

**Pall Bearers**

*Nephews*

**Flower Bearers**

*Nieces*

**Entombment**

*Mainor Family Cemetery*

*Fort Knox Road*

*Magnolia, North Carolina*

***In Gratitude***

*We are filled with gratitude for your outpouring love and concern. To those of you who participated in this service, we thank you. To those who extended support during the illness of our loved one, we thank you.*

*For the flowers, cards, telephone calls, food, visits, transportation,*

*Concerns, and above all, your prayers, we thank you.*

*For each act of kindness shown, may God bless you.*

*Professional Services Entrusted To:*

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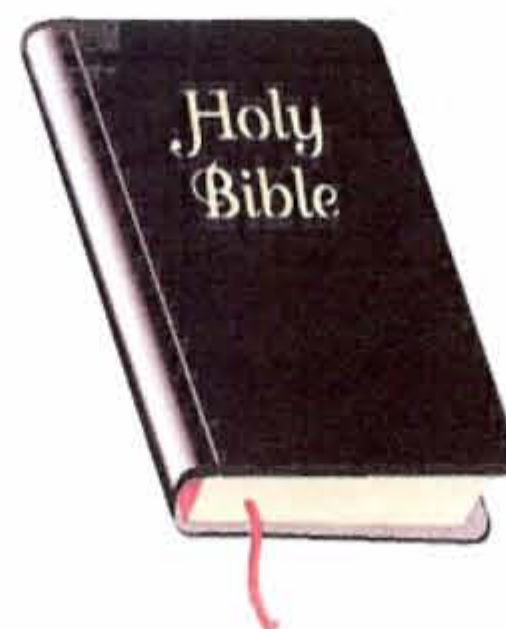
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***Together Forever***



*Celebration of Life Of*  
***Delila Mae Mainor Gibson***



***Service***

**Holy Trinity Baptist Church**

*14 Ralph Avenue + Brooklyn, New York*

*December 18, 2002 — 7:30 PM*

*Rev. Dr. O.B.J. Burson, Pastor*

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**Betholite Missionary Baptist Church**

*Betholite Road*

*Magnolia, North Carolina*

*December 21, 2002 — 1:00 PM*

*Rev. Kevin Allen, Pastor*

*Rev. Dr. K.W. Brown, Officiating*



## Order of Service

Holy Trinity Baptist Church  
Brooklyn, New York • December 18, 2002

Prelude

Family Processional

Hymn ..... Choir

Scriptures:

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Prayer

Hymn ..... Choir

Tributes

Church

Family ..... Dr. Kenneth D. Gibson, son

Acknowledgements

Hymn or Solo

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. O.B.J. Burson

Mortician's Brief

Recessional

### "Slow Me Down, Lord"

ease the pounding of my heart and

Steady my hurry pace.

Break the tension with the smoothing music of singing.

Stream that lives in my memory.

Teach me the art of taking a minute.

To look at a flower,

Chat with a friend,

Pat a dog,

Or read from the book of life.

Inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's

Enduring values

That I may grow towards the stars of my greater destiny.



## Order of Service

December 21, 2002

Betholite Missionary Baptist Church  
Magnolia, North Carolina

Prelude

Family Processional

Hymn ..... Choir

Scripture ..... Rev. Kevin Allen

Old Testament: 121 Psalm

New Testament: Revelation 21:1-6

Prayer

Hymn ..... Choir

Tributes

Church ..... Sis. Helen Allen

Family Reflections ..... Dr. Kenneth D. Gibson, son  
Lounell Mainor, niece

Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Charlotte Murphy

Solo ..... Sis. Arletha Wilson

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. K.W. Brown  
Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church  
Chesapeake, Virginia

Mortician's Brief

Recessional

Dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall following  
the entombment service.  
Betholite Baptist Church  
Magnolia, NC

### "After Glow"

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,

I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles  
when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo  
whispering softly down the waves,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve  
to dry before the sun.  
Of happy memories that I leave  
when life is done.

## The Obituary

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. II Timothy 4:7-8

**Delila Mae Mainor Gibson** was born in the Betholite Community on January 15, 1908. She departed this life on Monday, December 16, 2002, 12:05 P.M., at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York.

Mae, as she was called by her family and friends, was educated at Sandy Crossway School in the Betholite Community and graduated from C.F. Pope High School, Burgaw, NC. Following graduation she moved to Brooklyn, New York, continued her education and became a nurse, a profession she dearly loved. She retired after serving as a nurse at St. John Episcopal Hospital for several years. She worked private duty before and after her retirement.

She was married to Grady Harris, who preceded her in death. Later she met and married Luther Henry Gibson. This union was blessed with two sons: Luther, Jr. and Kenneth; and a daughter, Ida. Luther, Jr. preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Luther, in October 1977. Mae was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and friend.

Delila Mae joined Betholite Missionary Baptist Church at an early age. After moving to Brooklyn, New York, she united with Holy Trinity Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until her death. On November 11, 1995, the Junior Arista and T.S. Harten Ensemble Chorus, of the Holy Trinity Church, honored Mae for over 50 years of Dedicated and Outstanding Christian Service.

Mae will be remembered for many things, most of all her gingerbreads. She would bake and deliver them to her family and friends. She was preceded in death by three brothers: John Olin, Joseph Albert, and James Washington; and a sister Georgianna. She was beloved by all.

She is survived by a devoted daughter, Ida (Oliver) Jacobs of Chesapeake, Virginia and a dear son, Kenneth (Betty) Gibson of Frankfort, Kentucky; three granddaughters, Jillayne (Wiley) Lee of Chesapeake, Virginia, Jacquelyn (Pink) Wimbish of Blue Ridge, Virginia and Tamara Gibson of New Orleans, Louisiana; two grandsons: Oliver (Gina) Jacobs of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Tracy (Julia) Gibson of Maryland; five great grandchildren: Justin, Ashley, Joshua, Joey and Olivia; a sister, Sarah Jane Mainor Newkick of Magnolia; two sisters-in-law: Tempye M. Mainor of Jacksonville and Etal M. Mainor of Rose Hill; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including a special friend, Mr. George Latimere of Brooklyn, New York; one adopted granddaughter, Onellia Nickelson, and two adopted great-grand children.

Delila Mae's home was an "Open Door" to her family and friends. Everyone who knew her will always remember her warmth, cheerfulness and motherly demeanor. She was the substance that kept the family together and taught family unity. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Today we are saddened, but will not say goodbye, only goodnight, and we will meet you "One Great Morning."