IN LOVING *Memory*

APRIL 29,1944 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2026



"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.

Laura E. Bishop

PEARSON

Forever in Our Hearts

Always Loved • Never Forgotten • Forever Missed

The Life of Laura Pearson

Laura E. Bishop Pearson was born on Saturday, April 29, 1944, in Murfreesboro, North Carolina. Affectionately known at home as "Red," Laura was the youngest daughter born to Oscar and Mary Bishop. When sharing childhood memories, she delighted in telling everyone that she was thoroughly spoiled not only by her adoring parents, but especially by her brothers.

Laura placed great value on education. After completing school and earning her college degree, her talents led her to Ne York to begin her professional career. It was during her time in New York that she met and was swept off her feet by gentle giant named Edmond Pearson, who would become the enduring love of her life.

Laura and Edmond were united in holy matrimony on June 26, 1982, in North Carolina. In marrying the man of he dreams, Laura also embraced the role of stepmother to Renea Pearson becoming a trusted confidante, secret-keeper, an lifelong friend, a relationship she treasured deeply. Shortly after their wedding, Edmond and Laura relocated to Wichit Kansas, to begin their new chapter together.

Over the years, Laura worked in several capacities, but the work closest to her heart was serving the church she loved an called home: Stranger Rest Missionary Baptist Church. While she faithfully served alongside several former pastors, he greatest joy was working under the leadership of her and Edmond's dearest friend, Pastor Earl L. Burkhalter.

A devoted member of Stranger Rest for more than 40 years, Laura served God and her church community tirelessly unt her passing. She lent her time, wisdom, and hands to numerous auxiliaries, including the Usher Board, the Mother's Boar the Dorcas Circle, the Church Financial Team, and the Trustee Board.

Laura was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 42 years, Dr. Edmond Pearson; her parents, Oscar and Mary Bisho her sister, Mary Alice Edwards; and her brothers, Dwight Bishop, Oscar Bishop Jr. and her nephew Anthony Bishop.

She leaves to cherish her memory stepdaughter Renea Pearson. Edmond and Laura's God children Raven and Robin Fain and Laura's best friend JoAnn Harris of New York. Her best sister/friend for over 40 years Yvonne Blount, Doris Well Joyce Welch, and Odessa Scruggs. Her pastor & lifelong friend Rev. Earl L. Burkhalter. Her Sons in Christ: Rev. Ode Harris and Anthony Norwood.

Her Sunday Dinner Companions & Faithful Drivers: Monica Blair, Kathy LittleJohn, Jean Jones, Sheila Outlaw, and Joyc Welch. Her beloved church family Mother Monroe, Mother Green, and the Mother's Board; the Usher Board; the Deaco Board; the Trustee Board; the Dorcas Circle; the Golden Age Club; and the entire Stranger Rest Missionary Baptist Churc congregation.

Her Caretakers & Comforters Donna Pearson McClish and Marsha Norwood who truly contributed to her being spoiled. A host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. Above all, Laura leaves behind an enduri legacy of steadfast love for Jesus Christ, deep devotion to her family, and boundless affection for her friends.

ORDER of SERVICE

MUSICAL SELECTION
Bro. Clifton Fisher & SRMBC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor Earl L. Burkhalter

MUSICAL SELECTION
SRMBC CHOIR

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament.....Rev. A.G. Chaney
New Testament.....Pulpit Guest

PRAYER
Rev. Odell Harris

SOLO
Sis. Marsha Norwood

REMARKS (2 mins)
Bro. John Crawford (Usher Board)
Bro. Paul Burkhalter (Trustee Board)
Sis. Sharon Gunter (Golden Age Club)
Sis. Wanda Copridge (Letter from JoAnn & Odell)

