





*Home Going Celebration*  
*for*  
*Mrs. Velma Ford Baldwin*




*Sunrise*  
*March 5, 1928*

*Sunset*  
*September 16, 2017*

*Mt Zion Baptist Church*  
*3431 Lee Loop Rd, Union Springs, Alabama*  
*Rev James N. Robbins, Sr., Pastor*

*Saturday, September 23, 2017*  
*12:00 noon*



*Rev Bruce Burks, Mt Azure Baptist Church, Officiating*  
*Carter Funeral Home, Union Springs, Alabama*  
*Directing*

# *Order of Service*

Pulpit Conductor ..... Rev Henry Streeter

Prelude.....Soft Music

Processional

Scriptures

Old Testament ..... Rev Jerome Anthony

New Testament..... Rev James N. Robbins

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev James Fowler

Music Selection

Words of Expression ..... Family and Friends  
(2 minutes)

Music Selection

The Obituary ..... Read in Silence

Acknowledgements..... Carter Funeral Home Staff

Eulogy..... Rev Bruce Burks  
Mt Azure Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We the family of the late Mrs. Velma Ford Baldwin acknowledges with sincere appreciation your expressions of love and many acts of kindness shown during the illness/passing of our dear mother and grandmother. May God bless and keep each of you always.

~Thank You~

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**All funeral arrangements entrusted to the caring and professional staff of Carter Funeral Home.**



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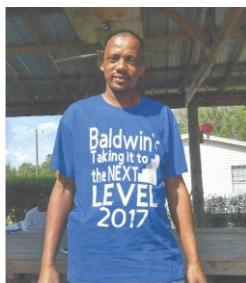
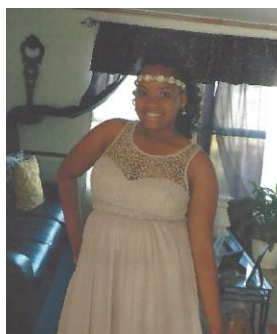
## *To Those I Love and Those Who love Me*

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do. You must not tie yourself to me with tears; but happy that we had so many beautiful years. I gave to you my love, you can only guess; how much you gave to me happiness. I thank you for the love each of you have shown, but now it's time I travel alone. So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must; then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part; so bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all of my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this alone; I'll greet you with a smile, and say, "Welcome Home."

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# *Family*



***PALLBEARERS***

Grandsons

***FLOWER BEARERS***

Granddaughters

***INTERMENT***

Mt Coney Baptist Church Cemetery  
Midway, AL

***REPAST***

Mt Zion Baptist Church  
Fellowship Hall

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## *Obituary*

Mrs. Velma Ford Baldwin was born on March 5, 1928 in Midway, Alabama to the late Hanson and Lottie Ford. She was the seventh of eight children. She accepted Christ at an early age and united with the Mt Azure Baptist Church, where she served faithfully until her health failed. She was united in holy matrimony to the late Fletcher Baldwin, Sr.

She loved spending quality time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made everyone feel welcome upon entering her home. She believed in sharing and helping people. She retired from Wayne Farms Poultry Plant in May 1998, after 26 years of working. Mrs. Baldwin loved making preserves, and gardening with her grandson, Tiger. She also loved doing crossword puzzles. She was a delight to everyone who came across her.

Sis Baldwin answered her Master's call on Saturday, September 16, 2017. She was preceded in death by her father and mother Hanson and Lottie Ford; husband Fletcher Baldwin, Sr.; four sisters; Lela Harmon, Nettie S. Robbins; Ethel Mae Ford Wilson; and Annie Haines. Two brothers; William Ford, and Simmia Ford. Two daughters, Bobbie Jean Harris, and Mozella Walker. Four Sons, Fletcher Baldwin, Jr., Alfonza Baldwin, Charles Baldwin and James Baldwin.

Velma leaves to cherish her memories four daughters Annie (John) Thomas, Ft Lauderdale, FL; Thelma (Phillip) Foxx, Union Springs, AL; Willie Ethel (Tom) Tucker, Philadelphia, PA; and Shirley Ann Baldwin, Troy, AL. Five sons; Mack Baldwin, Talladega, AL; Fletcher Baldwin, Jr., Union Springs, AL; Willie C. Baldwin, Columbus, GA; Bernard Baldwin, Birmingham, AL; Jerry (Nona) Baldwin, Union Springs, AL. One sister, Annie C. Penn, Midway, AL. Devoted granddaughters, Lynnecia Watts, Shanton Watts, and Latasha Anthony. Devoted grandsons, Da'Marcus Foxx, Jermaine Watts and Anthony Watts. Velma also leaves to cherish a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, great nieces, nephew, cousins and friends. Three devoted friends, Lela Bell Robbins, Lugenia Davis and Imogene Davis.