

Celebration of Life
for
Mrs. Laurine McNeil Highsmith

Sunrise
March 17, 1934

Sunset
November 16, 2002

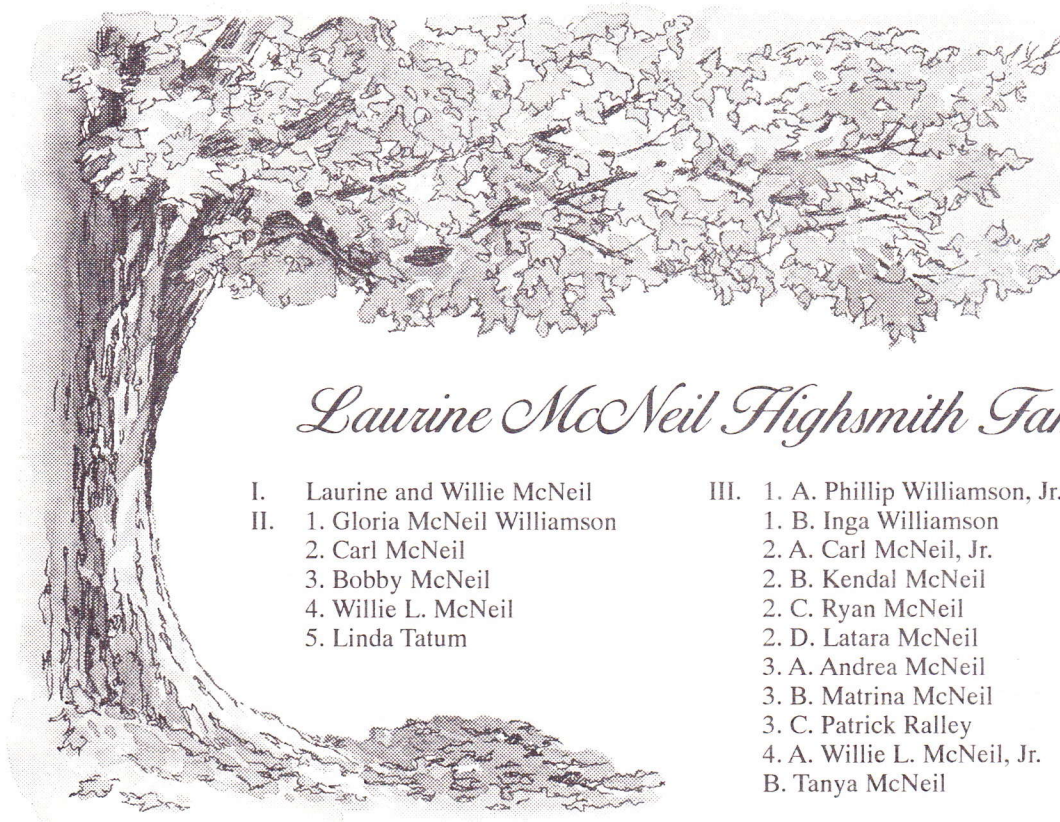
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002
1:00 P.M.

ROSE HILL FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL
472 WELLS TOWN ROAD
ROSE HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

ELDER W. E. McLAURIN, OFFICIATING, PASTOR
ST. JAMES DISCIPLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
ROSE HILL, NORTH CAROLINA



Order of Service
The Obituary and Survivors
Memories



Laurine McNeil Highsmith Family Tree

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| I. Laurine and Willie McNeil | III. 1. A. Phillip Williamson, Jr. | 5. A. Gil Tatum, Jr. |
| II. 1. Gloria McNeil Williamson | 1. B. Inga Williamson | B. Corey Tatum |
| 2. Carl McNeil | 2. A. Carl McNeil, Jr. | C. Christopher Tatum |
| 3. Bobby McNeil | 2. B. Kendal McNeil | 1. A. (1) |
| 4. Willie L. McNeil | 2. C. Ryan McNeil | B. (0) |
| 5. Linda Tatum | 2. D. Latara McNeil | 2. A. (3) |
| | 3. A. Andrea McNeil | 2. B. (3) |
| | 3. B. Matrina McNeil | 2. C. (2) |
| | 3. C. Patrick Ralley | 2. D. (1) |
| | 4. A. Willie L. McNeil, Jr. | 3. A. (1) |
| | B. Tanya McNeil | 4. A. (1) |
| | | 5. A. (2) |