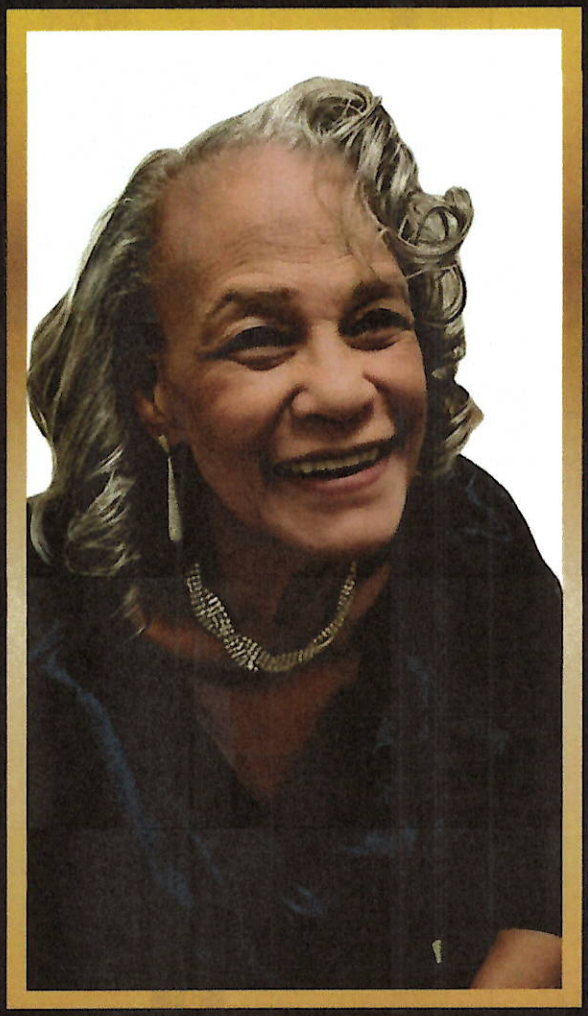
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Dr. Keondria McClish -Boyd

SOLO
Bro. Tommy Jackson

WORDS OF COMFORT
Pastor E.L. Burkhalter

VIDEO PRESENTATION

RECESSIONAL
JACKSON MORTUARY STAFF



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TO HONOR A LIFE SO *Beautifully Lived.*



Pallbearers

Luis Alonso
Charles Gunter
Charles Larson
Tyree Judie, Jr.
Arthur"Pete" Cline
Isaac Barnes
Anthony Norwood
JaWan Scruggs
Willard Rice
Kerri Dunn

Flower Attendants

Monica Blair
Odessa Scruggs
Lilly Crawford
Joyce Holloway
Kathy LittleJohn
Aubrey Barness
Sandra Nickles
Pat Knight
Priscilla Harris

Honorary Pallbearers

Rev. A.G. Chaney
Jimmie Blount
Anthony Sauls
Jeffrey Blount
Clifton Fishers
Alex White
Paul Burkhalter
Kenneth Woods
Roy Wells
Jerry Pennington
John Crawford
Charles Jones
Kirk Copridge
Carl Nickles
Andre Norwood
Duane Jacobs
Chester Sandifer
Eric M.Boyd
Rev. Odell Harris
Men of the Golden Age Club

Honorary Flower Attendants

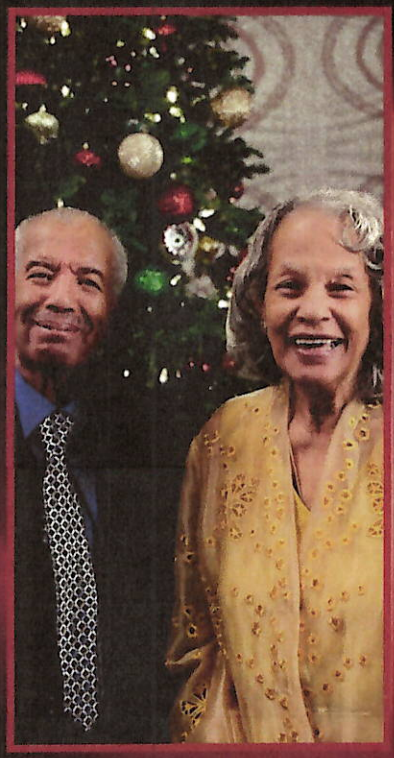
Lady C. Burkhalter
Wanda Copridge
Brenda Burkhalter
Geselle Blount
Sheila Outlaw
Alberta Phillips
Gwen Chaney
Yvonne Blount
Arnette Crawford
Donesha Hull
Bettye Frazier
Linda Johns Smith
Aquilla Trent
Joyce Welch
Karen Sandifer
Roberta Norwood
Jayla Scruggs
Women of the Golden Age Club
Mother Green
Jean Jones
Janelle Blount
Sharon Gunter
Vincella Gray
Mother Monroe
Stella Sauls
Ida Curtis
Glenda Woods

