

*Young and Restless  
(One Life to Live)*  
BY CAROLYN COLSON DEMPS

Are you young and restless  
Tossed and turned by secret storm  
Do you search for a brighter tomorrow  
As you face the edge of night  
Are you standing idle  
As the world turns and pass you by  
You've got just one life to live  
You'll never pass this way again

You should follow the guiding light  
All the days of our lives  
For it leads to another world  
That offers life without strife  
Don't you be idle

As the world turns and pass you by  
O, You've got just one life to live  
You'll never pass this way again

God says Welcome all my children.  
I am your love of life  
I'm your hope for a brighter tomorrow  
The edge of night is now the dawn  
O, Don't you be idle  
As the world turns and pass you by  
You've got just one life to live  
And you'll never pass this way again

Please keep this our nation strong  
New generations coming on  
Bold and beautiful and full of pride  
Yet young and restless deep inside  
O, Let God give you another life  
A life of peace and rest  
Let Him give you another life  
'Cause Jesus is the best

Do not be idle  
As the world turns and pass you by  
You've got just one life to live  
You'll never pass this way again

Old folks, Young folks, Middle Age  
You've got just one life to live  
And you'll never pass this way again

*Honorary Pallbearers*

Johnny Colson  
Jerome Colson  
Thomas Demps  
Jimmie Demps  
Charles Demps

Harry Demps  
Willie Jean Demps  
Joseph Demps  
George Demps  
Herman Demps

*Active Pallbearers*

Sampson Edwards  
Garris Edwards  
Jalen Hill  
Ira Riley  
Oliver Jackson

Frank Johnson  
Ben Massey, Jr.  
Curtis Jones  
Thomas Island  
Jaaron Williams

*The Floral Bearers*  
Family and Friends

*Repast*

Calvary Baptist Church  
2959 Golf Course Road \* Perry, Florida 32348

*The Family's Message of Gratitude*

We are indeed grateful to each of you, our many friends, for your countless acts of compassion, which you have shared with us during the passing of our beloved, **Presiding Elder Carolyn Colson Demps**. We say a special thank you to Bishop Grace Ruth Batten and the College of Bishops of Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., Rev. Barry Young and the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church Family, Dr. Ben Kimmel and the Calvary Baptist Church Family, Elder Caleb Reaves and the Celebration Choir, Elder James Bryant, Overseer Adrienne Spain, all churches and ministries that provided resources and support for the Celebration Service; Mr. J.P. Moore and the staff of J.P. Moore Mortuary & Cremation Services. We express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, condolences and every act of kindness shown to us during our time of loss. We pray that God will continue to richly bless and keep each of your in His care.

~The Demps Family

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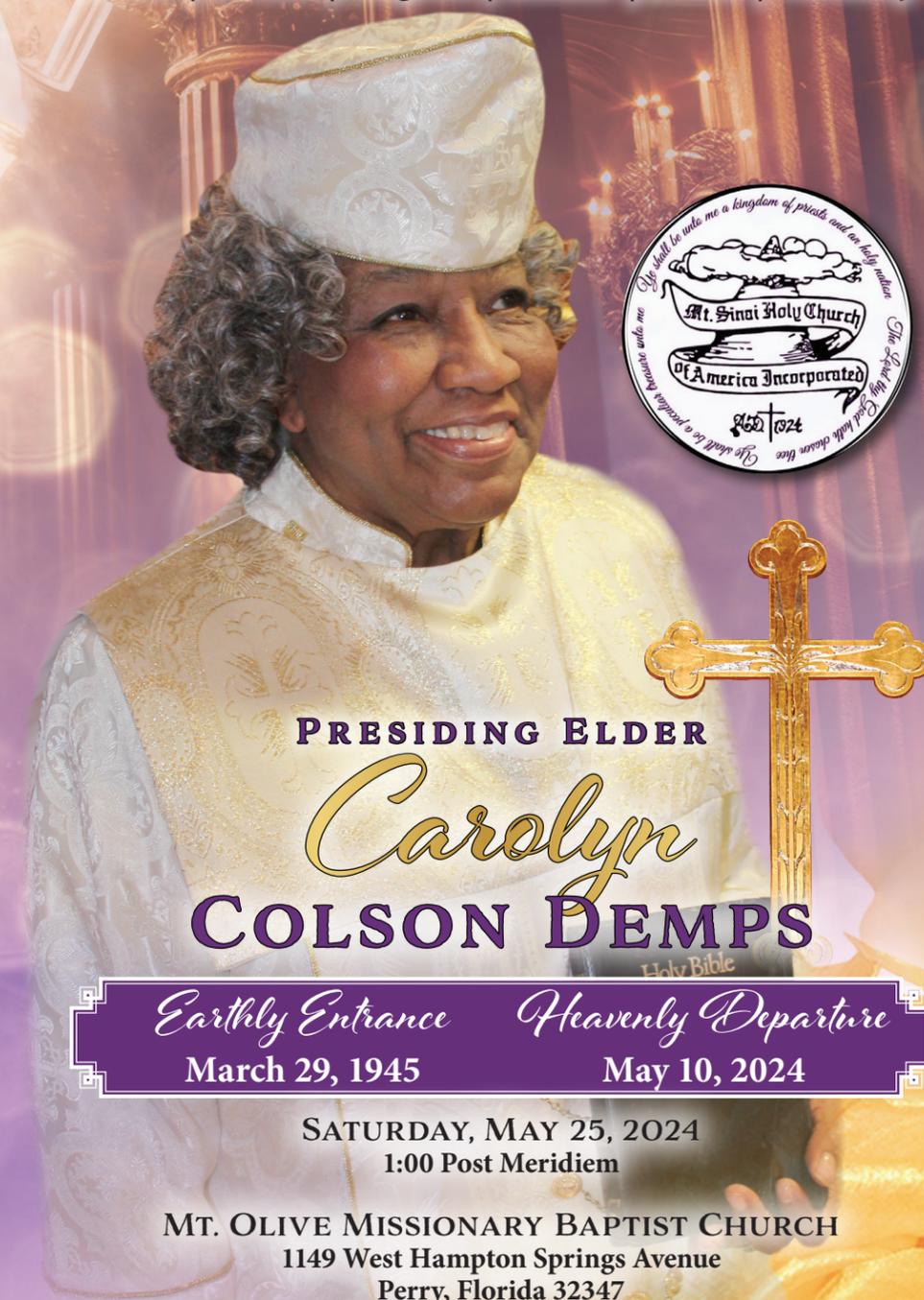


