

A LEGACY OF LOVE



FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

HONORARY FLORAL BEARERS

Deaconesses of Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church

PALL BEARERS

Nephews

A FALLEN LIMB

*A main limb has fallen from the family tree.
I hear a voice that whispers "Grieve not for me."*

*Remember the best times the laughter, the songs.
The good I lived while I was strong.*

*Continue my heritage I'm counting on you.
Keep on smiling the sun will shine through.*

*My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I was truly blessed.*

*Continue traditions no matter how small.
Go on with your lives don't stare at the wall.*

*I miss you all dearly so keep up your chin.
Until that fine day we're together again.*

-Author Unknown



The family expresses sincere gratitude for all of the love shown them during this special time. Every act of kindness and level of support have been a source of comfort to us. Special thanks to the caring staff at Novant Health Palliative Care Unit. We are especially grateful to Rev. Johnny and Mrs. Jamesine Ruff and the members of Goler Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church for every level of support granted to our family. We pray God's blessings upon all of you.



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Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Anna Shouse Ervin



NOVEMBER 25, 1926 - DECEMBER 29, 2018



SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

1:00 PM

GOLER METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

1435 E. FOURTH STREET

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND JOHNNY L. RUFF, OFFICIANT

REVEREND ALLEN STIMPSON, EULOGIST

A LIFE WELL- LIVED



ORDER OF SERVICE

Anna Bernice Shouse Ervin was born November 25, 1926 in Forsyth County, North Carolina to the late John Henry and Minnie Lee Bitting Shouse. She was the fourth of nine children. Anna was called to her eternal home at the age of 92, on December 29, 2018.

As the fourth of nine children, and having two strong, wise parents, Anna developed skills and values that positively impacted her life, as well as the lives of many others. She graduated from Carver High School and attended Winston-Salem Teachers’ College. Though economic challenges prevented Anna from completing her college education, she encouraged her children and others to always seek higher learning opportunities. To ensure that her children could attend the college of their choice, Anna took a job at Thomasville Furniture Industries, where she worked in various assembly line positions until her retirement. She was the recipient of the company’s prestigious Presidential Award for service and commitment to her job.

Strong Christian values demonstrating love for family and fellow man were evident in Anna’s life. She had a kind, generous, nurturing spirit which led to her being blessed in her latter years by many who called her their “Mom.” Anna was a life-long member of Bethania A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served in many positions over the years. She was actively involved in holding leadership or membership positions in the following: Young Ys/YAMS, Home Missions Missionary Society # 1, Do Better Club, Senior Choir, Scholarship Committee, Stewardess, Deaconess, Life Member Lay Council, Delegate to District and Annual A.M.E. Zion Conference, devoted member and Sunday School teacher.

Her community involvement included advocating and collecting funds for various causes. She also distributed and collected donations for national charities such as the March of Dimes.

Anna was also known for blessing friends, relatives and neighbors on special occasions with her delicious cakes. Unselfishly she gave of her time, talent and treasures, sowing into and making a difference in the lives of many.

She left a legacy that will impact lives for generations to come. The Joseph and Anna Ervin Scholarship Fund was established by a granddaughter Candrice Oliver (Khalif) in 2018 to benefit students at Winston-Salem State University.

She leaves to cherish her memories, Joseph Franklin Ervin, her beloved husband of nearly 69 years; two devoted daughters Pamela Nolan of Winston-Salem, NC and Renda Perry (Floyd), Charlotte, NC, a faithful son Phillip Littlejohn of Winston-Salem, NC; two daughters-in-law Barbara Littlejohn of Gardena, CA and Nettie Littlejohn of Winston-Salem, NC; eight grandchildren, Justin Perry (Lee), Jeanelle DeAnna Perry, and Joseph Perry, all of Charlotte NC, Ashley Nolan of Winston-Salem, NC, Candrice Oliver (Khalif) of Cary, NC, Pia Hardy of Winston-Salem, NC, Bryan Littlejohn (Casondra) Raleigh, NC, and Raymond Littlejohn III of Gardena, CA; nine great-grandchildren, Justin Jr. and Stella Anna Perry, Skyler Nolan, Jacob Oliver, Camryn Littlejohn, Gavin and Grayson Hardy, Bryson and Carlyn Littlejohn. Also cherishing her memories are two loving sisters, Hannah Eldridge and Mollie McClain of Winston-Salem, NC; three sisters-in-law, Doris Shouse, Mary Abbott, Minnie Ervin, all of Winston-Salem, NC; one brother-in-law, Jakay Ervin of Winston-Salem, NC. Anna was also blessed to have two “adopted” daughters, Dr. Theresa Johnson and Princess Martin-Settle; one official godson, D.J. Jones; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and loving children who called her “Mom.”

In addition to her parents, Anna was preceded in death by two sons, Raymond Littlejohn Jr. and Wayne Littlejohn; two sisters Margaret Scales and Esther Ambrose; four brothers, Johnnie Shouse, Grady Shouse, William Shouse, and Henry Shouse.

PRELUDE Musicians

PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family

FAMILY VISITATION

12:00 PM ~1:00 PM

SELECTION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reverend Reginald Eldridge

New Testament Reverend Dr. Karen Roberts Miller

PRAYER OF COMFORT Reverend Belinda Harris

SOLO Robert Barnette

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/RESOLUTIONS Delores Hailstalk

TRIBUTES

Cousins Phyllis Baldwin

Grandchildren Jeanelle DeAnna Perry

Bryan Littlejohn

Justin Perry

MINISTERS’ REMARKS

SOLO Brenda Nance

EULOGY Reverend Allen Stimpson

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT Bethania AME Zion Church Cemetery
Rural Hall, NC