



Fredis Mabel Gray

April 21, 1923 - September 14, 2002

Fredis Mabel Edmonds-Gray, the youngest daughter of Samuel and Lina Bell Edmonds, was born on April 21, 1923 in Littleton, North Carolina. God called His faithful servant home to her reward on September 14, 2002 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. At an early age, Mabel accepted Christ and was baptized at the Lee's Chapel Baptist Church in Littleton, North Carolina. Upon successful completion of her high school education at Warrenton High School, she came to Baltimore, Maryland to live with her oldest sister, Elizabeth. On February 21, 1941, at the home of the founder of Zion Baptist Church, the late Reverend Matthew W. Wilkerson, Ocam and Mabel Edmonds were married. This union of fifty-eight years gave birth to three loving sons, Ocam Jr., Gregory and Wayne. Mabel and Ocam's union was born of love, mutual respect and a commitment to provide the best possible future for they're offspring-her commitment to educate and inspire good citizenship was relentless. Being reared in a large loving and humble southern Baptist family spawned and insatiable curiosity for the finer things in life. She was exceptionally stylish. Every Monday, she and sister Georgia could be found browsing the aisles of Stewarts, Hamburgers and Hoschild Kohns, dressed to the nines-hats, bags and gloves. She was also a dedicated member of Zion Baptist Church for more than sixty years during which time she chaired several ministries and was an active member of the Senior Choir and the Voices of Zion until her illness. Mabel's quest for living extended beyond the shores of Maryland. Her children were encouraged to explore and discover

the wonders and beauty of the world. In fact, her exploratory nature was evident in the kitchen where she prepared a vast array of specialties and was delighted to share them with others. Her warm heart, smile and graciousness were infectious. Mabel worked for Dr. Frederick Adams who was instrumental in encouraging her to attend the Apex School of Cosmetology where she received her certification. She was the successful proprietor of Mabel's Beauty Salon for forty-two years. Her charm and expertise garnered loyal patronage. The jovial, familiar atmosphere of her salon was a great part of her success. Mabel's customers were not only patrons, but also good friends. They loved her and she loved them. Not only did her customers, but was adored by the many friends of her children as well cherish her. To the end of her fruitful life, Mabel leaves to cherish fond memories: three sons, Ocam Jr., Gregory and Wayne; grandchild, Connie; great-grandchildren Wykeba and Sasha; great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Shirley Gray; sisters, Elizabeth Foster, Jessie Williams, Georgia Vincent and Mary Fowlkes; brothers, Samuel and George Edmonds; sisters-in-law, Alberta Gray, Ruth Edmonds and Betsy Edmonds; godchildren Wiley Edmonds and Regina Pullen; Just Cousins; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

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“ *Fredis Mabel Gray*

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“ *Please accept our condolences in this time of great sorrow for you. The love you shared will help sustain you and bring you peace.##imported-begin##The March Family and Staff##imported-end##*

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“ *To Wayne & Family, Continue to keep your heads up and GOD will continue to provide. Earth is only our temporary HOME, she has gone on to her permanent HOME. GOD BLESS##imported-begin##Mary Williams##imported-end##*

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“ Wayne, may God continue to bless you and your family during your time of need. Peace be with you.##imported-begin##Theresa Cozart##imported-end##

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“ Wayne, I sorry for your lost. I pray that the Lord will give peace, strength, and comfort in knowing that your mother is with the Lord and will be smiling down on you constantly. Keep her memory always in your heart. NIKKI##imported-begin##Nicole Mickens##imported-end##

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“ LOVE YOU WAYNE, REMEMBER WE ARE ALL HERE FOR YOU AT ALL TIMES##imported-begin##LAURICE ROCHELLE##imported-end##

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“ PEACE,LOVE&BLESSINGS##imported-begin##ELIJAH HUDSON##imported-end##

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“ Wayne, may it be a source of inner strength, A special comfort, too, To know that there's a loving God Always watching over you, And that, throughout your hour of need,He'll stay close by your side To help ease your sorrow and to be you friend and guide.##imported-begin##Francine Myles##imported-end##

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“ Wayne, May the memories of your Mother linger in your heart forever. Love Deborah Heath##imported-begin##Deborah Heath##imported-end##

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“ Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. My condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother. Peace and Blessings be with you always.##imported-begin##LaChone Holley##imported-end##

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“ I WOULD LIKE TO SEND AN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO WAYNE GRAY AND FAMILY.GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW.##imported-begin##ROSLYN GILLIS##imported-end##

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