## Homegoing Service for Mrs. Louise Holloman



Wednesday, September 25, 2002
2:00 P.M.
Greater Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church
531 Campus Street
Charlotte, North Carolina
The Reverend Calvin L. Miller, Pastor
Presiding

## Obituary

LOUISE K. HOLLOMAN, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dunham, was born on November 12, 1908 in Catawba, South Carolina. Her family moved to Charlotte in 1925 where she remained. She departed this life at Carolinas Medical Center on September 20, 2002.

Louise received her early education from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. She received her high school diploma at Second Ward High School. She matriculated at Winston Salem Teachers College, now Winston-Salem State University, where she received her teaching degree. Mrs. Louise Holloman did graduate study at N.C. Central University, Durham, North Carolina and at New York University, New York City.

She was married to the late Bethron Holloman for fifty-seven years. Mrs. Holloman was a loving wife, exhibiting a gentle kindness to her extended family and to each person she met.

Louise taught in the Charlotte Public School System for forty years. She spent most of her career at Isabella Wyche School, the black elementary school that was located in the downtown area. There wasn't a day that passed where she would meet someone who attended the old elementary school. Her last days of teaching were at Merry Oak Elementary School.

A devoted and dedicated member of the Greater Gethsemane A.M.E. Zion Church, Louise's relationship with God as a strong motivating force in her life. At an early age, she accepted Christ and was baptized at the A.M.E. Zion Church, where she maintained active membership until her death.

She joined Gethsemane in 1925. She was one of the involved members in seeing the present church built on Campus Street. An avid church worker, she was a member of the Trustee Board, Home Mission Circle, Mission Circle #2, The Good Samaritan Club, Beulah D. Moore Memorial Sunday School Class and a member of Church Women United. In these capacities, she inspired the lives of young people and her peers. She was honored as "Woman of the Year" in 1975 and 2002. Louise served on the Gethsemane Enrichment Program Board, founded by Bishop George B. Battle, Jr. In the year of 2000, she was honored by the League of Women Voters as being one of the oldest Afro-American women voters. She registered to vote in 1933, right out of college and she has been voting ever since. In addition, she was both a charter and life member of the Gastonia Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority.

Her love and concern for humanity was expressed through her work with the sorority. Louise participated fully in the local, council, regional, and national levels. She was an active member of the Les Amies Social Club, Sans Souci Bridge Club, and Literary Clubs. She was also active in the N.C. Retired Teachers' Association (NCAE) until her illness. In the community, she worked diligently as a fund-raiser and gave donations to numerous charities.

Although the community will miss her smile, perseverance, motivation and friendship, the following persons will always hold dear and cherish her memory: her favorite cousin, Mrs. Azilee McKnight; her two godchildren, Melinda Louise Johnson and Stefanie Louise Tanner; one sister-in-law, Jeuvernia Hagan of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a host of other relatives and friends.



"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God also believe in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

John 14:1-3