

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgment

We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our friends and family for your many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. A special thanks to Will and Linda Wilson for providing special care and home services. May God bless each one of you.

The Family of Mrs. Corine McDowell Cabaniss



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**A Celebration of Life and Service
For**

Mrs. Corine McDowell Cabaniss



Friday, November 29, 2019

12:00 Noon

**Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
Shelby, NC**

Rev. Jamaal Edwards, Officiating



Grand mother & Grand father

Corine Calveria had this photograph of her grandparents, Jesse and Jode McAfee, retouched recently. The McAfees raised Mrs. Calveria and her three brothers and sisters after their parents died of illness. The McAfees owned a "one horse farm" on Cliffside Highway near Sandy Creek. Sometime in the late 1800s, Mrs. McAfee, who was a Quaker before she married, sold land that later became part of Gardner-Webb University's campus. Mrs. Calveria doesn't know why she sold it or when. "They never sat down with us and told us the history," Mrs. Calveria, 90 said. "I wish I had asked more questions."



REFLECTIONS



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Reception of Friends.....11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

Officiating Minister.....Pastor Jamaal Edwards

Invocation

Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”Choir and Congregation

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Deacon Dwight Toms

New Testament.....Rev. Wade Wallace

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Bernice Mitchell

Selection.....“When We All Get To Heaven”Choir and Congregation

Remarks.....Deacon Jerry Mitchell
Mrs. Anita Cohen Grey
Sister Cassandra Jones

Special Presentation.....Sister Agnes Toms

Selection.....“Order My Steps”Sister Verlette Toms

Special Tribute.....Dr. R. E. Devoe

N.A.A.C.P. Resolution

Selection.....“Safe In His Arms”Choir and Congregation

Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection.....“Going Up Yonder”Choir and Congregation

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Jamaal Edwards

Selection.....“I’ll Fly Away”Choir and Congregation

Recessional

Interment
Cleveland Memorial Park, Boiling Springs, NC

Repast will follow at the The Family Life Center of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

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I Was Truly Blessed

**I never wanted to leave my natural mother's arms
Yet, I was placed under your angelic care
As a small boy unknowing of the circumstances
And not able to understand difficult choices**

**I remember the very day we sat down
And discussed the name I would call you
Would it be Mrs Cabaniss or Mrs Corine
And then we both landed on "Mama Corine"**

**The name stuck and felt so comfortable
It remained the name I called you for 64 years!**

**You introduced me to the world of Cleveland School
You never once came between me and my natural mother or family members
Always encouraging me to be proud of my family name**

**I always wished my brother Pinky lived with us
As I never fully understood the physical separation between us
Still you loved both, as we moved through our lives**

**Growing and developing, you didn't believe that children had full votes
On life's critical impact decisions (smile)
You were stern, direct, clear and loving
And provided all the right things that I needed**

**Not knowing if I was a foster, adopted or guardian son
It was quite fulfilling as I tried to blend in with your relatives
And all things worked out for this young inquisitive Lad
You, me and Daddy Paul worked it all out with love**

**I watched your independence and I viewed your struggles
And guess what, I turned out to be an OK boy
With two loving mothers and one guardian dad**

**When I look back over my life
I can only say**

**Mom, I was truly blessed,
to have you in my life**

**written on 11/16/19 at 5:30 am
your son Ronald**



Obituary

Corine McDowell Cabaniss was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, to Bob McDowell and Edna McAfee McDowell on May 6, 1916. She was blessed with five siblings (Pauline, Lorine, Matthew, Mary Ellen, and Sara Lee). She came into this world when the twentieth century was still in its youth, and she witnessed nearly all the incredible changes and developments that have come to this nation from that time into the twenty-first century.

She was educated at Green Bethel School and joined Green Bethel Baptist Church at an early age. She joined Shiloh Baptist Church in 1950 and served in the following capacities: Sunday School Superintendent and Teacher, Youth and Children's Choir Director, Mission Department Leader, BTU Director, Vacation Bible School Teacher and Deaconess.

She was married to the late Paul Cabaniss. They became the guardians of Ronald Harrill when he was 5 1/2 years old during his first year of school. She truly thanked God for blessing her family with Ronald who brought her much joy. Ronald's marriage to Denise Dillingham Harrill brought added blessings of grandchildren: Kenyon, Aaron and Nathan.

She worked various positions to support her family. She came from the farm in 1938 and secured her first job in Shelby with the Cohen family and worked in their home for 20 years. She became Shelby's first black salesclerk when she began working at Cohen's Department Store during 1959 where she was employed for 13 years. She was also employed at King's Department Store, Roses' Store and retired from Goodwill at the age of 92. Altogether, her work record included 70 years of regular employment.

She was able to maintain and drive her own car until the age of 99 1/2 years of age.

Shiloh Baptist Church family honored her with a 100-year birthday celebration with family, friends and wonderful memories of her long lifetime in May 2016.

She received numerous awards and recognition for her dedicated community service. She served continuously in the NAACP and served on the City of Shelby Human Relations Council.

In 1959 she was chosen Woman of the Year by the Shelby Negro Woman's Club. In May 1984, she was crowned Cleveland County's Ms Senior Citizen.

On the afternoon of November 25, 2019, the Lord called her home after a span of 103 glorious years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and all five siblings. She is survived by one son Ronald Harrill, daughter in law Denise Harrill and three grandchildren, Kenyon Mauney, Aaron Harrill and Nathan Harrill; one step-daughter, Gail Alexander and her children and grandchildren; two nephews, Kenneth Phillips and Melvin Phillips; the entire Cabaniss, Edwards and Roberts families; an extended family member, Anita Cohen Grey and a host of additional nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.