



### *Floral Bearers*

Kai Brantley      Taneka Hopper      Lisa Lee  
Micka Phillips      Leslie Rendleman      Marcie Rowdy

### *Pall Bearers*

Maurice Corry      Dylan Crawford      Alan Griggs  
Titus Lee      Dwight Meeks      Joe Rendleman

### *Acknowledgements*

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our many friends, extended family and church families for your many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing and illness of our loved one.

We would like to also thank Hospice of Gaston County, Shelby Family Practice, Caromont Regional Medical Center, Atrium Health-Cleveland and Family Worship Center Church of God for all the care and support given. Last but not least, we would like to acknowledge and thank God for allowing us to have her with us for as long as He allowed. We are eternally grateful.

The Family of Ms. Rosa Lee Keith Byers

*Celebrating  
the Life of*

MS. ROSA LEE  
KEITH BYERS

SUNRISE:  
OCTOBER 18, 1934

SUNSET:  
JANUARY 10, 2020



~ Funeral Services Entrusted To ~

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**HOMEGOING SERVICE FOR  
Ms. ROSA LEE KEITH BYERS**



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020  
1:30 PM**

**FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER  
CHURCH OF GOD  
1818 SHELBY ROAD  
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC 28086**

**REV. DR. ROGER WOODARD  
PASTOR**



**“MOMMY”**



**I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

**Author unknown**





Ms. ROSA LEE  
KEITH BYERS

# Order of Service

# Obituary

## Rosa Byers

- Prelude
- Processional
- Officiating Minister.....Rev. Robert E. Coleman
- Reception of Friends.....1:00 PM- 1:30 PM
- Trumpet Selection-1:00 PM by Mr. James Lee
- Praise Dance Tribute.....Anointed Praise Dancers
- Scripture Reading
  - Old Testament.....Pastor Clifton Braden
  - New Testament.....Rev. Dr. Roger Woodard
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Larry W. Saunders, Nephew
- Solo.....Ms. Lisa Lee and Ms. Rhonda Mance
- Remarks.....2 Minutes Please.....Open
- Solo.....Mr. Terry Phillips
- Reading of the Obituary.....Silently
- Solo.....Ms. Jamaría Saunders
- Words of Comfort.....Rev. Robert E. Coleman
- Recessional Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”

Interment  
Webb Memorial Lawns  
Shelby, NC

A repast will follow for family at  
Family Worship Center Church of God  
in Kings Mountain, NC

Ms. Rosa K. Byers departed from this life to be with her Lord and Savior on January 10, 2020. She was born in Greensboro, NC on October 18, 1934, to the late Roy Lee and Mildred Inez Frost Keith. She was the second to the oldest of their four children and she was raised in Salisbury, NC.

While attending JC Price High School, she received her education and was a majorette for the school marching band. During this period of her life, she also received a very prestigious and honorable title when she was voted and crowned as Home Coming Queen. As a graduate and Athletic Hall of Fame Recipient (inducted in 2009 for her outstanding performance in basketball) of JC Price High School, she furthered her education by attending Barber Scotia College. She decided to transfer to A&T State University in Greensboro, NC and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education / Physical Education.

Mother started her teaching career as well as becoming a basketball coach in Portsmouth, VA and Warrenton, VA. Upon relocating to NC, she taught in the cities of Troy, and Forest City. After teaching in these various cities, she became a resident of Cleveland County in 1968 and began teaching fifth grade over a span of eighteen years at Waco and Washington Elementary Schools. Later, she was assigned to teach physical education at Township Number 3 Elementary School and taught there until retiring in 2003. She valued education and expressed it everywhere she went. Mother was a caring and devoted teacher that mentored a lot of her students. She taught them, they can do anything if they set their minds to do and trust God to do it. Between teaching in the states of Virginia and North Carolina, her career spanned over 43 years of teaching.

Mother was a member and held a position as a secretary of the first Afro-American Teachers Credit Union in Cleveland County.

Mother was a devoted member of Ryburn United Presbyterian Church in Shelby, where she served on the Session Board Committee, Choir Member, and Women's Association. She formed the Adult High School Education Program at Ryburn where she collaborated with Cleveland Community College, so the adults would be able to earn their GED which was a very successful program. Later, in her life she decided to go back to her “Baptist” roots and moved her membership to Hoppers Chapel Baptist Church.

Mother was a caring and loving woman of God who not only cared for her own children, but opened up her heart to others. She was a very strong disciplinarian, which other teachers would often get her advice or bring their students to her to be disciplined. She taught us to treat others the way we wanted to be treated, be honest, caring and loving. She always would say “live your life because tomorrow isn't promised”. Mother always kept it REAL no matter if it hurt your feelings or not.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Sims Wiley Saunders, Jr. of Tyler, TX, William Lee Keith of Charlotte, NC and Roy Lee Keith, Jr. of Greensboro, NC; son-in-law, William E. McDonald, II of Shelby, NC; sister-in-law, Phyllis Keith of Greensboro, NC and her longtime friend, Mae Wright Nivens.

She leaves to cherish her memory, five children, Denise D. McDonald of Shelby, NC; John W. S. Byers, III also of Shelby, Juan F. M. Byers of Kings Mountain, NC, Vesta L. Byers of Atlanta, GA and Zeni R. Byers-Corry (Stephan) of Gastonia, NC; nine grandchildren, Chiquana Burston, Amy McKenna, Jan'ET McDonald-Watley (Brandon), Rosa McDonald, Keyana March, Ruthie McDonald-Hall (Deitrick), Zantavius Hopper (fiancée, Shawnta), Billy McDonald, III and Gabrile Williams; 17 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

### Best Friend and Classmate

My thought and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow and loss. Rose was my dearest friend, whom I called sister. We were roommates at NC A&T State University where we enjoyed many glorious activities. After graduation, our friendship continued and blossomed. I will hold all the special times we shared close to my heart as she will be missed dearly. It is my prayer to remain close to the family. I look forward to reuniting with her in our heavenly home.

In sadness and love,  
Beulah H. Shaw  
College Roommate  
Wilmington, Delaware

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