



*In Loving
Memory
of*

Bessie Killett McPhail

Sunrise

March 19, 1941

Sunset

January 18, 2014

Service

Saturday, January 25, 2013 - 1:00 p.m.

HOLLY GROVE HOLINESS CHURCH

1519 Indian Town Road • Clinton, NC 28328

Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons, Officiating

Obituary

Bessie Killett McPhail, 72, is a native of Sampson County. On January 18, 2014 she answered the call to return to her heavenly home after battling illness at the Rex Hospital Intensive Care Unit, Raleigh, NC. Bessie was born on March 19, 1941 in Clinton, NC to her devoted parents, the late Stacy and Della Killett. She was a dedicated and loving wife of Rudolph McPhail for 55 years. In the marriage union with Rudolph McPhail they were blessed with seven beautiful children to continue their legacy of love; four daughters, Emma Artis (Calvin) of Garland, North Carolina, Cynthia McPhail McNair of Canton, Ohio, Teresa Foye of Goldsboro, NC, Stephanie Wells (Robert) of Winston-Salem, NC, three sons, one preceded her in death the late Dwayne McPhail, Romeo McPhail (Katrina) of Clinton, NC and Dexter McPhail of Clinton, NC. She has two brothers Robert Killett (Barbara) of Clinton, NC, Jerry Killett (Kim) Orange, New Jersey; four sisters Evelyn Raines, Clinton, NC; Brenda McLaurin, Goldsboro, NC; Della Benjamin (Calvin) of Colonial, New Jersey; Lillie Lamb (Billy) of Clinton, NC. She has ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her sisters the late Carolyn Killett and Rebecca Williams.

She also has special sons and daughters the late Jacqueline Williams, Joyce Ann Johnson, Dr. L.D. Melvin, Charlie Melvin, Raphael Scrober, Lillie Alford, Audrey Spencer, Janice Aderinto, Lillie Boykin and Gladys Weeks.

She is a graduate of the Class of 1959 from Sampson Training School, Clinton, NC. She continued to further her education by receiving a Food Service Certificate from East Carolina University.

Most of her early years she served as a full-time house wife until her children were in middle school and she then began to work at Carolina Turkey Plant in Mount Olive, North Carolina. She later was employed as a food service worker with the Clinton City Schools until her health began to fail and she retired early on disability. Many teachers and students loved her cooking at Butler Avenue Elementary School.

She is a dedicated mother and wife and is an “over comer” of all the storms that life has offered her. She loves children, family and friends unconditionally from the least to the greatest. She is very tenacious and has always maintained a positive attitude through all of her illnesses and continued to “keep on keeping on” saying one of her favorite scriptures. *“I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me”* Philippians 4: 13.

*two feelings of joy and pain,
I want you to have no more
pain but I wish
I could hug you one more time,
Hear your laughter or a rhyme,
But as the old adage says all wounds
will heal with time,
And in one's life everyone's
bell must chime,
You loved me because you cared
way beyond measure,
Your sense of humor, laughter,
and motivation gave
us ultimate pleasure,
The drive to never quit, bow or bend,
As you always say the courage and faith
in us give us the power to always win,
You fought a good fight,
You won in the end,
I'll stay connected to Jesus as you
are connected to Jesus.....*

*Pall Bearers
"Men of Holly Grove"*

*Flower Girls
"Class of 1959"*

Acknowledgement

It is with sincere gratitude that we let you know how appreciative we are for all the love you have shown toward our family during our time of bereavement. Our family as well as God noticed your presence, prayers, sympathy and sacrifices. We truly love you for all you have done for us. You have truly indeed fulfilled the sentiments of the scripture-I Corinthians 12:25-26 which reads "That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." Bessie as she was affectionately called touched the lives of so many. She never ceased to bring great joy to everyone she met.

It is with sincere appreciation that we say again-THANK YOU, THANK YOU-for ALL you have done for our family. Please keep us in your prayers as we rejoice in the memories of our great one as we live the life of Christ to see her again.

The McPhail Family

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During the early years of her life she was a member of the Lisbon Street Baptist Church and later joined her husband Rudolph as a member of Union Grove Disciples Church of Christ, Clinton, NC. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior and was the President/Founder of the Young Adult Choir and was very active in the Pastors Aide and served on the committee for the Pastors Anniversary. She also actively evangelized her community by sharing the good news and many members were added to the churches she attended. In her later years she became a member of Holly Grove Holiness Church, in Clinton, NC, and attended faithfully until her health continued to decline. She kept praising Him whether on a walker, cane or wheelchair she would get enough strength to praise dance for Jesus. She also would have yard sales and sell plates for the building of the building project for the gym to help raise funds.

She also served as a volunteer in the previous years before becoming a kidney dialysis patient in the Mary Gran Nursing home which gave her great pleasure. Although she could no longer physically volunteer at the Nursing home she would buy extra blankets and carry them in her bag to cover the seniors who attended dialysis and would give them other needed items. She encouraged new kidney dialysis patients and helps them to cope with their illness and shared her positive attitude with others. There is a kidney foundation being formed in her honor to help Kidney Dialysis Patients for further information email cynthiamcp@gmail.com.

She has a special friend and her “little preacher “Julius Simmons” who has prayed for her from his teenage years until now and God developed a special bond between them. She loved her church family here at Holly Grove Holiness Church.

Some of her hobbies were making ceramics, shopping in retail stores or on her favorite home shopping network “QVC”, cooking, entertaining family and friends at gatherings with her great sense of humor, wisdom and candidness. Many who knew her valued her wisdom, honesty, and love for all people. Many say “Mrs. Bessie” just kept it real and no sugar-coating and was bold witness for Jesus who operated in a strong gift of discernment. She will truly be missed by her family, community, children, and church family. As the Apostle Paul stated so can it be stated of Bessie:

“I have fought a good fight and I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy & Family

Prayer of ComfortPastor Bobby Williams

Reading of Scriptures

Old Testament.....Minister Earle McNeil, Jr.

New Testament.....Pastor Roscoe Emmanuel, Jr.

“Break Every Chain” Singer Cynthia Simmons

Obituary ReadingMillie Gutierrez

SelectionHolly Grove Praise & Worship

Remarks from Family & Friends(Limit 2 minutes please)

Julius Simmons

Danny Johnson

Dr. L. D. Melvin

Apostle Robert Covington, Jr.

Special TributeMichael Boykin

EulogyDr. Randy Simmons, Senior Pastor

“Let The Church Say Amen” Tilley Marie Parker

Morticians Procession

Interment

Sandhill Cemetery

Clinton, NC 28328

***Dinner will be served at
4:00 pm at Holly Grove Church Gymnasium ***

Precious



Memories

*“A Glimpse of Glory”
My Letter of Love to You Mom*

*By
Cynthia McPhail McNair*

*I knew you loved us with
all of your heart,
Regardless of how sick you were,
how foolish of us to think
you would never depart,
You toiled for a moment because of your
love for family and friends.
But when I saw your smile I could only
imagine you have a glimpse of glory,
I can't wait to hear the story,
In my heart I sensed the aches
which sometimes still lingers on,
But I can hear you softly
say you must go on,
So for now I am torn between*