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### Geneva Eason

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## ONE MORE SOUL IN HEAVEN

One more soul in heaven,  
The place where Jesus dwells,  
The place where sorrow never comes,  
Where death never tolls its temple bells.

One more soul in heaven,  
The land of pure delight,  
The land where sickness is always gone,  
Where disease can cause no blight.

One more soul in heaven,  
The abode of the pure in heart,  
The abode of all the saints of God,  
Where they meet, but never part.

One more soul in heaven,  
That homeland of the soul,  
That place which He's prepared for us,  
That land where we'll never grow old.

One more soul in heaven,  
A soul so faithful here,  
A soul whose hope and constant love,  
And smile did bring us cheer.

One more soul in heaven,  
A soul we'll see no more,  
Til some bright morn we'll greet her,  
On that celestial shore.

One more soul in heaven,  
Shall we weep as if we have no hope?  
Shall we cry as if forever this soul  
Must in darkness grope?

Shall we sing a song of lost and woe?  
As if we've been dealt a cruel blow,  
By the one whose hand did give us birth,  
And sustains us daily upon the earth?

No, we shall not weep  
As if no hope  
Did in our spirits dwell;  
No, we shall rise  
And bless the Lord  
Who doeth all things well.

Our hearts shall sing the Psalmist's song,  
While souls on high shall sing the same,  
He giveth well, He taketh well,  
BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

Bennie E. Goodwin, II

## Honorary Pallbearers

Ministers and Minister's Spouses and Widows  
Retired Teachers

## Active Pallbearers

Ernest Edenfield  
Eddie D. Turner  
DeLoan Dixon  
Mike Kennedy  
Jerry Gibson  
Jimmy Watson

## Honorary Floral Attendants

Women's Missionary Society  
Young People's and Children's Division  
Minister's Wives

## Ushers

Augusta Georgia Conference Sons of Allen  
Thankful Baptist Church  
St. Philip A.M.E.C., Savannah, Georgia

## Musician

Brother Van Johnson, St. Philip A.M.E.C.,  
Savannah, Georgia

## Acknowledgments

With grateful hearts, we offer our deepest and sincerest thanks for your words of comfort and unselfish acts of kindness shown throughout the illness and passing of our loved one. May God richly bless you all for your expressions of friendship and concern.

*The Family of Geneva Washington Eason*

The members of Bethel and St. Luke A.M.E.C. invite you to fellowship with the family immediately after interment at the Sam's Creek Community Center.

## In Celebration of the Life of

# Geneva Washington Eason

1934 - 1998



FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1998  
2:00 P.M.

SAM'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH  
Metter, Georgia

REVEREND JOHN LEGGETT, *Pastor*

*Words of Comfort provided by*  
Gregory V. Eason, Sr.

*Interment - EDEN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH CEMETERY*

  
*Whitaker Funeral Home in Charge of Arrangements*  
Metter, Georgia

## Obituary

**Geneva Washington Eason**, the daughter of the late Johnnie Grier Washington and William Levy Washington, was born on November 17, 1934 in Albany, Georgia. She departed this life on March 30, 1998 at Candler County Hospital in Metter, Georgia. At an early age, she united with Eureka Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Later, she moved her membership along with her family to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia where she was affiliated with the music department as pianist and organist.

She attended public schools in Albany and graduated from Monroe High School in 1951. She obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Albany State College in 1954 and further study at Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama.

As a dedicated teacher, she touched the lives of many in the following Georgia counties: Dougherty, Sumter, Tatnall, Candler, and she retired in Emanuel county school system in 1988 after over 30 years of distinguished service. She was a life member of the Georgia Retired Teachers Association.

She was joined in holy matrimony to William Eason on June 20, 1958. To this union five children were born. After marriage and relocation to Candler County, she affiliated with Steep Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she served as Pianist, Choir Director, and Youth Director. Later, she joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She served as a helpmate to her husband, an A.M.E. minister. In each church where her husband served, she continued her work in music ministry and other ministries as needed.

