



Joy Came In The Morning

No more bed of affliction,
No more worry, grief or pain,
The dark clouds dissipated.

The silent night was broken.
A light broke through a perfect
Brilliance created.

Her loved ones she saw 'a standing,
Welcoming her home.
The trumpets sweet 'a sounding,
And the angels fluttered their wings.

A harpist' music resounding,
Over and over again,
And the light of God proclaiming,
The entrance to His Kingdom,
Oh, the joy that came in the morning!

— The Family

Active Floral Bearers

Women of Memorial Presbyterian Church

Honorary Floral Bearers

Members Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

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Nephews



Acknowledgment

The Family wishes to express its sincere appreciation for all the prayers and kind deeds during the illness of our loved one, and all the expressions of sympathy in our bereavement.

Thanks to Avante of Charlotte, Mercy Hospital and friends for their loving acts of kindness shown during her illness.



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A Service in Loving Memory of Mrs. Mary S. Smoot



Thursday, January 18, 2001
2:00 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry,
Pastor-Officiating

Order of Service

MUSICAL
PRAYER OF COMFORT Mr. Charles McRae

TO WORSHIP

PROVOCATION

HYMN 464
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF COMFORT

HYMN 170
"The Lord Is My Shepherd"

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CONTRIBUTOR Mr. Julius A. Fulmore

PRAYER Mr. McRae
"O Rest In The Lord"

SCRIPTURE:

Testament Psalm 27
Rev. Theresa Woodfolk
Associate Minister
Weeping Willow AME Zion Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Testament John 14:1-20
Rev. Andrew Brown
Pastor
Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

PRAYER Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry

HYMN 341
"Blessed Assurance"

BENEDICTION

PROCESSIONAL Williams
"For All The Saints"

INTERMENT Oaklawn Cemetery
Charlotte, North Carolina



Obituary

*Death is just another step
Along life's changing way.
No more than just a gateway
To a new and better day.
So we shall let our grief be softened
And yield not to despair.
We have only placed our loved one
In our loving Father's care.*

MARY STEELE SMOOT, daughter of the late Hezekiah W. and Ora G. Steele, was born in Concord, North Carolina May 16, 1927. She departed this earthly home for her heavenly home on January 14, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.

As a teenager and young adult, Mary was an active member of First Congregational United Church of Christ, where she played the piano for many years. She also served in various capacities within the church.

Mary attended the public schools in Concord, North Carolina. She graduated from Logan High School and Johnson C. Smith University, where she received a B.S. degree in Education. Mary further studied at NYU. Her first teaching assignment was here in Charlotte at Biddleville Elementary. She later taught at Billingsville Elementary and Derita Elementary. Mary retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in 1988.

On August 3, 1958, she was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Baxter C. Smoot. She then joined Memorial Presbyterian Church, where she served in a variety of capacities including the Church Choir, served on the Deacon Board and taught Vacation Bible School for many years. She was also a member of the Retirees Club, N.C. Teachers Association and Sigma Gamma RHO Sorority, Inc.

She was a loving and compassionate mother, sister and friend who always greeted you with her beautiful smile.

Surviving are: her daughter, Ms. Sabra Renee Smoot of the home; one sister, Mrs. Daisy S. Misenheimer and one brother, Mr. David E. Steele, Sr., both of Concord, North Carolina; five sisters-in-law, Mrs. Laura A. Steele of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Sarah S. Thrower of Salisbury, North Carolina; Mrs. Mazella Y. Steele, Mrs. Marie Y. Steele, Mrs. Betty R. Steele and two brothers-in-law, Mr. William Misenheimer, all of Concord, North Carolina and Mr. Warren Marrow of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.