

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF LIFE

FOR

Lady Theresa Leona Murray Wright

(Affectionately called “Mom T”, “T”, “Lady T”, “Sleeping Beauty” or “Sweet T” by her family and friends)



November 10, 1929 ~ June 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Graveside Service

Laurel Grove Cemetery South

Pastor Bernard Clarke, Officiating

St. Phillip Monumental AME Church

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)

Theresa Leona Murray Wright (1929 - 2020)

Theresa was born on November 10, 1929 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob “Jake” (Etta Thompson) Murray, both parents preceded her in death. She and her brother Herbert (deceased) were nurtured, taught the word of God, the benefits of a quality education, the importance of exceptional work ethics in a strict but very loving environment. Her maternal grandmother was Mrs. Rebecca Thompson, Sister/Cousin Dorothy Louise DeVillars (also known as Dot), childhood best friend Bernice Coleman Hyman also preceded her in death.

Theresa was educated in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System. She attended East Broad Elementary School and graduated from Beach Cuyler High School (now Alfred Ely Beach High School). She received a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Home Economics from Savannah State College (now University) and certification in Elementary Education. She completed many professional development classes, Culinary courses, Tech Prep and Family and Consumer Science classes. Theresa had a beautiful soprano voice and sang in her high school chorus, St. Phillip AME church choirs (from a child to an adult) and the Savannah State College choirs. She was a loyal SAVANNAH STATE (COLLEGE) UNIVERSITY TIGER and one classy lady who showcased the “blue and orange” like the fashionista she was.

Theresa touched the lives of many young people because she taught in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System for 44 years. Theresa graduated from college and taught in the northern part of the state for a few years before returning to Savannah. After returning to Savannah, she taught at Richard Arnold High School, Johnson High School, Alfred Ely Beach High School and H. V. Jenkins High School. The state of Georgia credits her with 54 years of credible service.

Theresa was a member of her beloved St. Phillip Monumental AME church (on Jefferson Street) her entire life and an honorary member of First Congregational Church (where she worshiped with her sister/cousin Dot). She was a Life Time Member of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD Savannah Chapter), Top Teens mentor and she served on numerous TLOD Thrusts. She was also a member of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., Phi Delta Kappa, *The Nifty Fifty Plus*, The Women’s Fellowship (First Congregational), the Georgia Educators Association (GAE), Chatham Retired Educators Association (CREA), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Savannah State University Alumni Association, Smart Seniors, Sylvan Terrance Neighborhood Association and the King Tisdell Cottage Foundation.

She is survived by her family, friends, church families (St. Phillip Monumental AME and First Congregational churches), Ladies and Lords of Top Ladies of Distinction Inc., Savannah State University Alumni, members of the Chatham Retired Educators Association and numerous students.

“May the Work I’ve Done Speak for Me!”

“The Order of Celebration”

Presiding..... Pastor Anslem Springer

The Processional

Selection of Celebration

” Hush, Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name”Sis. Izola Miller

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

The Old Testament.....Psalms 23: 1-6..... Rev. Sandra Stiles Thomas

The New Testament.....John 14: 1-4..... Dr. Howard J. Miller

The Prayer of Comfort Pastor Anslem Springer

Selection”Blessed Assurance”Sis. Izola Miller

Reflections

Lady Beverly Copeland, President of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Savannah Chapter

Presentation from H. V. Jenkins High School Representative

Solo.....” God Has Smiled on Me”Sis. Izola Miller

*The Obituary is posted On Adams’ Website
Please read at your leisure*

St. Phillip Monumental AME Church Resolution.....Sis. Linda Robinson

Acknowledgments.....Lady Annette Mitchell
Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (Savannah Chapter)

Solo.....” I Shall Wear A Crown” Sis. Izola Miller

Words of Comfort and Joy.....Pastor Bernard Clark
St. Phillip Monumental AME Church

Committal Ceremony” Let the Church Say Amen”

Recessional

Following social distancing recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a repast will not be held.