At the time of her death, she was the chairperson of the Vidalia Area Women's Missionary Society of the Augusta Georgia Conference and Sixth Episcopal District Minister's Spouses and Widows Alliance. She coordinated the Tanner-Turner Memorial Standing Committee of the Women's Missionary Society for the Sixth Episcopal District of Georgia.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted husband, Rev. William Eason of Cobbtown, Georgia; three sons, Rev. William Lonnie Eason (Rosalyn) and Rev. Gregory Vaughn Eason, Sr. (Linda) both of Savannah, Georgia, Nolan Keith Eason of Cobbtown, Georgia; two daughters, Pamela Eason-Hobbs (Booker T.) of Cobbtown, Georgia and Felicia Bonzola Eason of Nashville, Tennessee; Four grandchildren, Ericka Y. Eason of Fairfax, Virginia, Robert C. Sikes of Cobbtown, Georgia, Carmen J. Eason and Gregory V. Eason, Jr. both of Savannah, Georgia; two step-grandchildren, Shawn Hobbs and Krystal Coney of Metter, Georgia; one sister Johnnie Eloise Byrd-Hicks (James) of Brunswick, Georgia, one brother, William A. Washington (Lillian) of Savannah, Georgia; one uncle, Ulysses Grier of Dawson, Georgia; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

## Tribute To Mother

**We're sad now that you are gone but only because of our selfish desire to have you here always with us.**

**Mother, we are who we are because of you.**

**You taught us how to live our lives with dignity, character, and mainly with Love.**

**You would not allow us to be discouraged, down-hardened, or to give up. As you often said, "God will take care of you. I pray for all of you all the time and He will work it out".**

**You loved us with all our many faults and mistakes. You believed in us because we were your children.**

**Thank you for all the sacrifices you made for us. You truly gave freely of everything you had to us and everyone you touched.**

**In your memory, we are going to live as you did, so God can use us anywhere we may go and every moment we live.**

### Your Children and Grandchildren



**I shall be like Him, Jesus Our King,**

**I shall be like Him in Heaven one day**

**Wear a long white robe,**

**Shoes of pure gold,**

**I shall be like Him some day.**

## Order of Service

### Celebration of life for Geneva Washington Eason

Processional/Viewing .....	Reverend Robert Lee Plummer <i>Presiding Elder of Savannah District</i>
Presiding .....	Reverend H.R. Ricks <i>Presiding Elder of the Wrens-Vidalia District</i>
Opening Hymn .....	"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand", Hymn #513 Reverend Terrence R. Gray <i>Pastor, St. Paul A.M.E.C., Macon, Georgia</i>
Invocation .....	Reverend Joseph B. Tyson <i>Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida</i>
Old Testament 23 Psalms .....	Reverend James Joyce <i>Pastor, Lakeside First Baptist Church, Metter, Georgia</i>
Gospel John 14: 1-6 .....	Reverend A.J. Patterson <i>Pastor, St. Thomas A.M.E.C., Savannah, Georgia</i>
Epistle II Timothy 4: 1-8 .....	Reverend Julius Abraham <i>Mt. Pisgah A.M.E.C., Portal, Georgia</i> <i>Jerusalem A.M.E.C., Brooklet Georgia</i>
Selection .....	Combined Choirs Bethel A.M.E.C., Collins, Georgia St. Luke A.M.E.C., Lyons, Georgia St. Philip A.M.E.C., Savannah, Georgia
Moments of Reflection (Limit 3 Minutes)	
As an Educator .....	Sis. Thelma Trice <i>Emanuel County School System</i>
As A Member of Women's Missionary Society .....	Sis. Sarah Blandingburg <i>Augusta Georgia Conference, President</i>
As A Minister's Wife .....	Sis. Roberta C. Davenport <i>St. Paul A.M.E.C., Vidalia, Georgia</i>
As A Church Member .....	Sis. Johnnie Dennard <i>St. Luke A.M.E.C., Lyons, Georgia</i> Bro. Deloan Dixon <i>Bethel A.M.E.C., Collins, Georgia</i>
As A Mother .....	Reverend William L. Eason <i>Pastor, Twin City Circuit</i>
Solo .....	William A. Washington <i>Accompanied by Johnnie E. Byrd-Hicks</i>
Acknowledgments .....	Sis. Vivian Bufford <i>Bethel A.M.E.C., Collins, Georgia</i>
Obituary (Read Silently) .....	Soft Music
Duet .....	Felicia Eason and Pamela E. Hobbs
Pastoral Prayer .....	Dr. Otis Turner <i>National Office Presbyterian Church USA</i>
Words of Comfort .....	Reverend Gregory V. Eason, Sr. <i>Pastor, St. Philip A.M.E.C., Savannah, Georgia</i>
Recessional .....	Reverend Scottie Swinney <i>Pastor, St. James A.M.E.C., Columbus, Georgia</i>
"When We All To Heaven" .....	Hymn #511