ORDER OF SERVICE

- Prelude
- Processional (soft music)Clergy and Family
- Hymn of PraiseChoir
- Scripture Reading
- Old TestamentEldress Joan Glover
- New TestamentRev. Alfred Highsmith
- PrayerRev. Jerry L. Johnson
- Hymn of ComfortChoir
- Tributes (2 minutes each)
- ChurchDec. Raymond West
- CommunitySis. Charlotte Murphy
- Family Reflections.....Bro. Phillip Williamson
- Acknowledgements.....Sis. Mattie B. Newkirk
- Obituary (read silently)Soft Music
- SoloSis. Denise Bryant
- EulogyElder W. E. McLaurin
- Mortician's Brief
- Recessional

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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

On Saturday evening, November 16, 2002 Laurine Highsmith answered the Master's call from labor to reward at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Laurine was born to the late Ada Jacobs Bryant and the late Walter Bryant on March 17, 1934 in Pender County, North Carolina. She was reared in a loving Christian home with four other siblings.

She was educated in the Pender County public school system.

Laurine was married to the late Willie McNeil. This union was blessed with five children. Later she married James Highsmith.

Early in life she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and joined St. James Church, Rose Hill, North Carolina. Here she worked diligently and in any capacity necessary as long as her health permitted.

Laurine'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 a devoted mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and friend. All will miss her. She was the substance that kept her family together, and taught family unity.

Today our hearts are saddened and our eyes are filled with tears, but we are consoled by joyous memories and reflect on the "Good Times" that God has allowed us to share with her.

SURVIVORS

Leaving impressions on our hearts which will never fade away are:

SONS: 3

Carl McNeil (Diana), Rose Hill, NC
Bobby McNeil (Mary), Clinton, NC
Willie McNeil (Marvie), Rose Hill, NC

DAUGHTERS: 2

Gloria Williamson (Phillip), Clinton, NC
Linda Tatum (Gil), Wake Forest, NC

BROTHERS: 2

Walter Bryant (Ira), FL
Robert Bryant, Rose Hill, NC

SISTER: 1

Christine Chestnut, Turkey, NC

GRANDCHILDREN: 14

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN: 14

AUNT: 1

Lillie Coleman, Portsmouth, VA

*and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends
who loved her dearly.*



*Tho we'll never see your face again,
We are not afraid:
For we know that you are safe and well
In a place that God has made.
Where peace is everlasting,
pain and suffering no more,
You're walking on to Glory Land.
Right up to God's golden door,
And although we'll miss you dearly,
We have no regrets;
For God has wrapped you in His arms,
And has taken you home to rest.*

God Looked Around His Garden

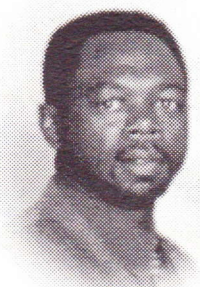
*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He placed His arms around you,
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
For He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain,
He saw the road was getting rough
And it was harder to climb those hills,
So He closed your eyes and whispered
"Peace Be Still."*

*It broke our hearts to loose you,
But you did not go alone,
A part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
If love would have saved you,
You never would have gone.*



Memories



PALL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

FLORAL BEARERS

Friends of the Family

INTERMENT

St. James Church Cemetery

Highway 421

Rose Hill, North Carolina

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Refreshments will be served in the St. James Church dining hall following Interment.



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