

# *Pallbearers*

ERROL WINT  
CLIVE WINT  
JASON WORRELL

NEVILLE HAMILTON  
GAVIN SANDIFORD

DINSDALE WINT  
DONALD ROMAN JR.  
ALLAN MCDONALD

# *Honorary Pallbearers*

CALVIN MCDONALD  
HARVEY COPELAND

ORETT IMHOTEP  
WAYNE BUTLER

# *Acknowledgments*

*The family of Sister Aretha Yvonne McDonald extends heartfelt thanks for your cards, flowers, and every expression of love and sympathy shown during this time. Your love and support have been a source of comfort and strength, reminding us that we are not alone. We kindly ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers as we move forward, holding on to faith and cherished memories. We are deeply grateful.*

THE MCDONALD FAMILY

# *Interment*

Rose Hill Cemetery  
1615 Old Boggy Creek Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34735

# *Repast*

Poinciana S.D.A. Church  
4948 Old Pleasant Hill Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34759

# *Professional Services Entrusted To:*



Richard Funeral Services  
"The Best Service. The Best Price."  
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# A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

# *In Memory of*

# ARETHA YVONNIE MCDONALD

Sunrise: January 14, 1943

Sunset: April 5, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:30 a.m.

Poinciana S.D.A. Church  
4948 Old Pleasant Hill Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34759

Pastor Ron C. Smith, Officiant

*"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10*



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# THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF *Aretha*

*Aretha Yvonne McDonald, affectionately known as Sister Mac, passed away on April 5, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, devotion, and enduring love. Born on January 14, 1943, Aretha's life was a shining example of dedication both in her personal relationships and her professional career. For 40 years, she served with compassion and unwavering commitment as a nurse at Kings Highway Hospital, now Mt. Sinai-Brooklyn Hospital, until her retirement.*

*Aretha was a beloved member of the Poinciana Seventh-day Adventist Church and proudly associated with the 1199 union. Her vibrant personality was marked by a smile that could warm any heart and a presence that filled any room with love. Those who knew her remember her joy in simple pleasures such as shopping and singing, activities that reflected her zest for life and brought her great happiness.*

*She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, George and Linetta Wint, her cherished husband of 50 years, Raphel S. McDonald, and her sister, Elleta Greene. These profound losses deeply shaped her life, yet her strength and loving spirit never wavered.*

*Aretha's surviving family members carry forward her memory and the values she so dearly embodied. She is lovingly remembered by her daughter Dorian Stewart and son-in-law Patrick Stewart, her son Douglas McDonald, and her daughter Kaye Jeremiah along with son-in-law Andrew Jeremiah. Her legacy lives on through her six precious grandchildren: Dynasia, Douglas McDonald, Amia, Daniel, Gianna Jeremiah, and Nylah Stewart. Aretha was also deeply connected to her siblings Rose Patterson, Archibald (Pat), Parline, and Dynesdal (Carol) Wint, and embraced her extended family including her siblings-in-love Calvin (Adrienne), Derwent, Janet, and Stephen McDonald.*

*Aretha McDonald's smile, her nurturing spirit, and her boundless love remain etched in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her. She was more than a nurse, a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother—she was a beacon of kindness and grace. Though her physical presence has passed, the warmth she shared continues to ignite the hearts of her family and community, reminding us all of life's most precious gifts: love, compassion, and unwavering faith.*

*In remembering Aretha Yvonne McDonald, we hold close the gentle strength behind her smile and the profound love that defined her every day. May her soul rest in eternal peace.*

