, 2020



# Life Reflections

*M*rs. Velma Whitney Becks was born to the union of Fleming and Camille Whitney on May 2, 1927, in Yazoo City, Mississippi. Velma had two older brothers, Fleming Jr., and Charlie, who adored their baby sister. She attributed her strong and persevering spirit to the significant influence of her parents and brothers. Velma prided herself on being raised in a loving and supportive family, and it was her life's work to continue that tradition for her family over several decades. Her parents and brothers preceded her in death.

Velma accepted Christ at an early age, and she faithfully attended church. While residing in Mississippi, as a child and a teenager, she received a solid foundation, learning about Christ.

Velma loved learning and attending school. She graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1945. Upon graduating from high school, Velma moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, and subsequently, attended business school. After settling down in her new hometown, Velma met the love of her life, Tyler Becks.

Velma and Tyler were united in holy matrimony on October 26, 1947. The loving couple decided to expand their family, and their first daughter, Barbara Ann, was born in 1948. They enjoyed being parents and welcomed their second daughter, Sandra Denise, in 1955. Velma and Tyler worked hard to provide a great life filled with precious memories and experiences for their daughters and grandchildren. They celebrated 53 years of marriage. Tyler and Barbara preceded Velma in death.

Velma was an ambitious woman who exhibited many talents and skills. She completed coursework at Saint Louis State Hospital and became a psychiatric aide in 1962. Velma provided over 20 years of exemplary service to her patients. Velma also successfully graduated from Ruth Flowers School of Cosmetology and became a successful entrepreneur. She opened Velma's Beauty Salon in 1967. In addition to being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, as well as having a prosperous career, Velma was always committed to giving back to others. She provided over 23 years of volunteer service to the Family Court, Juvenile Division, by providing supportive services and mentorship to young people.

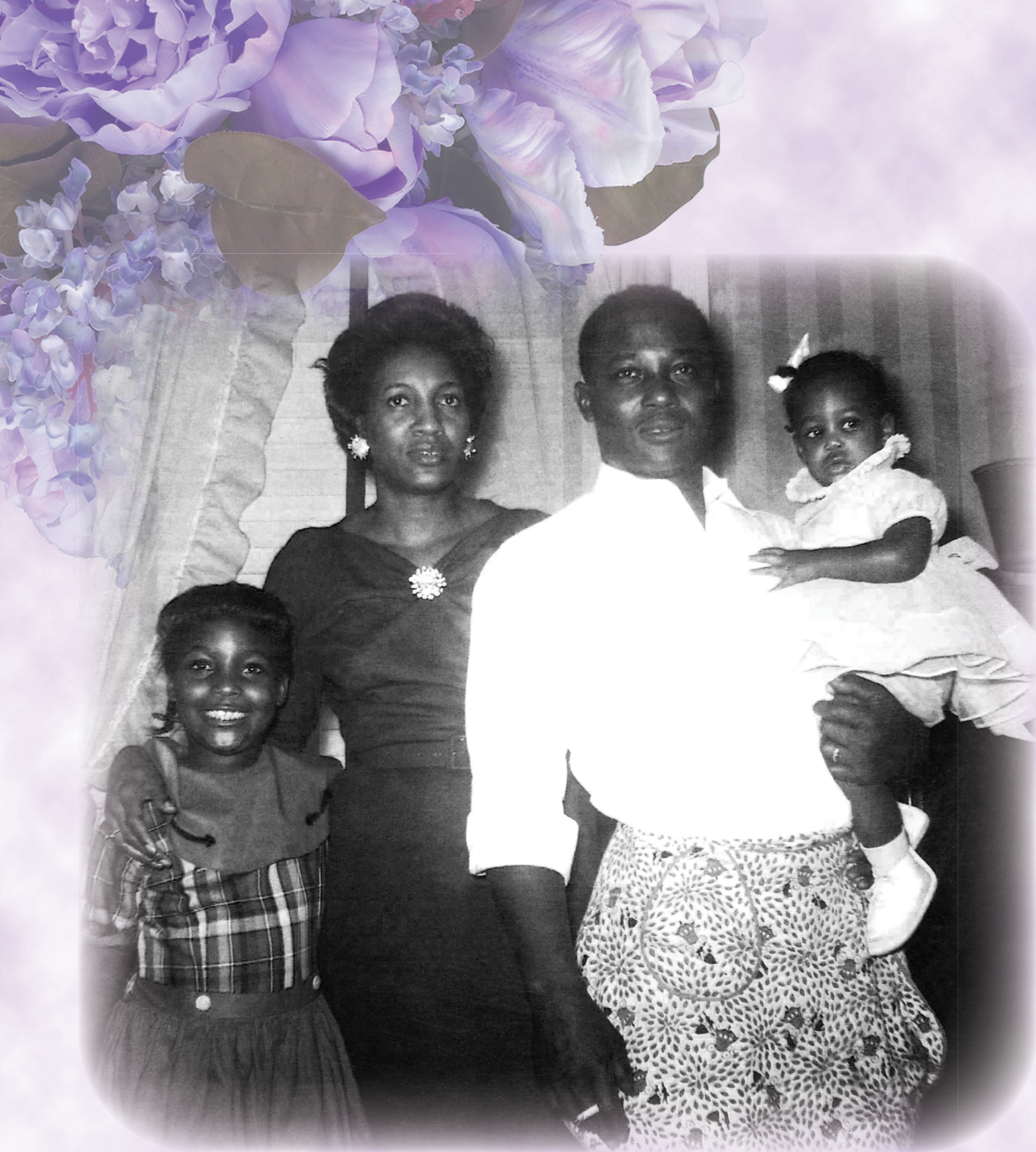
Velma was a faithful member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, since 1954. She served tirelessly at Galilee, for many years, and received notable honors over several years, for her enthusiasm, dedication, and ability to inspire others. She was acknowledged as a Lifetime Member of the Berean District Association in 1995.

