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### Geraldine DeLoach

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## "INSPIRATION"

### "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW"

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is **YESTERDAY** with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. **YESTERDAY** has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back **YESTERDAY**. We cannot undo a single act we performed. We cannot erase a single word we said. **YESTERDAY** is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is **TOMORROW** with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. **TOMORROW** is also beyond our immediate control.

**TOMORROW'S** sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in **TOMORROW**, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - **TODAY**. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - **YESTERDAY** and **TOMORROW** that we break down.

It is not the experience of **TODAY** that drives men mad - it is remorse or bitterness for something which happened **YESTERDAY** and the dread of what **TOMORROW** may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.

## *Reflection on the life of*



*Miss Geraldine DeLoach*

*Saturday, June 1, 1991 - 3:00 p.m.*

*St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church*

*Register, Georgia*

*Rev. T.J. Simmons, Officiating*

*Interment - Bulloch Memorial Gardens*

## A Season For All Things

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

### A Time To Be Born

Miss Geraldine DeLoach was born on September 28, 1963 to Raiford DeLoach and Mae Alma Kent DeLoach in Bulloch County, Georgia.

### A Time To Live

Geraldine was a 1981 graduate of Statesboro High School; and attended West Georgia College, Carrollton, Georgia. She was employed as a Senior Secretary with the Office of Institutional Research at Georgia Southern University.

### A Time To Serve

At a young age, Geraldine joined St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church. She was a member of the Church Choir.

Geraldine recently organized the Twenty-Five Thirty Social, a community service organization. As editor, Geraldine once wrote, as she recalled from a song, one of her deepest beliefs:

"The irony of trying to do the right thing-is that whatever you do, some will undo and some might destroy. There are some still lost in darkness...The world is what we make it. What we see today is the result of the mistakes they made yesterday, and what we'll see tomorrow, will be the results of what we do today. It is a shame that peace and respect have been replaced by money and power. The children, they are the future. So, teach them how to love themselves and they will love others. Don't you see, LOVE that's the key."

That, said Geraldine, gave her the motivation to get "charged" for another day. It also gave her the encouragement to keep striving for the betterment of our community. If "we all decided to just sit back and rely on someone else to do what we should be doing, nothing will ever change."

### A Time To Die

On Tuesday, May 28, 1991, Geraldine departed this life.

### A Time To Mourn

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving daughter, Victoria Celeste DeLoach, her parents Raiford DeLoach Sr., Mae Alma DeLoach of Statesboro, GA; five sisters, Alice Marie Norman, Decatur, GA, Debra Ann DeLoach, Ava Michelle Harris, Civis Yvonne DeLoach, and Faran Leticia DeLoach, all of Statesboro, GA; six brothers, Robert Chaver, Metter, GA, Ronald DeLoach, Clarkston, GA, Ray Lamar DeLoach, Christopher Renog DeLoach, and Erik LaPatrick DeLoach, all of Statesboro, GA, and Sgt. Raiford DeLoach Jr., of Charleston, SC.

Her maternal grandmother, Celestine Kent of Register, GA, Two brothers-in-law, Tommy Norman of Decatur, GA, and Sgt. Guy Harris, currently stationed in the Middle East. Four sisters-in-law, Judy DeLoach, Clarkston, GA, Brenda DeLoach, and Evette DeLoach of Statesboro, GA, and Veronica DeLoach, Florence, SC, several aunts and uncles, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

## TRANSITIONAL SERVICE

- Processional
- Hymn of Comfort . . . . .Choir
- Prayer . . . . .Elder Larry McMillan
- Scripture . . . . .Rev. Early Humphries
- Solo . . . . .Victor Howard
- Mediational . . . . . (Read Obituary Silently)
- Acknowledgements . . . . . Mr. Randy Gunter
- Selection . . . . . Choir
- Remarks . . . . .Rev. Stanford Anderson
- Solo . . . . . Melissa Bennett
- Eulogy . . . . .Rev. T.J. Simmons
- Recessional

#### Honorary Pallbearers

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|----------------|---------------|
| Conley Frink   | Jeffery Lewis |
| Tharon Jackson | Willie Cone   |
| Connell Ward   | Stanley Cone  |

#### Active Pallbearers

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| Charles Brown      | Alfred Grant   |
| Victor Howard      | Wintford Grant |
| William Howard III | Freddie Grant  |

#### Floral Attendants

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| Virginia Samiratedu  | Althea Moore     |
| Valencia Love        | Beverly Whitaker |
| Tommie Jean Williams | Pauline Cody     |
| Kelly Carnes         | Evelyn C. Rozier |
| Huddie Culbreth      |                  |

#### Acknowledgements

*The Family wishes to extend their thanks to the many friends for the love shown to them at this time. We deeply appreciate all the visits, telephone calls, flowers, and most of all your prayers and presence at this service. It is our sincere prayer that God will bless each and every one of you.*