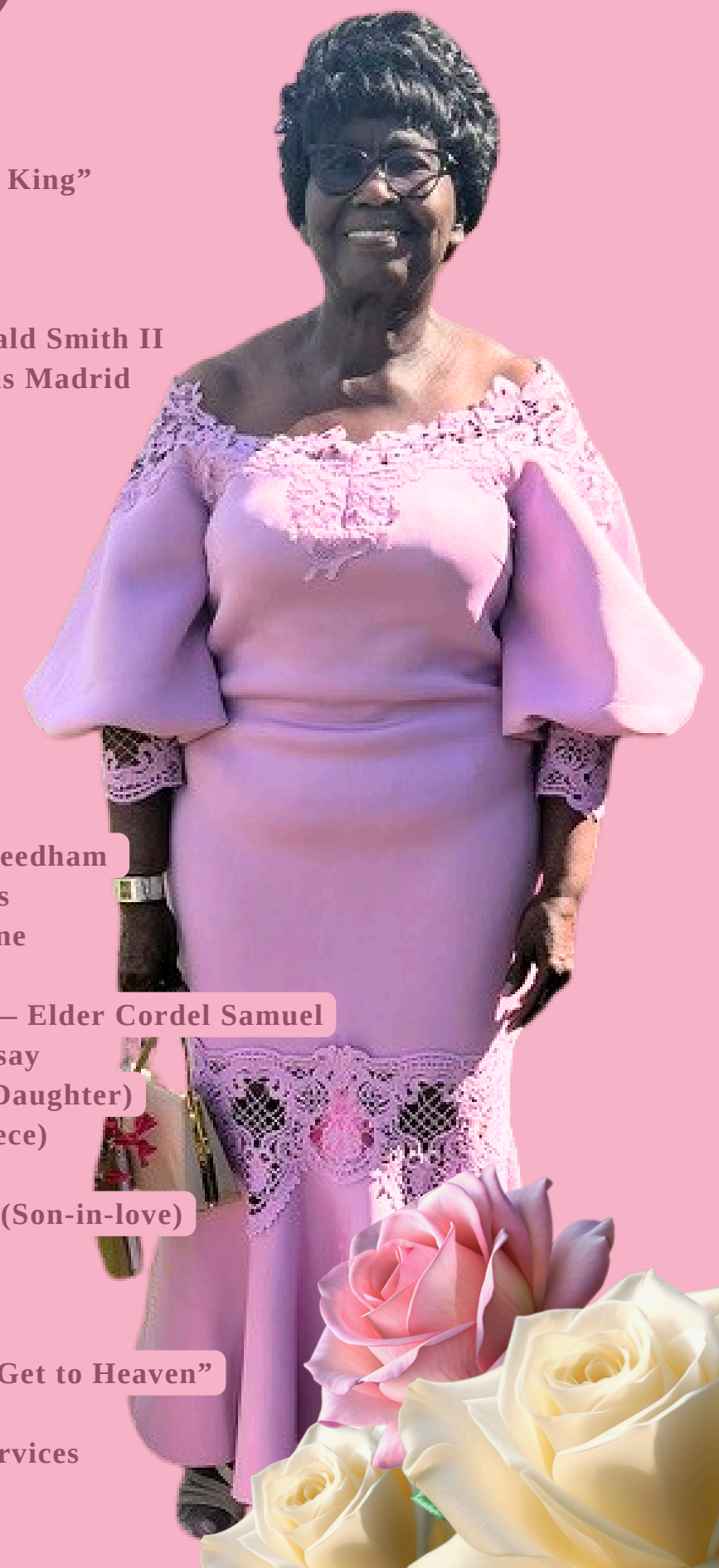
*"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." — Psalm 23:1-3*





# ORDER OF *Service*

**Processional — Clergy & Family**  
**Welcome — Pastor Ronald Smith II**  
**Opening Song — No. 426 “I Shall See the King”**  
**Elder Cordel Samuel**  
**Prayer of Comfort — Pastor Lucius Hall**  
**Nurse Final Call — Nurses Honor Guard**  
**Scripture — Job 19:25–27 — Pastor Ronald Smith II**  
**Scripture — John 14:1–3 — Pastor Alexis Madrid**  
**Special Music — Poinciana Choir**  
**Family Reflections:**  
 Irene Nicholson (Cousin)  
 Archibald Wint (Brother)  
 Raymond “Ted” Davis (Cousin)  
**Pastoral Reflections:**  
 Pastor Fredrick Russell (Video)  
 Pastor Artemas Julien  
**Special Music — Bro. & Sis. Brewster**  
**Church Family Reflections**  
 Sabbath School — Dr. Joyce Waite  
 Women’s Ministries — Sis. Siobhan Needham  
 Prayer Warrior — Elder Desroy Lewis  
 Health Team — Elder Claudette Dionne  
 Community Service- Sis. Etta Golding  
**On Behalf of Poinciana SDA Church — Elder Cordel Samuel**  
**Acknowledgement — Sister Yvonne Ramsay**  
**Video Tribute — Elder Dorian Stewart (Daughter)**  
**Life Sketch — Nonalee “Joy” Roman (Niece)**  
 & Pastor Fairweather (Cousin)  
**Musical Meditation — Andrew Jeremiah (Son-in-love)**  
**Eulogy — Pastor Ron Smith II**  
**Appreciation — McDonald Family**  
**Prayer of Hope — Pastor Edwards**  
**Closing Hymn — No. 633 “When We All Get to Heaven”**  
**Elder Cordel Samuel**  
**Final Instructions — Richard Funeral Services**  
**Recessional — Clergy & Family**



TRIBUTE FOR OUR BELOVED

# Mother



## A Poem For Our Mother

Mother, you were just a girl,  
So many years ago.  
You had your loves and had your dreams,  
You watched us come and go.  
You watched us make the same mistakes,  
That you had made before,  
But that just made you hold us tight,  
And love us all the more.  
We haven't always thought about  
The things that you have seen.  
To us you've just been 'Mother',  
No thought of who you've been.  
But we remember now in love,  
Your life from start to end,  
And we're just glad we knew you,  
As Mother, and as Friend.

We Love You Dearly, May Your Beautiful Soul Rest Peacefully

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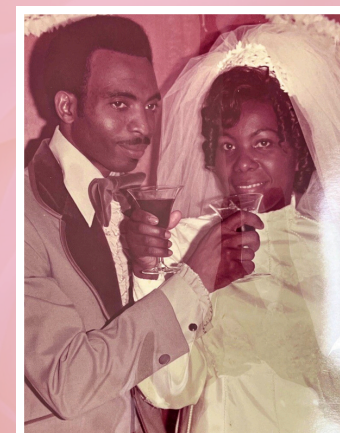
# Readings

## "I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times,  
my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.



## Forever Love, Reunited In Paradise



"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3