



Homegoing Celebration
For



Sunrise
June 25, 1922

Sunset
May 19, 2008

Georgia Ann Roland

Saturday, May 24, 2008 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Mount Hermon
African Methodist Episcopal Church
401 Northwest 7th Terrace ♦ Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Presiding Bishop The Right Reverend McKinley Young
Presiding Elder The Reverend Jimmy J. Thompson
Senior Pastor The Reverend Dr. John F. White

A Roy Mizell and Kurtz Funeral Home Service





Obituary

The angel of her Lord descended on Monday, May 19, 2008 to carry home the soul of Georgia Roland to a place of comfort and rest. Georgia was born the sixth of seven children to the late Willie Jack Beasley and Hattie Clark Beasley, her only sister Saree Riddle and four of her brothers, John, Fred, Willie and Noah preceded her in death. She was educated in the Jefferson County School System in Mathis, Georgia.

Georgia was a believer and faithful follower of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom she accepted at an early age. She was a member of Thompson Springhill Methodist Church in Mathis, Georgia. She joined Mt. Hermon A.M.E. Church and her membership extended over 50 years.

She was a loving and devoted mother and a caring kind inspiration to everyone she encountered. As a member of Mt. Hermon she served on Stewardess Board #3 and sang in Choir #2. Georgia enjoyed the fellowship that sustained her from Rev. Wilson, members and friends who visited with her during her confinement and illness at home. She had a special love for her dear friends, James and Channie Moore, who preceded her in death.

In 1939, she married her childhood sweetheart Walter W. Roland and after 68 years of marriage he preceded her in death. Shortly after they were married, they moved to Belle Glade, Florida. After a year they moved back to Georgia. They really loved Florida and decided after the birth of their first child to return to Florida. They settled in Fort Lauderdale and increased the size of the family adding five more children to their nuptial union. Three of her children, Leonard, Patricia and Brent also preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memories three daughters: Theretha Eady, Earma Wilcox and Joan Smith (Samuel); one brother: Dorsey Beasley (Josephine); a special "sister-cousin", Thelma James; one daughter-in-law, Keytheal Roland; four sisters-in-law: Freddie Beasley, Mattie Roland, Mattie Cruz and Olga Roland; 20 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 11 great great grandchildren; faithful nieces: Virginia Smith (Richard) and Cathy Burch, who visited her regularly along with her cousin, Nathaniel King; a host of other loving relatives: nephews, nieces, cousins, church family, devoted friends and caring neighbors.



A Tribute To Our Mother



A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away....
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems...
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*



Order of Service

Processional

Hymn of Praise
"Blessed Assurance"
"Jesus Is Mine"

Invocation

Reading of God's Word
Old Testament Scripture - Joshua 24:14-15
New Testament Scripture - Ephesians 4:21-26

Worship in Music
Mass Choir

Reflections
(Limit 2 Minutes)
Family Members - Sister - Clara Higdon
Grandson - Kenneth Roland
Daughter - Joan Smith

Solo
Ruby Brown

Resolution
Sis. Judy Johnson

Acknowledgments
Roy Mizell/Kurtz Staff

Worship in Music
Mass Choir

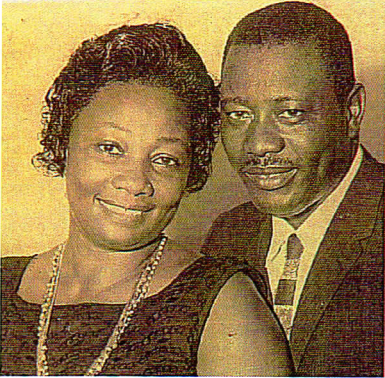
Words of Comfort
Rev. Dr. John F. White

Recessional





Our Mother



What can you say about a woman of so few words? Our grandmother was and is the epitome of a true black woman dedicated to her husband and family. My fondest memories of my grandmother were the mornings when my sister and I would wake up bright and early to walk with her or the peanut butter cookies she would make us from scratch. Aside from those special memories, the thing I remember most about her is what a wonderful woman she was. She was a shining example of what a woman and a wife should be. Our grandmother was opinionated, boisterous, strong-minded, and faithful to God and her family. Sometimes I can't remember how her voice sounds or I find that those vivid memories start to slip away, but I remember her spirit, the smooth subtly in her voice when she spoke and pride in her stride. She makes me proud to be a woman of this family and a strong independent woman of this generation. We are living and breathing descendents of Georgia Ann Beasley Roland. I promised her that I would make something of myself and make her and grand daddy proud, and I plan to go on and do that, but first I must give blessings to a woman who began life for the Roland family. We love you mother, this is for you.

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Proverbs 31:30

Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.





Honorary Pallbearers

Stewards and Trustees of Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Flower Attendants

Ushers of Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church
Stewardess Board #3

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he
leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for
thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my
head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

Interment

Sunset Memorial Gardens
3201 N .W. 19th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Repast

Mount Hermon A.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgments

We, the family are very grateful to God and the many friends and loved ones who extended words of comfort, prayers and other acts of kindness evidenced at this time in thoughts and deed. May God bless you always.

The Roland Family

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