

## PALLBEARERS

Tony Perry  
Timothy Perry  
Thomas Perry  
Charles Samuels



Troy Perry  
Raun Russell  
Zaire Ali

## God's Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place  
He then looked down upon the Earth and saw your tired face  
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest  
With the help of his angels they flew you to your heavenly place  
God's garden must be beautiful, he always takes the best

He knew you were suffering, he knew you were in pain  
He knew that you would never get well on Earth again  
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills too hard to climb  
He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be Thine"  
It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home

Author Unknown

*From Your Loving Nieces and Nephews*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Family wishes to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. We are encouraged and strengthened by your prayers, love, and support. May God's blessings be bestowed upon each one of you. A special thank you to the Halquist Memorial Hospice Center Arlington, VA for the love and care of our mother. Also, we would like to send a special thank you to Pastor Keith Bryd, Sr. and the Zion Baptist Church Family for your support and words of encouragement during this difficult time.



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# A Celebration of Life

## For

## Delores M. Roberts-Mason



Sunrise                      Sunset  
December 28, 1942        November 16, 2015

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

Viewing Celebration — 10:00AM  
Celebration Service — 11:00AM

**ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4850 Blagden Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20011

## Delores - A Life's Work

**R**ev. Delores M. Roberts-Mason was born Delores E. Moment in Washington, DC on December 28, 1942. She was educated in the D.C. Public School System and held a Master's Degree in Human Services from Lincoln University and a Master's in Religious Education from Maple Springs Bible College and Seminary. She was a licensed Social Worker, a Counselor and Cosmetologist.

She worked for 30 years as a social worker with the DC Department of Human Services, where she testified before the House and Senate Select Committee on Aging and her work was vital to the passing of the bill to protect our senior citizens. She also developed and implemented many projects and programs in her community: Project Smart Start, Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, Debutantes for Young Women, Family Olympics, City Wide Youth Conferences, and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church Learning Center. Rev. Roberts also wrote and published two books *Your Body God's Temple* and co-authored *The Work of the Deaconess: A Life of Commitment*.

She wrote, produced and directed many plays and skits. Some of which appeared in a showcase on the PBS channel highlighting her work with children in the community, through the Zoe Gospel Kids Book Club and Theater Group. Some of her notable works were "Searching for Hope", "Christ A Witness for All", "The Heart of An Angel," and the "Day of Reckoning." She also was an inventor, of the I READ character and board game. The I READ series focused on the reading and literacy of children while allowing them to improve their reading scores and phonetic awareness.

Rev. Roberts was the founder of Strebtor Institute and co-founder of Ecclesia Baptist Women's Alliance and Revive, L.C. In addition, she was a member of Women of Prayer, Minister's in Partnership and Council of Women Ministers of Greater Washington of the Council of Churches of Washington, DC. She was the recipient of many awards. One notable award was the nomination by Howard University's Department of Urban Affairs for Outstanding Woman of Washington, DC and in the Metropolitan Area for her work in the community with young people. She had a strong commitment to young children and their growth and development into productive members of society. Her life's mission was to serve, "The Least, The Last, and the Lost."

With all her accomplishments, her greatest accomplishments were her two children Aaron Roberts and Anitra Chastine. She also loved her grandchildren, Jourden Chastine and Ethan Chastine, who were the loves of her life. More recently, she joined in holy matrimony in April 2014, Mr. Ronald Mason and she cherished the love and memories they made together. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Mason, son, Aaron Roberts, daughter, Anitra Chastine (Gerard), two grandchildren, Jourden and Ethan Chastine, one brother, James Johnson, six sisters, Clara Mack, Phyllis Perry, Athena Damien, Laura Wilkins, and Henrietta Thomas along with a host of nieces and nephews.

## Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Keith W. Byrd, Sr.  
Presiding

Musical Prelude.....Ryan Jones

Opening Hymn

Scripture Reading.....Tonya Patton  
Old Testament-Psalm 23  
New Testament-John 14: 1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Solo — "How Great Thou Art" ..... Mr. Ronald Mason

Acknowledgement and Obituary ..... Ms. Wendy Glover

Remarks (2 minutes please)..... Aaron Roberts  
Jourden Chastine  
Tony Perry

Church Paper..... Sis. E. Marlene Tolson

Solo — "My Living Shall Not Be In Vain" ..... Mr. JaVonn Bright

Eulogy..... Rev. Kathleen A. Brooks

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Solo — "His Eye is on the Sparrow" ..... Mrs. Robin Davis

Recessional.....Family

*Repast immediately following the Dove Release*



### Reflection of Life

*For I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand.  
I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.  
I have kept the faith, Hence forth, there is laid up  
for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord,  
the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only,  
but unto all them also that love his appearing.*  
II Timothy 4: 6-8