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**PRESIDING ELDER**

*Carolyn*  
**COLSON DEMPS**

*Earthly Entrance*      *Heavenly Departure*  
March 29, 1945      May 10, 2024

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024  
1:00 Post Meridiam

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*Presiding Elder Patricia Brantley-Moore, Officiant*  
*Florida Jurisdiction, Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc (MSHCA)*  
*Bishop Grace Ruth Batten, Eulogist*  
*President & Presiding Prelate, Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc*

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# A Legacy...

## Her Life In Service & Songs

*"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day..." ~ 2 Timothy 4:8*

### "ONE LIFE TO LIVE"

**Presiding Elder Carolyn Colson Demps**, lovingly called "Pastor Carolyn," was born on March 29, 1945, in Greenville, Florida, but grew up with her siblings in Tallahassee, Florida. She was the fourth of seven children born to Deacon Willie Lee Colson and Elder Minnie L. Bryant Colson. Pastor Carolyn was a resident of Perry, Florida.

Preceding **Pastor Carolyn** in death were her parents; sons: Corey Demps and Willie Demps; daughters: Evelyn Demps and Carolyn Demps; brother: Augustus Colson; sisters: Evelyn Williams Gordon and Gail Colson.

### "I HEAR JESUS CALLING ME TO HOLINESS"

**Pastor Carolyn**, at the tender age of seven, accepted Christ as her personal Savior under the pastoral leadership of Elder Amanda Kimble. She became a member of Mt. Sinai Prayer Temple. As Pastor Carolyn grew in faith, she accepted the divine call and joined her family legacy of spiritual leaders. She moved as prophetically as her mother. Pastor Carolyn worked tirelessly as: Sunday School teacher, choir member, National Youth Convention District Coordinator, assistant minister (for her mother) at Bethel of Mt. Sinai, President and Vice President of the National Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, secretary of the Southern District Convention, and Chairperson of the Celebration Committee for the Prelate of the Southern District. Pastor Carolyn provided dynamic leadership for 20+ years as Presiding Elder of Georgia and South Carolina. During this time, the youth from the Southern District were National Bible Bowl champions on multiple occasions.

**Pastor Carolyn** succeeded her mother in becoming the Pastor of Bethel of Mt. Sinai-Mayo, Florida. She was also the Co-Pastor of Christian Tabernacle - Perry, Florida.

### "I AM NOT LEAVING HERE LIKE I CAME"

**Pastor Carolyn** fulfilled her childhood dream of becoming an educator. She pursued her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Florida A & M University. Her 32-year teaching career began at Kerbo Elementary School in Mayo and concluded with her as administrator of the Taylor County Pre-K Program in Perry. As a leader in education, Pastor Demps served as President of the Teacher's Union, and she created "Read-N-Tell" for the Taylor County School System which merited the National Little Red Schoolhouse Award for this outstanding reading program. Pastor Demps' innumerable contributions resulted in her induction into the Taylor County Education Hall of Fame.

