

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



SARAH LEE RATCHFORD TATE

SUNRISE



June 8, 1924



SUNSET



December 10, 2024

MILLS CHAPEL HOLINESS CHURCH | 1109 N. BOYCE STREET | GASTONIA NC | 2:00 PM

REV. REGINALD L. FLOYD, SR. | PASTOR



ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant: Apostle Andrew Rollinson

Prelude

Processional

Visitation (Receiving of Friends)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Scripture

**Old Testament (Psalms 91)
New Testament (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)**

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements/Resolution

Reflections of Love

Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Musical Selection

Recessional

Interment

Pastor Suzanne Graves
Apostle Andrew Rollinson

Reverend Willie Jones

Sis. Vivian Anderson

Tracy Thomas, Gerald Tate, Natalie Jones

(Silently)

Pastor Reginald L. Floyd, Sr.

“I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired”
Bro. Terrell Mobley

Rose Hill Cemetary, Gastonia NC



THE LIFE OF

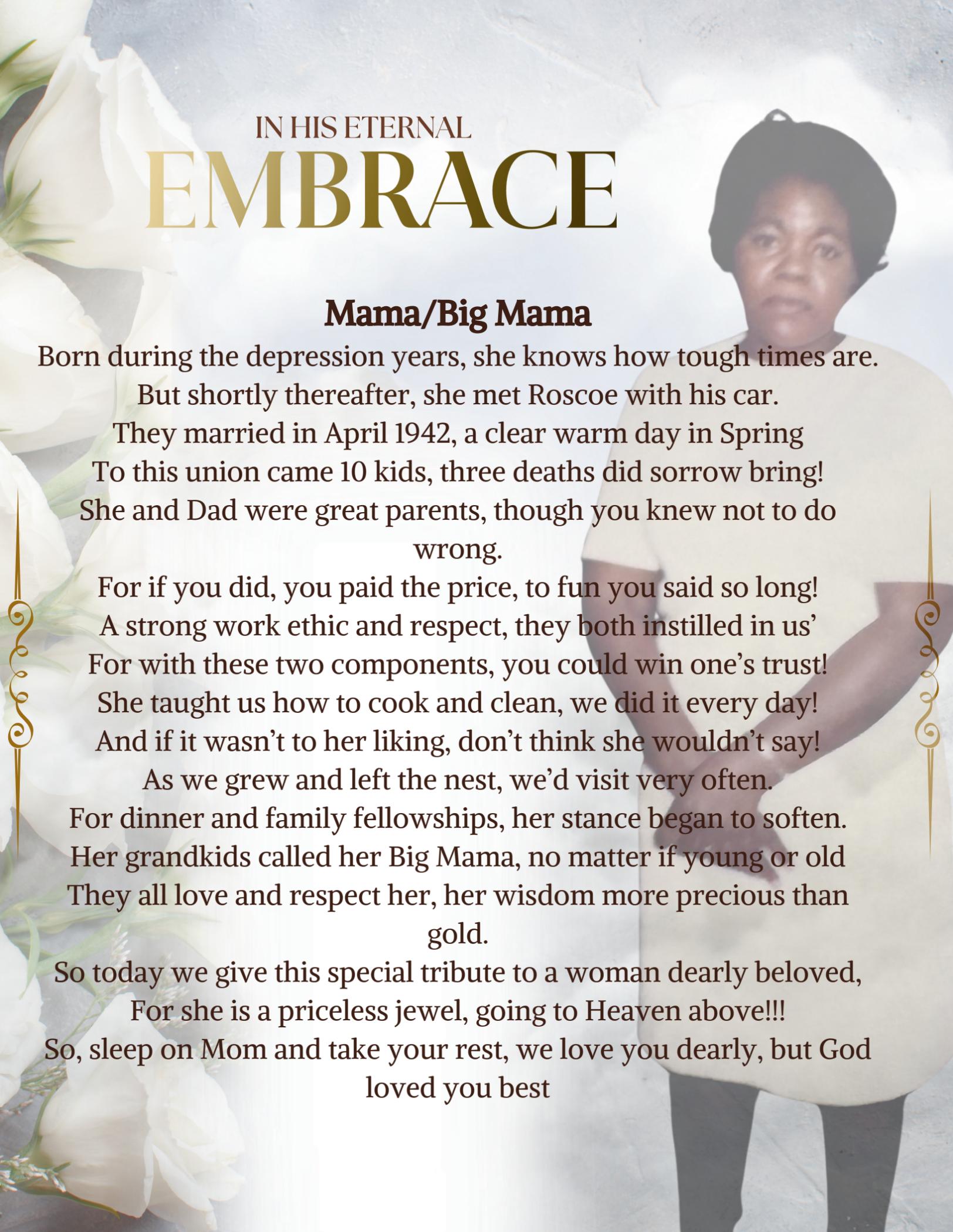
SARAH LEE RATCHFORD TATE

Mrs. Sarah Lee Ratchford Tate was born June 8, 1924 to Neely Ratchford and Fannie Walker Ratchford in York, SC. She peacefully entered eternal rest on December 10, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her family. At a very early age, she gave her life to Christ and was very active in her church.

She joined Trinity AME Zion Church after her marriage to Roscoe Manuel Tate, and later became a member of Mills Chapel Holiness Church in Gastonia, NC. She loved the Lord and served as President of the Sr. Usher Board, on the Ladies Missionary Board, and was a licensed minister.

Sarah worked at Ashley High School as an assistant manager in the cafeteria, and later began working at Pharr Yarns, where she retired from after 20 years. Sarah loved cooking and gardening and was renowned for her delicious potato salad and cobblers! She was often told she needed to 'market' it because of how delightful it was. She loved flowers and her yard was always popping with colors from Spring to Fall!