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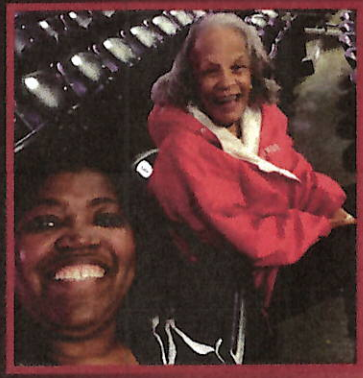
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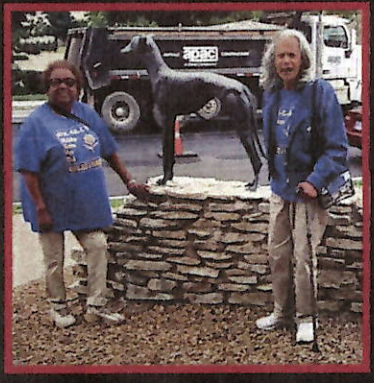
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Burial Veteran Cemetary in Winfield, KS

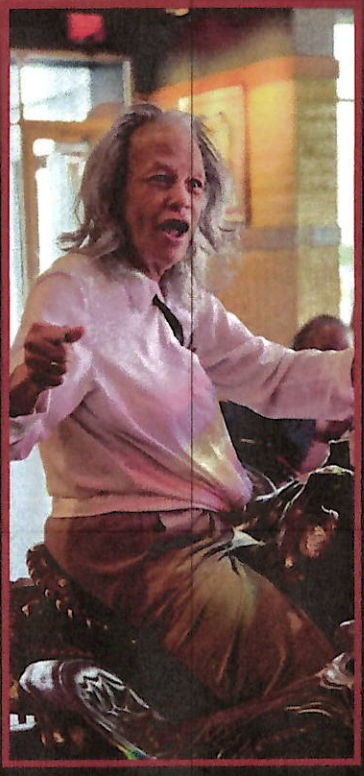




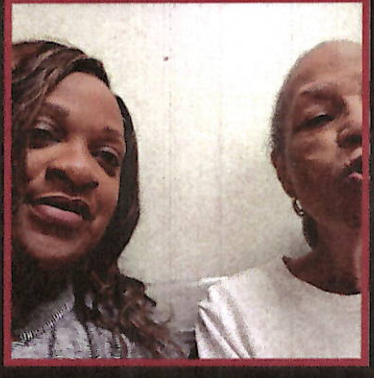










Dear Mrs. Laura,

Writing this is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do, but I wanted to tell you one last time how much you mean to me.