“Love to ALL...From Lady T”

This is the day the Lord has made, so turn off those cell phones and rejoice in it. Yes, I know that I am referred to as the “cell phone police,” “the hosiery detective,” and the etiquette investigator... and I wear my badge with grace. It gives me great pleasure to know that you are celebrating this day in my memory with such exuberance, in person and on Facebook live. I always told you not to put me on Facebook and now... oh well! Your presence here today fills the atmosphere with such a sweet spirit and I am so glad that it is the spirit of our Lord and Savior. Please remember to practice social distancing, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, wear gloves when necessary and take COVID 19/Coronavirus Pandemic seriously. This is just a reminder that God is STILL in control and SALVATION is FREE even in the midst of a pandemic! There is no charge because Jesus paid the price for all of us. How do I know? I put everything on the alter a long time ago, every chain was broken and I began to move on up a little higher. I used my SALVATION FREE debit card on last Thursday night when our Father sent his chariot to swing low to Candler’s ICU and He invited me to come aboard. I saw the light and our precious Lord took my hand to lead me home. I received ultimate reward for my spiritual investments... EVERLASTING LIFE! Oh yes, it was a delight and now I am resting in His arms in total praise. God has smiled on me and I’m going up yonder to be with my Lord.

As your earthly journey continues, please note that God sees the best in you and He is leaning in your direction. I love each of you very much and I will see you later...

Notice of My Change of Address

Dear Family and Friends

I want you to know that I have moved from Savannah Georgia.

As they were transporting me from PCU to ICU at Candler Hospital

God whispered in my ear and said your new home is ready

and that I could move in immediately.

I did not have time to give you proper notice

because this was an opportunity of a lifetime.

My new home is such a beautiful sight to behold.

It is located in an exclusive neighborhood,

behind a beautiful Pearly Gate, just off a serene celestial shore.

Of course, the streets are paved with gold

and every day is Sunday here, I have been told.

There is peace, joy and happiness here with no more pains and cares of the world to bear. I highly recommend that you make plans to live here too.

Sincerely yours,

Lady Theresa



Thank you for all the wonderful memories we created. You will live in our hearts forever.

This Is Not The End!



My Journey's Just Begun

...Author Ellen Breneman

Don't think of me as gone away
My Journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets
This earth is but one
Just think of me as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of Warmth and comfort
Where there are no more days and years
Think of how I must be wishing
That you could know today
How nothing but your sadness
Can really go away
And think of me as living
In the hearts of those I touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And I **know** I was loved so much

Honorary Pallbearers

The Deacons of St. Phillip Monumental AME Church

Active Pallbearers

Bro. John Copeland

Dr. Howard J. Miller

Bro. Christopher Davis

Bro. Don Mincey

Bro. Howard J. Miller, II

Bro. Phillip Howard

Floral Attendants

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.

Expressions of Appreciation

Lady Mary Knight and the family of our beloved, Lady Theresa Leona Murray Wright, would like to thank God for placing you in our lives. We love you and thank you for your generous acts of kindness, uplifting prayers, cards, financial gifts, flowers, telephone calls, texts and most of all your presence here today and via Facebook live. A special thanks is extended to the Doctors and Nurses of St. Joseph-Candler Hospital, Mrs. Winifred Mincey, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Hayes, Ms. Meredith Elmore, Ms. Clara Bain, Ms. Vicki "Bambi" Ward, Ms. Omie Flournoy, Mr. Jimmie Bennett, The Hyman Family, The Howard Miller Family, Pastor Anslem Springer, The Phillip Howard Family (Audrey), Kenneth, Raphael, The Sylvan Terrence Neighborhood Association, and the Savannah Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. Our prayer is that God surrounds you with His wings of protection and gives you a peace that passes all understanding.

Interment

Laurel Grove Cemetery

Professional Services Entrusted to

Adams Funeral Home

E. Bruce Adams & Amari A. Adams, Owners/Licensed Morticians





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