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe Tate, three children—Brenda, James, and Roscoe Jr., and 14 brothers and sisters. She leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters--Martha T. Adams, Cora T. Quinn, Marilyn T. Osborne; four sons-Walter L. Tate (Linda); Frank E. Tate (Donna); Thomas T. Tate (Vickie); and Wayne J. Tate (Debbie), 20 grandchildren; 33 great-grands; 22 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.



IN HIS ETERNAL
EMBRACE

Mama/Big Mama

Born during the depression years, she knows how tough times are.

But shortly thereafter, she met Roscoe with his car.

They married in April 1942, a clear warm day in Spring

To this union came 10 kids, three deaths did sorrow bring!

She and Dad were great parents, though you knew not to do
wrong.

For if you did, you paid the price, to fun you said so long!

A strong work ethic and respect, they both instilled in us'

For with these two components, you could win one's trust!

She taught us how to cook and clean, we did it every day!

And if it wasn't to her liking, don't think she wouldn't say!

As we grew and left the nest, we'd visit very often.

For dinner and family fellowships, her stance began to soften.

Her grandkids called her Big Mama, no matter if young or old

They all love and respect her, her wisdom more precious than
gold.

So today we give this special tribute to a woman dearly beloved,

For she is a priceless jewel, going to Heaven above!!!

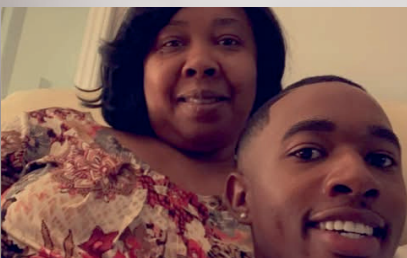
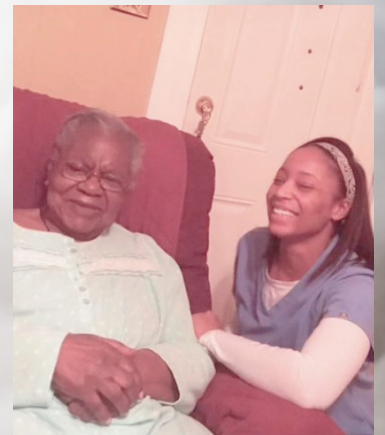
So, sleep on Mom and take your rest, we love you dearly, but God
loved you best



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MEMORIES







PALLBEARERS

Grandsons & Friends

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Granddaughters, Nieces, and Friends

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

With extreme gratitude and appreciation, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends and family for the cards, flowers and other expressions of kindness shown during the illness and loss of our dear mother, Sarah Tate. A special thank you to Dr. Randall Marasok of the Caromont Wound Center, Interim Home Health, Southern Comfort Home Care, and Traynell Home Care Services. We shall always remember your kindness and compassion. May God bless you all!

The Tate Family



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