



“Together Again”

Floral Bearers

Deacon Spouses and Seniors on the Move

Pall Bearers

Deacons of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

In Gratitude

We, the family of Rosa Goddard Ash, would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love shown during the passing of our loved one. We pray that you are abundantly blessed for your prayers and the many expressions of sympathy.



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The Obituary

Mrs. Rosa (Rosie) Goddard Ash lived a life marked by love of God, love of family, and faithful service to her church and community. Rosa was born on May 25, 1926, to the late King and Cora Byrd Goddard. Her soul peacefully returned to her maker on April 7, 2026, at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, after a brief illness, just shy of becoming a centenarian.

She was united in holy matrimony to Herbert Ash, and together they shared many loving years until his passing in 1994. She remained devoted to her beloved Herbert, carrying forward the legacy they dreamed of and built together.

Rosa had unmatched strength for someone so small in stature, immense wisdom gained from a myriad of life's tests and trials, and steadfast devotion to her calling of Christ-like living. She was a dedicated and devoted member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church for over 70 years, working tirelessly with the Senior Missionaries, the Seniors on the Move, the Deacon Spouse Ministry, the Mt. Calvary Mass Choir, the S.A. Raper Choir, and the Usher Ministry throughout her life. She was also a long-time member of the Easter Star and of Queen Easter Chapter #1.

Mother Ash, the congregation's oldest maternal influence, was revered for always praying heaven down with her cries of "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" exalting him first as her Lord and Savior and then reminding us that he was a constant source of strength and help. She was also often found assisting the Culinary Ministry (without fanfare or recognition) in times of need, supplying the church with many delicious dishes and her special pound cakes for special events well into her 80s.

Her legacy is a powerful reminder of the enduring influence one person can have in the world. She leaves to cherish her memory her treasured grandchildren, Tatia Ash of Durham, NC, Adrienne Hersey (Anthony) of Charlotte, NC and Herbert "Trip" Ash III (Taneisha) of Charlotte, NC; great grandchildren Addison Ash and Tegan Ash of Charlotte, NC; daughter in law, Carrie Ash of Bennettsville, SC, and her adored siblings Rev. Thomas C. Goddard and Cora Mae Borders, of Lawndale, NC, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends that will continue to use the values she lived by to inspire and uplift future generations.

In addition to her parents and loving husband, Herbert Ash, Sr., Rosa often spoke fondly of their beloved children, Betty Ash Smith and Herbert Ash Jr., and of her sisters, Elizabeth Borders, Annie Clara Goddard, and brothers, Charles (Bill) Goddard, Willie Ed Goddard, all of whom preceded her in death. We find comfort in knowing that she lived a life longing to hear her master say, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant". We believe by faith that she is now reunited with her precious Savior and loved ones, surrounded by the same love that guided her here on earth.

A Celebration of A Life Well Lived

Processional

Reception of Friends

1:30 - 2:00 pm

Selection

Mt. Calvary Choir

Sacred Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Passage

Rev. Paula Alexander

New Testament Passage

Deacon Tony Simmons

Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Paul London

Selection

Mt. Calvary Choir

Reflections

Bro. James Flack

Selection

Mt. Calvary Choir

Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn, Jr.

Benediction/Recessional

Internment

Webb Memorial Lawn

Shelby, North Carolina