



A Time to Remember

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,
one of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind,
these are the memories she leaves behind...*



On March 11, 1925, Harvey Campbell and Lula Bruner Campbell of the Turnersburg Community had one of the five girls and five boys born to their marriage. They named her **Eva Mae**. Over her lifetime she came to be called Mate, Maw Maw, Miss Mate, Mama Eva, Great-Grammy, Aunt Mate and Miss Eva.

Her father was a farmer and sharecropper, her mother a homemaker and day worker. They raised their family at the home they'd owned since the 1920s. The family belonged to Rocky Creek AME Zion Church and often worshipped at Siloam AME Zion too. Eva and her siblings attended Rocky Creek Elementary School for grades, 1-8 and were driven to Statesville to attend Morningside High School, the only high school in Iredell County for black children. Unity High School was built for children living outside Statesville city limits so Eva transferred and graduated from Unity.

At the age of 19 she married Ernest Solomon Campbell of the Piney Grove community. A family interview revealed that many family members met their spouses at church related gatherings. Eva and Ernest lived in the Piney Grove community at the home of her father-in-law Solomon M. Campbell and there began their family. They were parents to 7 children two of whom died in infancy. While her children were still young, helping her father on his farm and attending both Piney Grove and Rocky Creek churches kept her children close to her parents and allowed visiting cousins to get to know each other. Frequent visits to and from Ernest's siblings allowed her children to bond with cousins on his side of their family too. In the early 60s farm work changed only to family gardens and Eva found work in the factories in Statesville. There she made friends with Mrs. Betty Morrison, an addition to her circle bringing joy, laughter and companionship that has lasted to this day. In 1975 Eva and Ernest built their own home "across the road" and the attention to cleanliness and "what-nots" she inherited from her mother took full bloom. In her domain there was a place for everything and everything belonged in its place. Over the last two years we, her children, have found great joy and endured great angst helping her make her little house into what pleased her most. She welcomed everyone coming to visit and it will forever be "Mom's House" to us because there we found love, refuge and a sweet guiding spirit we knew always prayed for our wellbeing.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents and 4 brothers, Harvey Jr., George, Thurby Lee and Alonzo; sisters Lois, Louise, Margaret and Elizabeth; and 2 children Eric Nelson and Mary Elizabeth.

She leaves to cherish her memory one brother Robert (Yvonne); 5 children Ernestine Merchant, Peggy (Clyde) Moore, Solomon Wayne (Shirley) Campbell, Rickey Renard, and Eva Marie (Tony) Miller; 5 grandchildren, Scotty Wayne Campbell, Sheria (Rodney) Mills, Christopher Campbell, Stephanie Campbell and Eric (Nikia) Moore; 13 great grandchildren, Whitney (Quentin) Torrance, Shabria (Aaron) Dickson, Caleb Ikard, Shymeek Roseboro, Chazlyn Campbell, Zaire Campbell, Jasmine Moore, Mikayla Moore, JaJuan Costner, Calvin "TJ" Costner, Myles Neils, Teara Neils, Armoni Neils, Talon Groff and Miriah Campbell; 5 great great grandchildren, Alivia Costner, Gianni Neils, Nolan, Leinani and Nahla; and special nieces, Irene Steele, Andrea Nichols and Medena Stevens for dedicated devotion and a host of nieces and nephews.

We also acknowledge and give honor to Mom's Piney Grove Church Family and to Rev. John Phifer. Thank you for loving, supporting, sharing with and being spiritual partners with Mom in her faith walk for so many years. She now wears her crown and will welcome all of you one day. We honored Mom's request for cremation.



Our Family

Is a circle of strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together

forever

A Service Celebrating and Remember The Life of

Mrs. Eva Mae Campbell

Saturday, October 22, 2022

Piney Grove AME Zion Church

Harmony, North Carolina

Reverend John Phifer, Pastor, Officiating

The Moments of Sharing

1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Prelude

The Processional

Friends may visit with the family until 1:55 p.m.

The Order of Service

2:00 p.m.

The Invocation Reverend John Phifer

The Selection Mr. Keith Holland

The Scripture Reading
Old Testament Reverend Warren Campbell
New Testament Reverend Clyde Moore

The Prayer of Comfort Reverend John Phifer

The Selection Mr. Keith Holland

The Acknowledgments and The Piney Grove AME Zion Church Resolution

The Commemorative Presentation The Funeral Director

The Selection Piney Grove AME Zion Church Choir

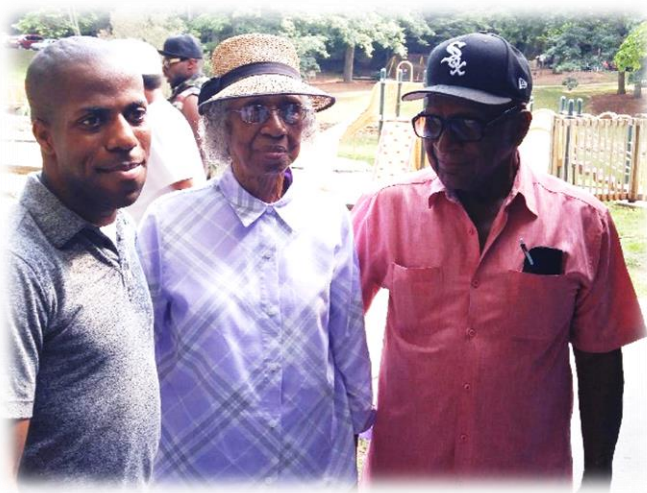
The Eulogy Reverend John Phifer

The Final Words and Recessional

It Is With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we, through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) **God** has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word** has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved **Eva Mae** and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The Family



You Are
so loved
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GENERATIONS OF LOVE



Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"
Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677- (704) 873-3611
Visit Mrs. Campbell's online tribute at www.rutledgeandbigham.com

A Celebration of Remembrance
for
MRS. EVA MAE CAMPBELL



A Gift Given
1925

A Gift Returned
2022

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