



FLOWER BEARERS
Mount Zion Deaconesses and Missionaries

PALL BEARERS
Mount Zion Deacons and Laymen

HONORARY ATTENDANTS
Carver High School Class of 1965



Our Sincere Gratitude

BECAUSE YOU CARED

-Unknown

Because you cared, you came to share,
Beautiful flowers and words of prayer,
Because you cared enough to do,
Words of comfort on cards came too.
Because you cared, we were not alone,
Calls and visits reached our home.
Because you cared, we're grateful indeed,
You've been comfort and a friend in need.
Because you cared, we're better able to bear
The grief and sorrow with less despair.
Because you cared, we're praying too,
For God's richest blessings, for each of you.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.

THE FAMILY OF MS. RUTH E. SHERARD

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Home-Going Celebration for *Ms. Ruth Elizabeth Sherard*



*"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep:
for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8*

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Mount Zion Baptist Church
950 File Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., Pastor/Eulogist

IN THE ARMS OF THE SAVIOR

*“I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my Dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.”*

Ruth Elizabeth Sherard was born to the late Veritas Grier Jones and Thaddeus Lawrence Sherard in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on March 14, 1946.

She attended the public schools of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County and graduated from Carver Consolidated High School in 1965. Following graduation, she enrolled at McLean Business School where she completed the required coursework and earned an associate degree in business.

Ruth was employed as an engineering technician at Western Electric Company for over twenty-one years. She then became the Manager of TJ Maxx Department Store. Ruth retired as a full-time manager in 2011 but remained with the company as a part-time employee until her unexpected death.

She was a life-long member of Mount Zion Baptist Church. For a period during her Christian walk, which spanned more than sixty years, she found joy and purpose as a teacher in the Sunday Church School and was a member of the Inspirational Choir.

Ruth had a significant company of friends and acquaintances. Many were fellow members of the Carver High School Alumni Association and her neighbors in The Salem Village Community. She was a faithful long-time volunteer for the biennial National Black Theatre Festival.

On Wednesday, June 20, 2018, Ruth Elizabeth Sherard entered **“sweet peace”** and went home to live with the Lord, from Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Kacie Elizabeth Sherard and her stepfather, Ollie T. Jones.

The unspeakable joy that awaits her in heaven is the hope and promise of those who look forward to a reunion with her in eternity. Included in that number is her devoted son, Keith O. Sherard, Sr.; her beloved daughter-in-law, Keely A. Sherard; her cherished grandson, Keith O. Sherard, Jr., “KJ”; uncle, Robert Grier; aunt, Rudine Grier; three cousins, Patricia, Kelly and Samuel Grier; brother, James Givens; god-daughters, Michelle Givens and Wanda Russell; her best friend forever, Tressie Ellis; and many other friends and loved ones.

The Pre-Worship Moments

Prelude Ms. Jeanne “Billie” Williams, Organist
Pre-Seating of Family and Friends Ushers and Funeral Directors

Family Visitation Period 1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Reflections Carver High School Class of 1965

THE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Procession w/Affirmation of Faith Clergy and Worship Leaders

Hymn of Worship Choir-Congregation
#255 - “It Is Well With My Soul”

The Holy Scripture Reading
Old Testament: Psalm 27 Deaconess Kristy Franklin
New Testament: John 14:1-7 Deacon Tyrone Travis

Prayer of Comfort Deacon Alexander Richardson

Solo Request Ms. Dyna McGriff

Eulogy Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr.
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Recessional w/Choral Affirmation
#468 - “When We All Get to Heaven”

The Interment Piedmont Memorial Gardens
Winston-Salem, NC

Family Fellowship Moments File-Goodwin Life Enrichment Center
Mount Zion Baptist Church

WE DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE

We didn't get to say goodbye
We're devastated that you're gone
We'd have done anything to keep you here with us
Right here where you belong

We didn't know that life would take
Such an unexpected path
That you'd be separated from us so soon
Heartbreaking reality we struggle to grasp

And bitter though our losing you has been
And so profound is the pain we bear
We're sadder still at no chance for goodbye
No final expression of our deep love and care

Yet believing that you're not too far away
That your spirit still lingers quite near
We'll say our goodbyes in our words and our thoughts
Trusting that each one you'll hear

First know that you are loved in the truest of ways
So deep that only our hearts can give expression
And you'll be forever surrounded by our love
For we're sending it straight up to heaven

Please know that you'll be cherished by each of us
For your example and kindness we'll treasure
We understand now how your life was a gift
That was meant to bless us forever

And though we'll miss you terribly
We want your spirit to be free
Free to enjoy all the wonders of heaven
Not bound to us in our grief

So watch over us with happiness from heaven
For we'll remember you with mem'ries so sweet
And we'll bravely endure till you're with us again
When our hearts will be healed and complete

For surely one day we'll be together again
In God's arms and in heaven with you
For death cannot conquer a love that's as strong
As the love that we all feel for you

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