Velma loved spending time with her family, shopping, traveling, fine dining, and reading. She also enjoyed outings with the Red Hat Society. Velma enjoyed pouring wisdom into her grandchildren and nurturing her great-grandchildren. She was extremely proud of her family and encouraged them to continue her legacy.

Velma departed this earthly life on February 7, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She leaves to cherish her heartfelt memories to: her daughter, Sandra (Robert); grandson, Robert Jr. (Tymesha); granddaughters, Camille (Tony), Angie (Frederick), and Brandie (Barry); greatgrandchildren, Tony Jr., Tres, Alayla, Tyler, Ryan, Xavier, Harper, Ryleigh, and Callie; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and church family.







# Order of Service

Prelude

Scripture.....Rev. David Forbes, Sr.

Old Testament..... Proverbs 3:5-6

New Testament..... II Timothy 4:7-8

Prayer .....Rev. Dr. Carlton R. Caldwell

Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church

Solo..... Sis. Vera Adams

“He Looked Beyond My Faults and Saw My Needs”

Reflections

Mother .....Sandra and Robert Dobynes

Grandmother .....Robert Jr., Camille, Angie, & Brandie

Special Reflections ..... Carolyn Alexander, Flenda Whitney,

& Mary Larde Becks

Selection ..... “God Is”.....Rev. David Forbes, Sr.

Sis. Chanita Vasser

Condolences and Acknowledgments .....Madonna Beard

Tribute from the Church .....Lorna Vaughn

Galilee Baptist Missionary Church

Life Reflections..... Read Silently.....“I Did It My Way”

Solo..... Rev. Malachi Owens, Jr.

Eulogy .....Rev. Stephen R. Vasser

Pastor, Compton Hill Baptist Church

Benediction





# *One Mother*

*You can only have one mother*

*Patient kind and true;*

*No other friend in all the world,*

*Will be the same to you.*

*When other friends forsake you,*

*To mother you will return;*

*For all her loving kindness,*

*She asks nothing in return.*

*As we look upon her picture,*

*Sweet memories we recall,*

*Of a face so full of sunshine,*

*And a smile for one and all.*

*Sweet Jesus, take this message,*

*To our dear mother up above;*

*Tell her how we miss her,*

*And give her all our love.*

# *To Those I Love*

*We've known lots of pleasure*

*At times endured pain*

*We've lived in the sunshine*

*And walked in the rain*

*But now we're separated*

*And for a time apart,*

*But I am not alone*

*You're forever in my heart.*

*Death always seems so sudden,*

*And it is always sure,*

*But what is oft' forgotten*

*It is not without a cure.*

*There may be times you miss me,*

*I sort of hope you do,*

*But smile when you think of me*

*For I'll be waiting for you.*

*Now there are many things for you to do*

*And lots of ways to grow*

*So get busy, be happy, and live your life*

*Miss me, but let me go.*