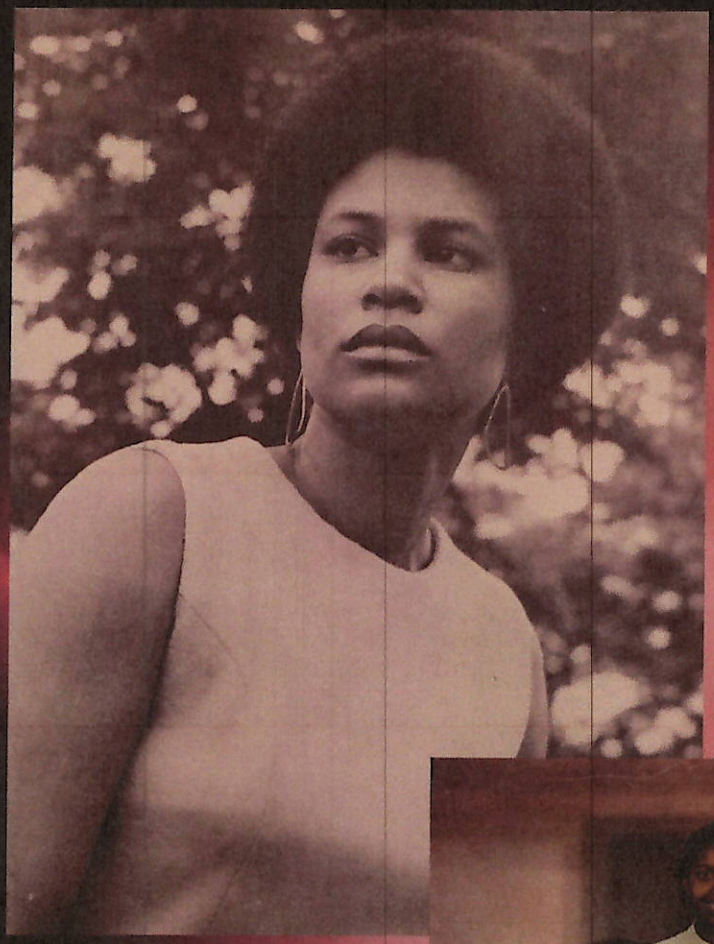
Being by your side and taking care of you was one of the greatest privileges of my life. Even in the difficult moments, the time we spent together, the stories we shared, and the quiet spaces we held for each other are moments I will treasure forever. You showed me so much grace, strength, and warmth.

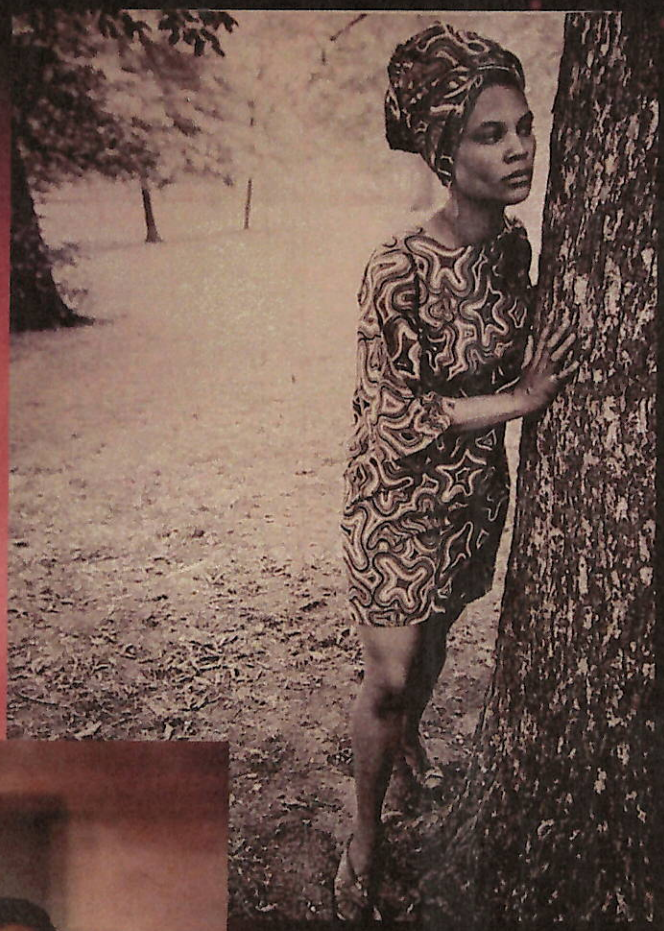
I miss your laugh and our late night talks more than words can say. While my heart hurts because you are gone, I find comfort knowing that you are finally at peace, free from pain and reunited with Mr. Edmond.

Thank you for letting me into your life, for trusting me, and for giving me the chance to love you so deeply. You will always hold a sacred place in my heart. Although our time together was short, the bond that we shared feels like a life time.

