

In Loving

Memory

of

Marion Luciel McGruder

"A Woman With A Big Heart"



Saturday - March 8, 1997 - 12:00 P.M.

Greater Providence Missionary Baptist Church
422 Calhoun Street
Baltimore, Md.

Rev. J. B. Carter, Jr.
Pastor/Officiant

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free. I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work, to play. Task left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a Laugh, a Kiss, ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with time of sorrow. I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full. I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



"When I Must Leave You"

When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;

And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same.
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

- Helen S. Rice

Sunrise

April 15, 1915

Sunset

March 3, 1997

*"We can make our lives sublime
and departing leave behind us
Footprints in the Sands of time"*

Marion "Luciel" Tiller McGruder was the second child of Dave Tiller, Sr. and Goldie B. Roberts Tiller. At an early age, they left Calvert, TX and moved to Marlin, TX. Luciel attended school in Marlin, and she accepted Christ early in life at the Marshal Chapel Primitive Baptist Church. She later united with the Providence Baptist Church under Rev. L.R. Lockridge in the late 30's.

Luciel was joined in Holy Matrimony to Robert Mildrich McGruder on October 6, 1935. One daughter, little Gloria Faye, husband, both parents, two brothers, Berdine and Dallas Leon, three sisters, Margaret, Lorena and Thelma, and one son, Robert E. McGruder preceded her in death.

Luciel worked during her life as a maid, nurse's aide at Dr. Davidson's clinic and the Tex Best Turkey Plant. She did volunteer work for both nursing homes in the city and community. She and her late husband were co-partners of Young and Company Funeral Home and Park Street Grocery.

Luciel was very active in her church life, serving as a loyal past President and Vice-President, choir member, Head Deaconess, Senior Mission I, Treasurer of the Benevolence Committee and a faithful Adult Sunday School member until her health failed. She was also a member of the Community Choir, NAACP, CMA Lodge and Ready Help Club.

To know her was to love her. She was that *"Phenomenal Woman"*.

Survivors are: daughter, Gertrude Tiller McGruder Douglas (Roger) - Marlin; six grands, Brenda Terry (Alvin, Sr.) - Houston, Robin and Robert McGruder - Detroit, Elder Ennis Guy Williams (LaRonda) - San Marcos; Claudette (Nikki) Douglas, and Desmond Douglas - Marlin; six great-grand; Dallas, Vashati, Ka'Tina, Erika, Vanessa and Alvin, Jr.; three sisters, Bernice Brown (John) - Marlin, Gladys Miller (Johnnie) - Houston, and BeDella Vernon, Berkeley, Ca.; two brothers, Andrew Tiller (Ella) - Corpus Christi and Rev. Dave Tiller, Jr. (Kathrine) - Fort Worth; one daughter-in-law, Jeanie McGruder - Detroit; two sisters-in-law, Eula Holloway and Mae Helen Bennett - Detroit; one brother-in-law, Rev. W. E. McGruder (Doris) - Sherman; a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. A special son, Michael D. Ford - Dallas.

Acknowledgment

There's such great comfort in the assurance that we are not alone in this hour of seeming loss . . . And that assurance is made manifest by the many warm and sincere expressions of care and concern.

Your personal visits, telephone calls, telegrams and other messages, the beautiful floral offerings and the warm proximity of your presence during this solemn hour of worship. And, most especially, your fervent prayers whispered in our behalf. Each kind deed, makes real the promise of our Saviour. "Blessed are they that mourn . . . for they shall be comforted". May God richly bless each of you for your sharing concern.

The Family

Special Thanks

To Aunt Bernice, Joyce, Sammie & Nikki for being there when I needed them the most.

*Love,
Gert*

Pallbearers

Nephews

Willie P. Strickling, Jr
James Wilson
Sammie Stricklin
Bertran Tiller

Kenneth McGruder
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Greater Providence Senior Choir

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