

A Service of Love Remembering the Life of
Mrs. Naomi Tyson White Huitt

Life Story

Naomi Tyson White-Huitt Obituary

Order of Service

Opening *Musical Prelude*

Scriptures *Rev. Donald Gray*

Old Testament: Psalms 91

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort *Reverend David Rankin*

Obituary *(Soft Music) (Please Read Silently)*

Musical Selection *Mrs. April Weaver*

Words of Assurance *Reverend David Rankin*
Pastor-Smyre's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church
Catawba, North Carolina

Closing *Musical Selection Pianist of Smyre's Chapel Church*

The Committal

Benediction *Rev. Rankin*

Recessional

*"But we know God has a purpose and a plan for each of us.
We know He loves His children, and in Him we put all trust.
Although our hearts are broken, we know you're in His care.
Your memory will remain alive Until we join you there"*

Ron Tranmer

Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Naomi Tyson White-Huitt wish to express their deepest appreciation for the kindness shown during our time of sorrow. Your prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and gifts of love have given us strength to endure the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to all the Health Care Providers and all your compassion and care during this unprecedented time.

On January 13, 2021, after weeks of declining health, Naomi Tyson White-Huitt went home to be with Jesus at the age of 94. Born on May 16, 1926 in Claremont, North Carolina, she one of 13 children born to the late Charlie and Sattie Tyson. She often remembered with fondness, growing up on the large family farm with her many siblings. During her formative years, Naomi attended public schools in Catawba County and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from North Carolina Central University. She also attended NC A & T for graduate studies and received a degree in Elementary Education from Johnson C. Smith College in Charlotte, NC.

Naomi's passion was the education of children and she taught hundreds of them during her 38 years as a school teacher. Some of the schools she taught at were Catawba Rosenwald 7, Sherrill's Ford 3, Maiden 1, Rhoney's 1 and Claremont Elementary 19, where she taught as a Librarian. Never a year went by at the annual McKenzie's Grove Camp Meeting when adults, with children of their own, did not come by "Miss White's" tent and recount stories of their days in her class. There was no doubt in anyone's mind that she had been a tough task master. And if you were one of her nieces or nephews, her expectations were extremely high.

Following college, Naomi married Ralph Lee White with whom she shared a most special relationship. Together they raised a son, Michael Lee White. Ralph passed in 1985 and Naomi later married George Huitt who also predeceased her.

Aside from her family, Naomi was deeply committed to her beloved Smyre's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church where she was a lifelong member. During her years of dedicated service, she served as Treasurer of the Church Operating Fund, Building Fund Captain and Treasurer and President of the following Boards – W.H.O.M., Christian Education, Usher, Lay Command and Stewardess. She also served as Class Leader.

Naomi was an active member of Martha Chapter No. 11, Order of the Eastern Star and loved every minute of it. She continued her skill as a treasurer serving as the Chapter Treasurer for over 25 years. She enjoyed participating in their charitable events and traveling with the Order to their various conventions.

Over the course of her adult life, Naomi received numerous accolades and awards from various organizations. Among these were the

National Council of Negro Women, GDS, National Education Association, North Carolina Teachers Association, Claremont Library Club and the NAACP. One of her most prized and proudest memories was being a model in a program for Mrs. Roselyn Carter, former First Lady of the United States.

Naomi Tyson White-Huitt is survived by her son Michael Lee White of Claremont, NC, one sister, Clara Tyson Carson, also of Claremont, Patricia Tyson Johnson, her loving niece and caregiver of Winston-Salem, NC and a host of other nieces, nephews, and relatives. She is also survived by two of her college roommates and very dear friends, Mrs. Thelma McKoy and Mrs. Georgiana Knight.

Naomi will be fondly remembered as a feisty Black lady, always dressed to the 9's. What a legacy, what a life! We invite each of you to keep her alive in your hearts. We were all touched by her presence and we are better because of that. Mrs. Naomi Tyson White-Huitt will forever be loved and will never be forgotten.

You Can

*You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back.
Or you can do what she'd want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.
With Love,
Patricia (Pat) Tyson-Johnson*

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Homegoing Celebration Service **In Loving Memory of** **Mrs. Naomi Tyson White-Huitt**



Journey In Life Began
May 16, 1926

Journey In Life Ended
January 13, 2021

Thursday, January 21, 2021
12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary
603 South Center Street, Statesville, North Carolina
Reverend David Rankin, Officiant and Eulogist