

Homegoing Celebration
For
ETTA JOYCE GRANT



Saturday, August 13, 2011
12:00 Noon

Saint Joseph African Methodist Episcopal Church
2521 Fayetteville Street
Durham, North Carolina 27707

Reverend Philip R. Cousin, Jr., Pastor, Officiating



~ *THE OBITUARY* ~
Reflections of a Life Well Lived

Etta Joyce Grant was born at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, NC on February 18, 1947. She died on August 6, 2011 at the Meadowlands Hospice Center in Hillsborough, NC. She was the daughter of the late Mary Etta Cotten Grant and the late Milton Robert Grant, Sr. She was also preceded in death by her older brother, Milton R. Grant II.

Joyce had a deep abiding faith and her spiritual life was very important to her. Joyce's belief in God sustained her and was a great source of comfort and strength. Joyce was christened at St. Joseph's AME Church. Throughout her life she was a faithful and loyal member who served in several capacities. She was a member of the Lay Organization, the Minerva Evans Sunday School Class, the Steward Board, and the Finance Committee.

Joyce attended the Durham City Schools and was a 1965 graduate of Hillside High School. She was a very popular and dynamic student, serving as Student Council President, cheerleader, and member of the Debate Society, National Honor Society, Hornet Calculators, and others. Following high school, she attended North Carolina Central University where she graduated in 1969. She received her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Rochester in 1977 and earned the designation of Certified Public Accountant in August 1979.

Etta Joyce learned early the value of hard work as was evidenced by her dedication to the Soul City Project, her first job following graduation. After receiving her MBA, she continued her professional career as a staff accountant at Coopers and Lybrand in Boston. She joined Garrett and Sullivan Company in December 1978, where she was later made partner. She was president of the firm Grant, Sullivan and Company from 1985 until 1995. In 1995 she became co-owner of Dalrymple and Grant, CPA, PA with her friend, Dewanda Dalrymple. When the firm dissolved, Joyce worked for Operation Breakthrough and then Durham Housing Authority. Her professional affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the NC Association of Certified Public Accountants. She was awarded the YWCA Silver Medallion in the category of Business and Industry.

Joyce modeled her life around her favorite quotation, "True worth is in being, not seeming. In doing each day that goes by some little good, not in dreaming of great things to do by and by." She was actively involved in community and civic affairs. She had life memberships in the NAACP, the NCCU Alumni Association, and her beloved sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She was also a dedicated member of the Links Incorporated, the Second Sunday Sisters Book Club, and the Hillside Hornets Class of 1965. Joyce was a woman of integrity who believed in truth and fairness for all.

Her sister Carolyn, A. Grant; sister-in-law, Doris W. Grant; nephew, Milton Robert Grant III; niece, Melissa J. DeRadcliffe (Darrell); grand niece, Natalie R. DeRadcliffe; and many relatives and dear friends will cherish her memory.

~ THE ORDER OF SERVICE ~

PRELUDE

SELECTION

The Choir

INVOCATION

SELECTION

The Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

SOLO

Rev. Deborah Brown

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Paul Williams

TRIBUTES

Judge Alice McCollum

Ms. Wilma Liverpool

Ms. Audrey K. Bailey

Mr. Jackie Robinson

Mrs. Dewanda Dalrymple

Rev. Linda Norfleet

Mr. Nathaniel White

SELECTION

The Choir

EULOGY

Rev. Philip R. Cousin, Jr.

MORTICIAN'S BRIEF

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

The Choir

Interment
Beechwood Cemetery, Section C
Fayetteville and Cornwallis Road
Durham, NC

Pall Bearers

Active

Men of Saint Joseph AME Church
Men of Hillside Class of 1965
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Honorary

Former Co-workers
Concord Street/Duncan Street Neighbors

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## *Floral Bearers*

### *Active*

Second Sunday Sisters  
Stewardesses and Missionaries of  
St. Joseph AME Church  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

### *Honorary*

Minerva W. Evans Sunday School Class

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Acknowledgement

The family of the late Etta Joyce Grant gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many acts of kindness extended to them during the illness and subsequent death of their loved one. May God continue to richly shower you with His blessings!

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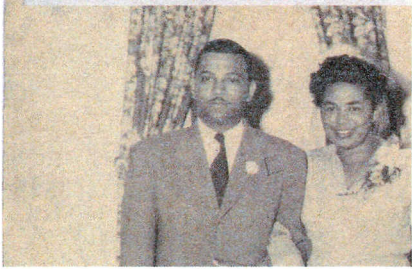
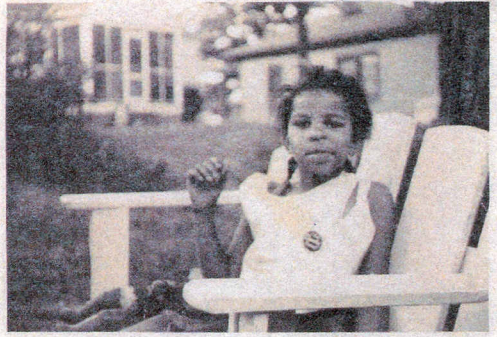
### *Hold High the Torch!*

Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its' glow—  
“Twas given you by other hands, you know,  
‘Tis yours to keep it burning bright,  
Yours to pass on when you no more need light;  
For there are other feet we must guide,  
And other forms go marching by our side;  
Their eyes are watching every smile and tear  
And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,  
Are sometimes just the very helps they need,  
Actions to which their souls would give most heed;  
So that in turn they'll hold it high  
And say, “I watched someone else carry it this way.”  
If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,  
Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?

Hold high the torch!  
You did not light its' glow—  
‘Twas given you by other hands, you know.  
I think it started down its' pathway bright,  
The day the Maker said: “Let there be light.”  
And He once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—  
“Ye are the light of the world..Go!...Shine-for me.

- Anonymous





***Etta Joyce Grant***  
*Daughter - Sister                      Aunt - Grand Aunt*  
*Soror - Businesswoman - Civic Leader*  
*Visionary*

***Joyce will be missed by all whose lives she touched and all who loved her dearly!***