



Mr. Calvin E. Carroll

December 15, 1950 - February 14, 2016

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust.” Psalms 91:1-2

Mary Elizabeth Howell Rodgers Whitfield was born on August 1, 1927 to the late Johnny Howell and the late Elizabeth “Lizzie Bell” Howell Bond and departed this life on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

Mary married Willie Alexander Rodgers in 1945 who preceded her in death. To their union seven children were born. She worked various jobs from the cotton and tobacco fields, domestic housework, to factory work while raising her children.

Mary joined Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and served on the senior usher board. She married Willie Herbert Whitfield in 1971 and moved her membership to Green Memorial Baptist Church where she was honored with the title of Church Mother. She later joined Back Swamp Church where she remained until her death.

Mary Elizabeth was educated in the Martin County Schools and was a member of the Business and Professional Women Club and the Eastern Star.

Mary Elizabeth was a loving and kind woman who loved to make everyone happy. She was known for her cooking and especially her “hummingbird puddings.” She was strong and loyal and once she made a decision or commitment, she honored it for life. Mary was a beautiful lady (inside and out) but a very humble lady whose favorite phrase was “low and humble is the way.” And with that phrase, we witnessed God always making a way out of no way in her life.

Mary was preceded in death by her siblings, James (Slab) Howell, Haywood Howell, Jimmy (J.B.) Howell and Magalene Watson.

Strong memories of joy are left to her husband, Willie Herbert Whitfield, five sons, Milford Rodgers, Reverend Samuel Rodgers, Horace Rodgers (Nedra) all of Williamston, NC, Johnny Rodgers of Raleigh, NC, Vernell Rodgers (Cynthia) of Windsor, NC; two daughters, Dorothy Hickman and Ontra Reddick (Darnell) both of Williamston, NC; two step-daughters, Frances Whitfield of Durham, NC, Edwina Coley (William) of Virginia Beach, VA; one sister, Mary Ann Howell of Elizabeth City, NC; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Howell (Haywood) of Williamston, NC, Shirley Howell (James) of Morganton, NC; two special cousins, Thelma Rouse of Williamston, NC, James Spence (Floryne) of Baltimore, MD, a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 20. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Congleton Funeral Home and Cremations
3205 E. 10th Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mattie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*



Mattie Wilkins - February 14, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ *Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - February 22, 2016 at 11:30 AM



“ *Mattie Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*



mattie wilkins - February 20, 2016 at 07:49 PM



Going to miss you

mattie wilkins - February 20, 2016 at 07:50 PM

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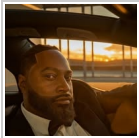
“ I wish strength in time of mourning...but this is a time to celebrate a Homegoing. I was taught the meaning of family ties and love, support and being my best by my uncle...RIP ...gone but can never be forgotten...my heart is heavy but I wont be selfish, I know you are with the King and he told me to be in peace. Love you Unc....Cookie girl

koloa - February 20, 2016 at 06:24 AM

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“ HUGS AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO MY Cousin Calvin Jr and my Aunts Eunice, Mildred and Gloristine. I Love you all!! Cynthia Carroll-Ifill and family

Cynthia Ifill - February 19, 2016 at 07:17 PM



“ Sad to see you go but glad you have a new home over in glory you have been a great example of what family is the holidays you stoped by the calls just to say yo or the hand you gave to make the load a lil easier my boys will miss you and so will I rest easy cuz God Bless

Jamar Stevenson - February 19, 2016 at 04:55 PM

HB

“ SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF MY CUZ PRAYING FOR STRENGTH FOR THE FAMILY 🙏🙏🙏🙏 R.I.P. CUZ CALVIN

Harvette Brown - February 19, 2016 at 09:01 AM

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“ *Zachary Bunns,PGER-DDGER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*



zachary bunns,PGER-DDGER - February 19, 2016 at 06:40 AM

KP

“ *Kay Peele lit a candle in memory of Mr. Calvin E. Carroll*



Kay Peele - February 19, 2016 at 02:32 AM

RB

“ *Calvin is at peace and without pain. He doesn't have to depend upon any one to take care of him. God is his helper and caregiver. Therefore : let the family pray, pray, and pray some more as we learn to let God be our helper down here and when take our fight to be with Him. God bless all of us as we adjust to Calvin passing. Rev. Mildred Carroll Brown, pastor of Lee's Chapel A M E Church, Selma NC*



Rev. Mildred Carroll Brown - February 18, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - February 18, 2016 at 06:33 PM