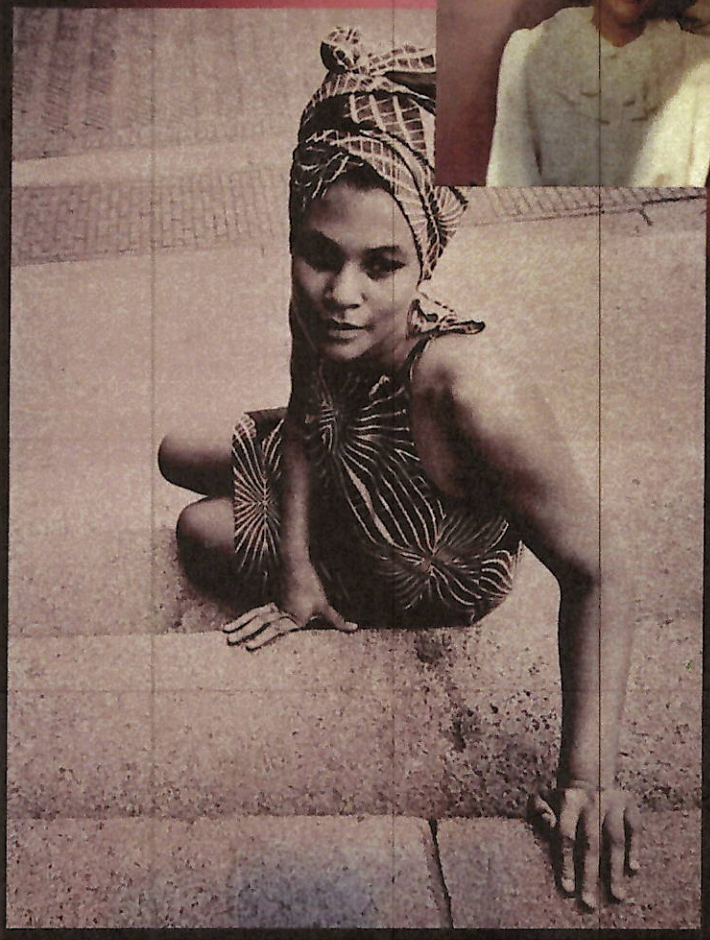
As I end this letter, I want you to know I love you and I will see you after while. You know we did not tell each other goodbye, so for now click click see you in the morning.

With all my love,
Marsha

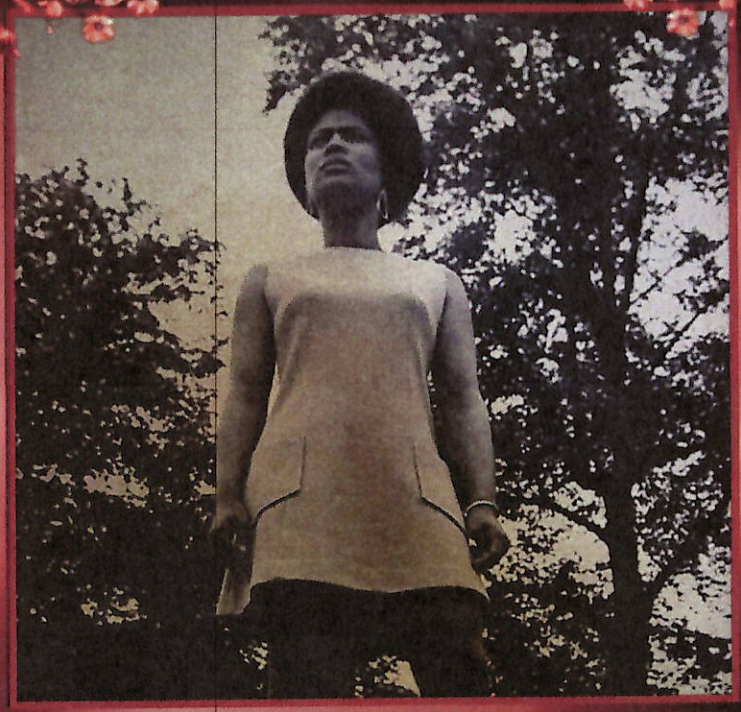












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