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May I Go Now?

*May I go now? Do you think the time is right?
May I say goodbye to pain-filled days and nights?
I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be,
So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?*

*I didn't want to go at first. I fought with all my might,
But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.
I want to go, I really do. It's difficult to stay,
But I will try as best I can to live just one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.
I know you're sad and afraid, because I see your tears.
I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know
That my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.*

*Thank you so for loving me. You know that I love you, too.
That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.
So hold me now just one more time and let me hear you say,
Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.*



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A Celebration of Life

for

Mrs. Gloria Margaret Smith Burch

November 26, 1929

March 3, 2000



Tuesday, March 7, 2000

2:00 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church
2600 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, N.C.
Rev. Dr. Edward B. Newberry,
Officiating Minister

Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE Mrs. Jocelyn P. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Who made heaven and earth.

MINISTER: Praise the Lord.

PEOPLE: The Lord's name be praised!

HYMN #260 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O God, our Father, you are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. All your works praise you in all places of your dominion and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Send your Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen us, that we may have hope for eternal life. This we pray in the name of the Risen Lord. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

THE SCRIPTURES Rev. W. Raymond Worsley

The Old Testament Micah 6:6-8

The New Testament I Thessalonians 4:13-18

SELECTION "Close To Thee" Choir

EULOGY Rev. Edward B. Newberry

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

AND INTERCESSION Rev. Robert A. Meachem

HYMN #361 "How Firm A Foundation"

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT York Memorial Park



Acknowledgment

The Family gratefully acknowledges the kind expressions of love and sympathy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 500 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Obituary

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7*

GLORIA MARGARET SMITH BURCH, daughter of the late Reverend Dr. James W. Smith, Sr., was born November 26, 1929 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Being the youngest and last daughter in the family, she was aptly named Gloria (meaning "the morning star") and Margaret after her mother.

God gave her deeply religious parents and at an early age she joined Davie Street United Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. She later moved to Charlotte and became a member of Seventh Street Presbyterian Church and later Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Gloria received her primary education from the Raleigh Public Schools, high school diploma from Mary Potter-Redstone-Albion Academy, Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University.

Due to her educational experiences and her parents' guidance, she began her career as an elementary education teacher for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. She spent the next thirty years, in her unique manner, nurturing and challenging young children to grow academically.

Even in retirement, her devotion to her community never ended. She gave tireless energy to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., where she attained the status of Golden Soror. As a faithful member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, she actively participated in many projects. Among them were Action Faction, the Catawba Corral, the choir, the Women's Organization, Bible School and the Retiree's Organization.

Remaining not to mourn, but to cherish her precious memories are: one son, Thomas Wynetotte Burch of Charlotte, North Carolina; one daughter, Toria Jewelle Burch of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters-in-law, Thelma S. Smith and Marjorie C. Smith, both of Charlotte, North Carolina and many other relatives and close friends.

*"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have eternal life." John 3:15*

