

*CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF  
Eric “Chico” McCain*



*Sunrise  
June 23, 1955*

*Sunset  
September 10, 2016*

*Monday, September 19, 2016 - 12:00 Noon*

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## *Obituary*

On October 13, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Dixie and Annie Lou Solomon of Garnett, South Carolina, were blessed with a daughter. They named her **Ernestine**. She was their fifth child. Her brothers, Willie and Marion, and her sisters, Daisy and Zain Ann preceded her. Soon Ernestine would have two more siblings a sister named Elizabeth and a brother named Dixie. It was a loving family indeed. During the next 79 years, The Lord would call many of them home. On September 14, 2016, The Lord called Ernestine.

Ernestine had a beautiful life, love does that you know. Her youth was spend in Garnett, out in the country one would say, in a place once called Beckett'sVille. Her father had passed away when she was a small child. Her mother, called "Nan" by most, moved her family in with her parents. Willie and Daisy by this time had started families of their own. Ernestine's grandparents, Richard and Charlotte Beckett lovingly welcomed Nan and her five young children into their home. In Beckett'sVille, there was family all about; plus, chickens, hogs, cows, and fields to work during harvest time. Love was about also. Ernestine, or "Stine" as she was called by most family members, was happy.

Stine graduated from Estill High School in 1954. In 1956, she moved to New York City. It was there, in that same year that she met Ezekiel Witherspoon. On April 23, 1957, after a whirlwind romance, they were married. During their years of marriage they were blessed with children. Six in total: four sons named Randolph, Ezekiel, Jr., Theodore and Wayne, and two daughters named Miranda and Janice Ivy.

Ernestine and Ezekiel ran a gas station business together during the 1960s and 1970s. In the 1980s, she started working for the City of New York in their Buildings Department. In her twenty years of tenure, Ernestine worked with her union local as a shop steward and as a union delegate.

Ernestine's compassionate nature attracted many to her. She was loved and she in return gave love to family and friends. Her greatest love, one could say, was for The Lord. She was baptized as a child into the Christian faith. She was a religious and spiritual person. The Lord was first for her. Ernestine's favorite prayers were the 23rd Psalm and The Lord's Prayer. She always had a Psalm to offer for those in need or guidance. She also had kind words to say and a loving ear to listen. Ernestine was a praying woman. She is now within The Loving Arm Of The Lord.

Ernestine Witherspoon is survived by: Marion Solomon, Ezekiel Witherspoon, Sr., Randolph Witherspoon, Ezekiel Witherspoon, Jr., Theodore Witherspoon, Wayne Witherspoon, Miranda Witherspoon-Brown and Janice Ivy Witherspoon; one son-in-law, Randolph Brown; two daughters-in-law, Carol Witherspoon and Selanie Witherspoon; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many many friends. Ernestine Witherspoon loved and was loved - Amen, Praise The Lord

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*Brellah Cemetery  
Garnett, South Carolina*

## ***Our Father***

*In our heart there's a place set aside just for thoughts of you and the way you've made a difference in our lives. It's a warm place, surrounded by love where we always feel completely happy. In so many big and little ways we've learned from you all of our lives, because the love you gave could not be matched. Thanks for giving us strength and pride.*

*With love your children, you will always be in our hearts.*

## ***To My Brother***

*"I Love You"*

*You and I were so different.*

*You and I were so much alike - we love to keep it neat.*

*"I Love You"*

*You cared for Daddy Frank right to his end.*

*"I Love You"*

*You worried and cared for our mother - right to your end.*

*"I Love You"*

*You were a hard man to understand. Your words did not reflect your heart.*

*"I Love You"*

*There was no right or wrong way just his way.*

*"I Love You"*

*So you had a wish God heard your prayer.*

*He brought you home.*

*Today I say see you later to my cool brother*

***CHICO***

*Your sister, Jewel*

*P.S. "I Love You"*

## **Acknowledgement**

*The family of **Eric McCain** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

*The Family*

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