



Myrtle Elizabeth Mack Dutton

August 16, 1940 - May 10, 2008

Myrtle Elizabeth Mack-Dutton, oldest daughter of three, passed away suddenly, a day after her youngest sibling, Doris Irene Gray, died from a brief illness. Born in Seneca, South Carolina, to the late Reverend Silas James Mack and Lelia (Coleman) Mack, Myrtle Elizabeth Mack became involved with the church at an early age, playing the piano for her father. During high school, as her voice developed and as her love for the Lord matured, she actively participated in the music ministry of her father's church. In addition, Myrtle spent her life as a professional musician and teacher. It was not until Myrtle was a student at Western Senior High School in Baltimore, that her vocal talent was fully recognized. Her vocal education included graduate and undergraduate work at the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University, receiving her Masters in Music Education. Honors at Peabody included the Conservatory's Scholarship for Graduate Study, Etude Octet Scholarship for Graduate Study, Azalia H. Thomas Prize, and Vocal Proficiency Award. During her marriage, Myrtle lived in Guam and Spain, traveled to numerous European cities where she expanded her training as professional singer. She enjoyed private study with Maestro Gino Campesi of Naples, and with the "grand dame" of Baltimore opera, Elsa Baklor, coloratura soprano. In addition, she studied the Spanish Art Song with Conchita Badia of Barcelona, Spain. Myrtle Mack-Dutton sang in the premiere performance of the late William Grant Still's song cycle "From the Hearts of Women" at Morgan State University. This song cycle was presented by the eminent composer to

Mrs. Dutton. She has also performed as a soloist with the Baltimore Symphony Chamber Orchestra in Vivaldi's "Gloria" with Eliot Galkin conducting, and in the Baltimore premiere performance of the unpublished Haydn Mass at the Peabody Conservatory of Music. She was a member and soloist with the International Quartet in Madrid, Spain and at the height of her career; she performed on average, 15 benefit concerts and recitals for cultural institutions in African-American communities. After having her only child, Montserrat Eva Dutton, Myrtle reduced her performing schedule dramatically, taught privately and worked as a church musical director. Although classically trained in the operatic style, she always returned to her original musical heritage; songs of God, oratorios and traditional spirituals. Myrtle was brought up in the church, so it is no surprise that her love for the songs of God were always predominant in her life. In the midst of planning the music for her sister, Doris Gray's homegoing services, God called Myrtle home. Myrtle leaves to mourn her loss: her daughter, Montserrat Eva Dutton, Cousin Calperta Cann, Goddaughter, Nina Howard, nieces and nephews, and a host of close friends. Acknowledgements Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light. --Albert Schweitzer

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“ *Myrtle Elizabeth Mack Dutton*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, the family, at this sad time. I became a member of the Chancel Choir of Grace Presbyterian Church at Ms. Mack Dutton's encouragement when she served as Minister of Music there. She will be fondly remembered.##imported-begin##S. Diane Gil##imported-end##*

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“ *My family and I are deeply sadden by the death of Myrtle and Doris. She played for me while I was out of town several months ago at my church. We spoke a month ago. Hope the family will know that she and Doris are in a better place and with the ONE who Meant everything to them. God is now allowing them to receive their reward and will be angels for their loved ones and children. Katie Grove & Family##imported-begin##Katie E. Grove##imported-end##*

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“ *God bless you family. I am happy to know that Myrtle was a former Westernite. May God sustain all of you now and forever.##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##*

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“ To the family and friends, I offer my sincere sympathy. I know the sadness associated with the loss of one you love and I know the comfort offered by God in his Word the Bible. Please read John 5:28,29 and Acts 24:15 which talks about the hope of a resurrection for the righteous and the unrighteous. After reading these two scriptures please turn your attention to John 3:16 and Matthew 20:28. These two scriptures tell us why we can put faith in the promise of a resurrection. May these provide you with comfort and hope as they have for me.##imported-begin##Gwen Winston##imported-end##

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“ To the Family, Please accept my condolences. We are endowed with many skills and abilities. But we are also given comfort and reassurance during these times. Jesus demonstrated his love for us when he resurrected his friend Lazarus at John 11:38-44. (please take the time to read) With this hope we can be strengthen when we lose a loved one.##imported-begin##Mrs. Howard##imported-end##

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“ Wow. Ms. Myrtle was a REALLY pretty woman. I send my condolences.##imported-begin##Deeanah Parks Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I wish to extend my sympathy to your famiy at this most difficult time. She accomplished a lot in her years on earth, but it is God's purpose that people live forever so that they can reach their full potential. Our wonderous brain was created to bring us knoledge and wisdom for all eternity, because God created us to live, not to die. Adam and Eve brought this tragedy upon us, but the ransom sacrifice of our saviour Christ Jesus will undo the grief they brought upon us. As 1st Cor 15:22 says, "In Adam all are dying, but in the Christ all will be made alive." One day, by means of the ressurection, all those in the memorail tombs will hear Jesus"s voice and come out; those who did good things to a ressurection of life." I pray that you find much comfort and strength to carry on, and may your precious memories of Myrtle be a source of joy to you as well.###imported-begin##R Johnson###imported-end##

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“ I am truly sorry to hear of your loss, they say that time is a great healer of all pain and sorrow, and I hope that as time go on for you and your family, the memories that you all have of Miss Dutton will start you on the way to healing, the pain of death never leaves us but in time the memories will come without so much pain , then you will be able to focus not on your loss, but on all the years of love, joy, and blessing you shared with her. Call on the God of all comfort (2 Corinthian 1:2-4) He will listen and be there for all of you, may it comfort you to know that others care, we offer, prayers to Jehovah God for you. My deepest sympathy is with all of you.###imported-begin##Josephine###imported-end##

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