#### **Another Place**

Please don't sing sad songs for me, Forget your grief and fears, For I m in a perfect place, Away from pain and tears. I'm far away from hunger And hurt and want and pride I have a place in heaven. With the Master at my side. My life on earth was very good As earthly lives can go. But Paradise is so much more Than anyone can know.... My heart is filled with happiness And Sweet Rejoicing too.... To walk with God is perfect peace, A joy forever new.

### Acknowledgement

The family of Rev. Walter Leon Adams wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.

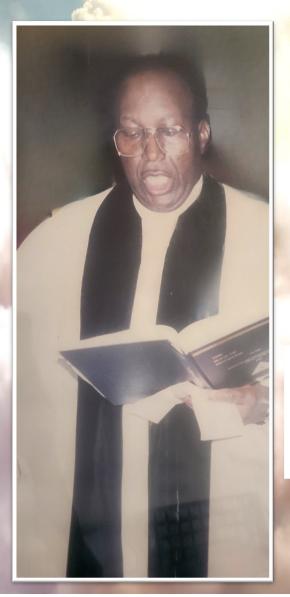


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## A Home Going Celebration

Honoring the Life and Legacy of

# REVEREND WALTER LEON ADAMS A Life Well Lived!



MONDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2024 12:30 PM

St. Stephens AME Zion Church Gastonia, NC



Sunrise
May 7, 1942

to
Sunset
November 16, 2024

### Order of Worship

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Dewberry, Presiding

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Processional

Reception of Family and Friends - 12 Noon until 12:30 pm

Hymn of Praise - Vestibule AME Zion Church Choir

Scriptures

Old Testament - Reverend James Collins

New Testament - Reverend Thelma Gordon

Prayer of Comfort - Reverend Gregory Floyd

Hymn - Liberty Hill Hymn Choir

Resolution - Reverend Preston Starr

Acknowledgements: (2 minutes)

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Clergy Rev. Carolyn Dewberry

Son Rev. Tommy Adams

Selection - Liberty Hill Hymn Choir

Eulogy - Rt. Rev. Dr. Darryl B. Starnes - Presiding Bishop of the Piedmont District

Selection - Liberty Hill Hymn Choir

Recessional

#### **Entombment**

Gaston Memorial Park Gastonia, North Carolina



### Obituary

#### Reverend Walter Leon Adams

Reverend Walter Leon Adams was born in York County, South Carolina on May 7, 1942 to the late Eldred and Berthing Boyd Adams. He was married to the late Violet Ann Baily Adams.

Reverend Walter departed this life on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at Memory Care of Triad in Kernersville, North Carolina.

Reverend Walter professed Christ at an early age. He was a member of New Home A.M.E. Zion Church in York, South Carolina until he moved to Gastonia, North Carolina. He became a member of Neely's Grove A.M.E. Zion Church, where he met and married the love of his life, Miss Violet Baily on January 10, 1965. Reverend Walter accepted his calling into the ministry doing his trial sermon November 1968. The following year, he was sent to pastor in the Lincolnton District. For 49 years, he pastored Herndon's, Shiloh, Vestibule, St. Peters and Oak Grove where he retired in 2017.

He leaves to cherish his memories; three sons, Rev. Tommy Leon Adams, Sr., Melvin Antonio Adams and Walter Demount Adams; one sister, Catherine E. William; one brother, Ivory Lee Adams (Janie); three sisters-in-law, Edna Baily, Martha Baily McGill and Mary Baily Fewell; three brothers-in-law, James Anderson, William Miller "Billy" and Rev. Charles Agurs; 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many other relatives and friends.



