

*Flower Bearers*  
Great Nieces

*Pall Bearers*  
Great Nephews

### *Acknowledgement*

Our hearts are made glad in the midst of our sorrow  
by the outpouring of love and concern for us.

We praise God for the way that you have  
demonstrated the love of Christ through your prayers,  
words of comfort and genuine acts of friendship and kindness.

And when the winter of our sorrow is gone  
And the flowers of loving memories spring up,  
We will remember you.

### **THE FAMILY**



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*Ms. Melinda Louise Lash*



**December 29, 1930 — February 10, 2018**

OBITUARY

Melinda Louise Lash was born to the late Howard Z. and Marie Miller Lash in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on December 29, 1930.

She graduated from Carver Consolidated School in 1948 and completed her commercial education at Russell Business School. She later completed course work at Strayer University.

Ms. Lash moved to Washington, DC in 1968 and worked at the United States Treasury Department (IRS) in the Chief Counsel Division as a paralegal for 21 years prior to her retirement from the division.

Following retirement, she returned home and reunited with her family and became actively involved in the ministries of the church of her youth. She was a life-long and dedicated member of Bethania AME Zion Church; where she faithfully served the church as Secretary, Quarterly Conference Secretary, Class Leader, Parent Body Missionary and Stewardess Board member, until declining health prevailed.

Ms. Melinda Louise Lash passed away at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, on Saturday, February 10, 2018. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Okalee Valentine, Julia Crutchfield, Nita Lash, Marie Epperson and Sarah Carter; and two brothers, Aldean and Ozell Lash.

Cherished memories will forever remain in the hearts of her sister, Frances Lash Cloud; nine nieces, including a devoted niece, Susan Epperson, Emma Martin, Elizabeth Speas, Carolyn Robinson, Gloria Cuthrell, Kim Epperson, Carmen Cannon, Melanie Lash and Karen Lash; four nephews, Jeffrey Cloud, Keith Epperson, Steve Epperson and Fred Lash; many great nieces and nephews; several extended family members and friends; and the Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church Family. She will be sorely missed by her family and all those who loved her.

Prelude	Ms. Evelyn Shouse
Processional	Clergy and Family
Family Visitation Period	12 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Call to Worship	Dr. Miller
Invocation	
Opening Hymn	Choir
“Oh I Want to See Him”	
Scripture	
Old Testament Reading:	Psalm 73: 24-28
New Testament Reading	II Timothy 4: 6-8
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Belinda S. Harris Pastor, Hickory Grove AME Zion Church, Clemmons, NC
Bethania African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Resolution	Mrs. Delores Hailstalk
Selection	Choir
“Because of God’s Amazing Grace”	
Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Karen Roberts-Miller Pastor, Bethania AME Zion Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Recessional	“Let the Church Say Amen”

THE INTERMENT

Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church Cemetery  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Benediction	Dr. Miller
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**WEEP NOT FOR ME**

**Unknown Author**

*Weep not for me though I have gone  
Into that gentle night*

*Grieve if you will, but not for long  
Upon my soul's sweet fight*

*I am at peace, my soul's at rest  
There is no need for tears*

*For with your love I was so blessed  
For all those many years*

*There is no pain, I suffer not  
The fear is now all gone*

*Put now these things out of your thoughts -  
In your memory I live on*

*Remember not my fight for breath  
Remember not the strife*

*Please do not dwell upon my death  
But celebrate my life!*

**Home-Going Celebration for**  
*Ms. Melinda Louise Lash*



*"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart  
And my portion for ever." Psalm 73:26*

**FEBRUARY 16, 2018  
1:00 PM**

**BETHANIA AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH  
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**REVEREND DR. KAREN ROBERTS-MILLER, PASTOR/OFFICIATING**