### "ELIJAH ROCK"

**Pastor Carolyn** and Elder Chester Demps disciplined young people and groomed them to become well-educated, successful professionals in their chosen careers. She also used her influence with youth, her passion for ministry and music to become the founder of the Taylor Interdenominational Christian Outreach (TICO) to touch their lives and to bring unsaved ones to Christ through participation in choirs and uniquely branded events, such as the Miss

Lady Pageant and Annual Jesus Rally. Because of her talent for melodically singing in contralto, she was called "Elijah Rock" by college friends and "The Songbird of the South" by others. Together with the TICO Youth Choir and the singing sextet, Daughters of Harmony, they produced two albums featuring original songs of "Elijah Rock." She was also instrumental in the founding of Alms of Bethel Community Development Center (currently the Boys and Girls Club) in Mayo, with successful youth programs, such as Safe School Grant, Department of Juvenile Justice, Sexual Abstinence Program with the Florida Department of Health, and Valor & Virtue.

In honor of her investment in the youth and community, the City Council of Perry, Florida presented "The Key to the City" to her and officially decreed July 14th as "Carolyn Demps Day."

### "WHEN I SEE JESUS"

On Friday, May 10, 2024, **Presiding Elder Carolyn Colson Demps** heard the Master whisper her name and in the twinkling of an eye, she entered the Master's joy to receive her heavenly reward.

### "I'M LIVING TO LIVE AGAIN"

Those who will deeply miss Pastor Carolyn but have hope to see her again include her loving and devoted husband of 52 years: Elder Chester H. Demps; beloved daughter: Ordained Evangelist Charita Hope Demps, Esq.; brothers: Jerome (Margaret) Colson and Johnny Colson; sister: Mary Colson Clayton; grandchildren: Brion Demps, Jacoreyus Demps, and Addison Demps; brothers-in-love: Thomas (Lueva) Demps, Jimmie Demps, Charles Demps, Harry Demps, Willie Jean (Janet) Demps, George (Alfreda) Demps, Herman Demps, and Joseph Demps; sister-in-love: Geneva Colson; godchildren: Cynthia Henry, Syretta (Vincent) Thigpen, Caleb (Clara) Reaves, Brittani Fisher, Swayze Beasley, and Jessica (Daniel) Morin; loving church families: Bethel of Mt. Sinai, Christian Tabernacle, Mt. Sinai Holy Churches of America, Inc.; along with countless other loving relatives and sorrowing friends.



"MAY THE WORKS I'VE DONE SPEAK FOR ME"

# The Divine Order of Service

Prelude.....	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale Carolyn Demps Celebration Choir
Processional .....	Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family
Parting Glance & Seating of the Family .....	The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Staff
	Sealing of the Bier - "I Shall Wear A Crown"
The Prayer of Consolation	
Selection .....	"One Lord" .....The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale Carolyn Demps Celebration Choir
	The Holy Scriptures:
Old Testament .....	Psalm 91 - Apostle Corey Neal Radical Nation Church
New Testament .....	Matthew 28:5-7;16-20 - Overseer Adrienne Spain Freedom Ministries
Selection .....	"Be Grateful" .....The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale Carolyn Demps Celebration Choir
	Reflections & Tributes (3 minutes each, please)
As a Predecessor.....	Presiding Elder Dr. Johnnie Miller Jurisdiction of South Carolina & Georgia (MSCHA)
As a Pastor .....	Sister Amelia Foster Warden, Florida Department of Corrections
As a Mentor .....	Sister Jumelia Montgomery, MSN Florida Director for Miss Juneteenth Pageant
As a Sister .....	Elder Mary Colson-Clayton Masters Preparatory Christian Academy   Former Pastor, The Lord's Church
As MaDear.....	USMC Corporal Brion Demps Epic Flight Academy
Acknowledgements .....	Missionary Odessa Words Secretary, Bethel of Mt. Sinai
National Resolution .....	Bishop Kenneth Coward National Corporate Secretary, MSCHA
Bishop's Remarks & Introduction of the Speaker .....	Bishop Queen Harris Presiding Prelate of the Southern District MSHCA
Sermonic Selection.....	"When I See Jesus" .....The <i>J.P. Moore</i> Gospel Chorale Carolyn Demps Celebration Choir
Words of Comfort .....	Bishop Grace Ruth Batten President & Presiding Prelate, Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc.
Altar Call	
Mortician's Brief .....	Mr. Jamarie "J.P." Moore, LFD
Recessional .....	Clergy & Family "Not Leaving Here, Like I Came"

*Earthly Bed of Slumber*  
 Tuesday, May 28, 2024 | 1300 Hours  
 Hymn | Committal | Mortician's Brief | Final Presentations  
 Tallahassee National Cemetery  
 5015 Apalachee Parkway \* Tallahassee, Florida 32311