

Flower Bearers
Granddaughters

Pall Bearers
Grandsons



Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
if so we sat it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as only friends could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much... whatever the part.

The Family of Syfonsbia Dobson Payne



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Homegoing Celebration

For

Mrs. M. Syfonsbia Payne

December 28, 1930 ~ July 13, 2011



Saturday, July 16, 2011
1:30 PM

St. John CME Church
650 NW Crawford Place
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Reverend Edward L. Thomas, Pastor
Officiating

*“Down a road thats calm and peaceful
Guided by God’s loving hand;
She has gone upon a journey
To a distant brighter land.
She wishes no one a last farewell
Or even said goodbye;
She had gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
Sincere and kind in heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory she left behind.”*

*Lovingly Submitted
The Family of Mrs. Syfonsbia Payne*



Obituary

"The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want"

On Wednesday, July 13, 2011, Mary Syfonsbia Dobson Payne "Fonza" ended her earthly journey. She was born in Yadkin County on December 28, 1930 to the late Janie and Ervin Dobson. She was a faithful member of St. John CME Church where she served with the Missionary Society. Mrs. Payne was retired from AT&T (Lucent Technologies).

She enjoyed many things, including traveling, flowers, church, cooking and watching cooking shows. Her passion was spending time with her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her joy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Rev. Gilbert Dobson, two sisters, Vaughnita Reynolds and Edna Randleman.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Sandy A. Payne and six children: Sandy R. Payne (Nancy), Columbus, IN, Vaughnita Soloman, Mary L. Drummond, Patrice E. Adams (Christopher), Ervin L. Payne (Rita), Winnepeg, Canada, Timothy Payne (Patricia); eighteen grandchildren; thirty-three great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Louise Payne, Charleston, SC and Mary Dobson, Philadelphia, Pa; a step-daughter, Johnetta McGriff; dedicated niece and nephew, Carol Reynolds and Keith Randleman; a host of other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Special thanks to Mrs. Geraldine Moss, the staff of Springwood Care Center, and Forsyth Medical Center, Palliative Care.



Order of Service

Processional

Family Visitation
12:30 PM ~ 1:30 PM

Selection

Choir

Scriptures

Reverend James Dunbar

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Rita Walker

Selection

Choir

Resolutions

Community
Church

Mrs. Dorothy Barnhill

Remarks

Reverend Daryl Brannon

Solo

Ms. LaKiya Payne

Eulogy

Reverend Edward L. Thomas

Recessional

Interment

Gardens of Memory
Walkertown, NC