



Thelma Geraldine Vaughan

December 8, 1920 - October 27, 2007

Mother Thelma Geraldine Vaughan spent her life serving in many roles: Mother, Teacher, Evangelist, Entrepreneur. From her early adulthood, many of those years were as a member in her beloved Church of God In Christ. So often many of those who were touched by her generosity and caring spirit were "children in need." Our kind and generous Mother was called to her final role of service--an angel to the Lord--mid-day on Saturday, October 27, 2007. She began her life here in Richmond, Virginia, as the youngest of two children (her brother, Daniel Webster (Web) Booker is deceased). She was born in Henrico County (now 28th St. in Richmond) on December 8, 1920. She attended George Mason Elementary School through her first grade year and then she and her parents moved to New York. Upon her parents' death, little Thelma moved to Manquin, Virginia, where her grandmother, Mrs. Ida Thomas, reared her. She attended King William County Public Schools through eighth grade, and then she enrolled in Hamilton-Holmes School where she studied Business Administration. Mother Vaughan was converted to Christianity at the age of twelve and joined Rock Springs Baptist Church. She married at a young age and of that union six children were born. Anne Geraldine Vaughan Booker, Ollie Linwood Vaughan, Jr. (deceased), Gerald Carlton Vaughan, Thurmond Samuel Vaughan, Constance Virginia Vaughan King (Howard, PhD.) and Anthony Oswald Vaughan (Towanda). At eighteen, Jesus came into her heart and she was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. She then joined the Church of God In Christ, where her

first Pastor was the late Bishop David C. Love. Mother has served in many official and unofficial capacities during her long membership with COGIC. Among them have been: Church Secretary, Sunday School Teacher, District Sunday School Superintendent (the only woman ever appointed to that position in our Jurisdiction), and Sunday School Representative. On May 17, 1966, the late Mother Anne L. Bailey, the National Supervisor of the Women's Work, appointed Mother Vaughan the State Supervisor of the Virginia Women's Department, Jurisdiction-VA #1, where she served for forty-one years. In 1994, Mother was appointed to the Advisory Board of the International Women's Department COGIC. Mother often traveled sharing the Word of God through many programs that provided "spiritual growth and development within the Women's, Children, and Youth Auxiliaries. Some of them included the District Missionaries, Missionaries, Sewing Circle, Purity Class, Sunshine Band, Cradle Roll, Hospitality and her infamous Baby Contest. She was a huge advocate for the Women's Department and motivated them not only to learn but support their causes as well as the church through Silent Auctions and other activities which continued to grow annually. She was a leader who molded and creates other leaders for the Church. It did not matter whether male, female, adult or child, she would show you the way, correct you with much love, and expect you to continue the Works of God. While Mother Vaughan spoke softly ("Baby", "Darlings", "Sweethearts," were words she often used before making a request or providing a word of wisdom) her words carried a loud message. Her light touch seen today in many of the leaders locally, state-wide, and regionally is exhibited in how they rally together, work for a vision, and carry themselves whether in our services, at home, or in our communities. If you place a scarf or handkerchief across your lap today, you know it was Mother who probably taught your mother, aunt, or sister to do that! Her favorite songs were "I Won't Complain" and "One Day At A Time." A favorite scripture of hers was Proverbs 31:10 which she often used when bringing a message on "A Virtuous Woman." Mother was endowed by the Holy Ghost to choose unique subjects when teaching us. Among them were

"Leaves Only" and "You Need A Fix"--the message she taught at a Bishops Conference in Dallas, Texas at the invitation of Bishop J.O. Patterson. Mother Vaughan leaves to cherish her loving memory not only six national children, one sister-in-law, Doris Booker, but also thirteen grandchildren: one devoted granddaughter, Deborah D. Vaughan, Wanda B. Vaughan (Charles H.), Gwendolyn A. Moody, Belinda N. Booker, Tina V. Page (Brian), Angela V. Vaughan, Gerald C. Vaughan, Jr., Michael Vaughan (Renith), Thurmond S. Vaughan, Jr. Wayne Vaughan, Napoleon Alston, Terrance Vaughan (Lisa), Anthony O. Vaughan, Jr.; and fifteen great-grandchildren: McKenzie Vaughan, Tara Vaughan, Chelse Hill, Annalise Anderson, Kameko Alston, Jeffery Moody, Napoleon Alston, Aaron Anderson, Thurmond Vaughan, III, Joseph Alston, Kevon Nichols, Andre Hill, Alexander Anderson and Julian Page. She also leaves to cherish her memory, many cousins, friends and her devoted Church Family, too many to name and not forgotten by her, as she touched each of them in a special way. Her physical body is gone; her spiritual presence will continue to be felt. "The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy Spirit. Grace be with you. Amen." (II Timothy 4:22)

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“ *Thelma Geraldine Vaughan*

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“ *To Debbie Vaughan and the whole Vaughan family- My heartfelt sympathies at this time. Love, Carolyn Singh- always thinking of you.##imported-begin##carolyn singh##imported-end##*

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“ *Hello ! Vaughan's ! May I take this opportunity to send my condolences to all. Ms. Thelma was 87 years old (young) when her circle of life was broken. Imagine the great JOY to be our when the dead are resurrected back to a earthy paradise, never to die again , John 5:28. It is a wonderful thing to be able to live and enjoy life to the full as Ms. Thelma accomplished so many thinhs. May all the many marvelous and preicous times spent with Ms. Thelma stay close to your hearts and mind.##imported-begin##Lillian Crosby##imported-end##*

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“ I am sorry to learn of the loss of your family member Thelma. This must have been a difficult time for your family. I am forwarding scripture that will comfort. Psalm 90:10 says that the usual human life span is 70 or 80 years. That was true when Moses wrote it, but that was not so from the beginning. (compare Genesis 5:3-32.) Hebrews 9:27 says..It is reserved for men to die once for all time. This, too, was true when it was written. But it was not the case before God passed judgment on sinful Adam.##imported-begin##JT Nunnally##imported-end##

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“ Dear Friend, It is always a sad occasion to learn that a loved one has passed away in death. Please be assured that our heavenly father, will never forget the love that they showed for his name. In fact, the bible comforts us with the hope of a resurrection. That means that we will get the opportunity to see our loved ones again here on earth. How do we know this? Please consider the following account in John 11:25. No doubt this is a familiar passage. At this point in the bible, Lazarus has died. When speaking to Martha, Jesus said, " I am the resurrection and the life." But what was the context of Jesus' words to Martha? Well, consider John 11:24 for here Martha says something very comforting to us. Here she expresses faith in the resurrection hope. In verse 24, she says "lord I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day". The problem was that Martha wanted her brother back now! Just like we would want our relatives resurrected now, if we were talking to the Christ, and we knew that he had the power to do so. What did Jesus do? He brought his friend, Lazarus, back to life! And where did Jesus bring Lazarus back to life? Jesus brought Lazarus right back here on earth! Mary and Martha did not expect to have to die to see Lazarus again! And Lazarus did not remain dead in the "memorial tomb". Isn't it comforting to know that the bible promises to raise our loved ones back to life here on earth with us--those that love them? In fact, in John 5:28 and 29 we are told, "do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out". No doubt Ms. Vaughan will be amongst those that will hear the voice of Jesus Christ acting in behalf of our loving heavenly father as he brings back to life our dead loved ones. I hope that this message will continue to bring comfort to you and to your family. These passages have always comforted me when I suffered the loss of family and friends. Sincerely, Ms. Townes##imported-begin##T.Townes##imported-end##

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