Flower Bearers and Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

May I Go Now?

By Susan A. Jackson

May I go now?
Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain filled days
and endless lonely nights?
I've lived my life and done my best,
an example tried to be.
So can I take that step beyond
and set my spirit free?
I didn't want to go at first,
I fought with all my might.
But something seems to draw me now
to a warm and loving light.
I want to go
I really do.
It's difficult to stay.
But I will try as best I can
to live just one more day.
To give you time to care for me
and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid,
because I see your tears.
I'll not be far,
I promise that, and hope you'll always know
that my spirit will be close to you
wherever you may go.
Thank you so for loving me.
You know I love you too,
That's why it's hard to say goodbye
And end this life with you
Goodbye for now!

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In Loving Memory

of

Mrs. Esther M. Thacker Butler



Sunrise *Sunset*

March 15, 1932 *February 10, 2020*

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Clark S. Brown and Sons Chapel

727 N. Patterson Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Pastor Anthony Wilson, Eulogist

Obituary

Mrs. Esther Mae Thacker Butler, 87, was born in Winston-Salem, NC on March 15, 1932 to the late Willie Ross Thacker and Mattie Miller Thacker. She peacefully departed this life on Monday, February 10, 2020. Educated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, she was a graduate of Atkins High School. Mrs. Butler was a lifelong resident of the city and lived in the Morningside Manor Community for 51 years. She was a faithful member of the Emmanuel Apostolic Church until her health declined. She loved the Lord and was a woman of faith who trusted God. Her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 23.

Mrs. Butler was the matriarch of her family, their Queen E and Star. She was a homemaker and caregiver by nature and touched many lives through her unselfish acts of kindness and love. That love and kindness went beyond her immediate family. She was a Mother to many. She loved to color, knit, cook and enjoyed life by giving of herself.

She was married to Isaac M. Butler, Jr., who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her step-mother, Lois H. Thacker; two sons, Elbert Thacker, Sr. and Michael Ronald Thacker; her son-in-law, Fred Wilson and great grandson, Jalen Yates.

Mrs. Butler was precious and loved by many in her community, church family, a jewel that was full of life. She leaves to celebrate her "legacy" and heritage of family, two sons: Anthony C. Thacker and Gregory M. Butler, Sr.; one daughter, Carol Wilson; fourteen grand-children; seventeen great grandchildren; special aunt, Gloria Fulton; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Acknowledgement

Our thanks to everyone for your prayers and thoughtfulness during

Order of Service

Processional

Family Visitation 12:00 P.M. ~ 1:00 P.M.

Opening Song	Minister Madelene Denise Sharpe
Opening Prayer	Elder Carl Morgan, Sr.
The Holy Scripture	
Old Testament	Minister Barbara Fair
New Testament	Deacon Cletis Holland
Prayer of Comfort	Bishop Todd Fulton
Selection Grandchildren	Gregory Butler, Jr. Delinda Rhodes Delanda Prayer
Resolutions and Special Tributes	
Church	Secretary
Community	Minister Christine Howard
On behalf of son, Gregory M. Butler, Sr.	Gregory M. Butler, Jr.
Poem	Mrs. Frances Rucker Smith
Family and Friends (Please limit to 2 minutes)	
Selection	Minister Madelene Denise Sharpe
Eulogy	Pastor Anthony Wilson Cathedral of Refuge Church of Deliverance, Inc.
Recessional	
Interment	Piedmont Memorial Gardens