

*Celebration of Christian Victory for
Mrs. Melwyne Louise Jackson Davenport*



*“I had fainted, unless I had believed
to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.”
Psalm 27:13*

**Thursday, May 15, 2014
1:00 p.m.**

**Mount Zion Baptist Church
950 File Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., Pastor/Officiating

Christian Victory

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” - I Corinthians 15:57 NIV

Mrs. Melvyn Louise Jackson Davenport was born on March 8, 1944 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to the late Ivory Kirkland and Julia Wallace Jackson.

She attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and after completing the educational requirements at Forsyth Technical Community College, she was licensed as a Practical Nurse. She was employed at North Carolina Baptist Hospital for several years and she retired from RJ Reynolds at Archer, following more than twenty years of dedicated service as a comptroller for the company.

Mrs. Davenport was discharged following honorable service for her country in the 312th Evacuation Hospital Unit of the United States Army Reserves.

She was a faithful member of Mount Zion Baptist Church where she sang with the Inspirational Choir. And she was active with the Gilmer-Bon Air-28th Street Association.

Mrs. Melvyn Louise Jackson Davenport was **plunged to victory** at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on May 9, 2014, following a brief period of illness.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a very special aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Boozer.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother whose memory will forever be cherished by James K. Davenport, Jr., her husband of 54 years; three daughters, Robin D. (Michael) Sutton, Janis M. Davenport and Ramona W. Gray; her son, James (Evette) Davenport, III; her granddaughter, Renecia W. Gray; three grandsons, Richard W. Gray, III, James Davenport, IV and Devon T. J. Davenport; her sister-in law, Barbara Davenport Keller; three nieces, including a “sister/niece, Verdell Hayes; four nephews; two special cousins, Lynn M. Kelley and Sonja Lowery; and many extended family members and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude Ms. Jeanne Williams, Organist

Gathering of Family and Friends 12:30 p.m.

Procession Reverend Ira McCullough, Scripture Collect

Hymn of Worship Choir/Congregation

#255—It Is Well With My Soul

The Holy Scripture

Old Testament: Psalm 27

Deaconess E. Kaye Henighan

New Testament: I Corinthians 15: 51-57

Deacon Tyrone Travis

Prayer of Comfort Reverend Colonel Sutton

Hymn **#52—God Will Take Care of You** Choir

Community Resolution and Acknowledgement Gilmer-Bon Air-28th Street Association

Solo Barbara Davenport Keller

Eulogy Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr.
Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Recessional Inspirational Choir

**“ My Worship Is For Real”
“ Amen”**

Interment Piedmont Memorial Gardens
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Family Fellowship File-Goodwin Life Enrichment Center

Farewell Reflections

Trusting in God, we have prayed together for Melvyn and now we come to the last farewell. There is sadness in parting, but we take comfort in the hope that one day we shall see her again and enjoy her love and friendship. Although this congregation will disperse in sorrow, the mercy of God will gather us together again in the joy of His kingdom.

Mount Zion Baptist Church Honorary Attendants

Deacons and Laymen

Flower Bearers

Deaconess Board and Senior Missionary Circle

Honorary Casket Bearers

John R. Hayes, Jr./ Reginald Hayes/ Clifton Jones/ William Phillips, Jr.

Casket Bearers

Edward Hall/ Donald Hayes/ James Hayes
Kevin Hayes/ Dwight Thompson/ Marcel Wright



Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Unknown

Acknowledgement

*There are those whose lives death cannot diminish.
Their love radiates forever in the hearts of family and friends.
And we felt that love in your thoughtfulness.*

*God gives us comfort in the form of good friends.
May His peace be with you for His love never ends.*

The Davenport Family



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