

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of...

Sunrise:
September 23, 1954

Sunset:
December 23, 2020



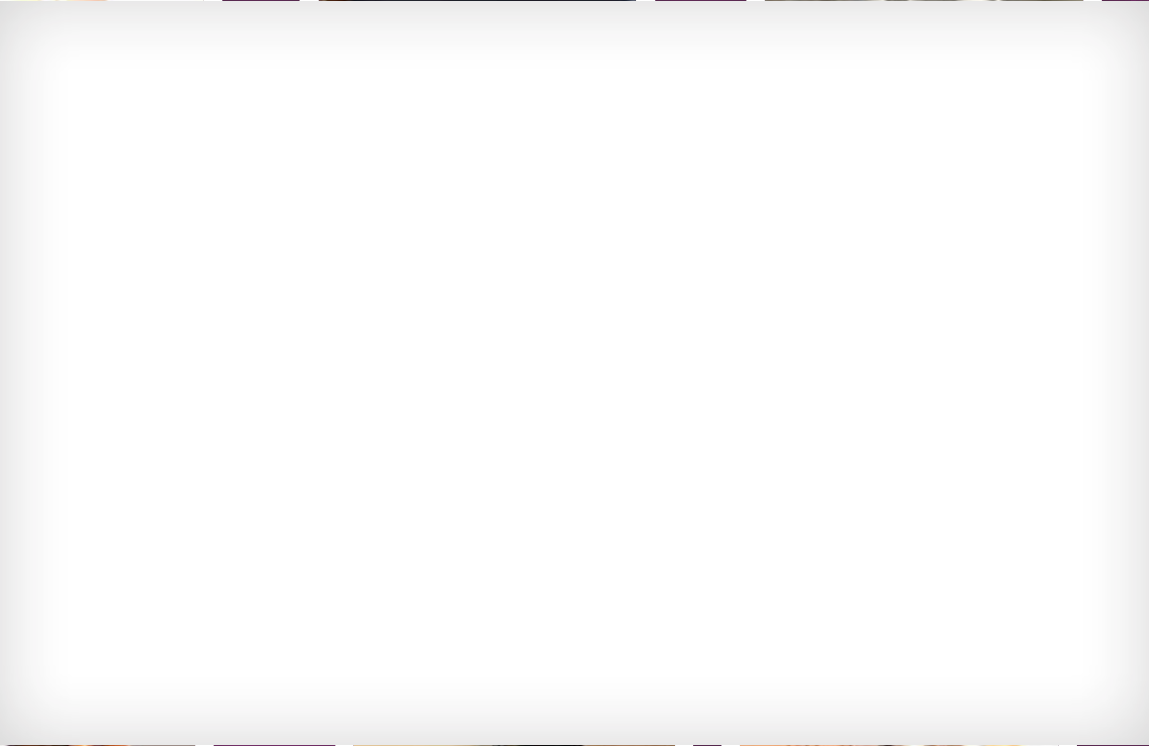
Rosette Tabb Graham

VIEWING
TIMES

Monday, January 4, 2021, 5pm-8pm at Pope Funeral Homes, 5538 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD

Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 9am-10:45am at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA



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A CELEBRATION OF A LIFE WELL-SPENT

SERVANT LEADER

Rosette Tabb Graham



*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I
will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”*

– Psalm 23:6 KJV

COMMENCEMENT

Rosette Tabb Graham was born September 23, 1954 in Gloucester, Virginia, the youngest of three children to the late Phillip Roy and Dorothy Mable Tabb. She was the only girl and enjoyed the extra attention of her two brothers. She was baptized at her family church and shortly thereafter began her grade school career at TC Walker of Gloucester. Destined to make a difference, Rosette became one of a few students chosen to integrate Gloucester High School in 1968. Not long after attending Gloucester High school, Rosette became the first black cheerleader, homecoming queen and president of the Gloucester Student Government. Upon completion of high school, Rosette relocated to Northern Virginia to work for the Central Intelligence Agency.

DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

After leaving the CIA, Rosette joined the staff of Capital Publications where she acquired training in multiple publication formats and did not fail to use these skills at Alfred Street Baptist Church when she became the executive assistant to the late Rev. Dr. John O.



Peterson. Rosette loved learning and pursued Business Administration at George Mason University, received a diploma for completing the work to become a Travel Agent, became a Notary and received numerous Continuing Education Credits for studies in Missional Education. Because of Rosette's tenacity, skill and faithfulness her role as executive assistant had numerous definitions and/or synonyms to include informed, gracious, extraordinary, faithful, trustworthy, one of a kind. During her tenure with the late Rev. Dr. John O. Peterson, Rosette fully defined and accepted her call to do world missions. During the early 90's, most Saturday's Rosette could be found on the streets of Washington, DC handing out homemade sandwiches to the homeless. From the trunk of her car to the mission consciousness of her church, Rosette became the president of Missions to Director of Missions. As director of missions, major projects were introduced to include Brother's Keeper, Feed the 5000 and distribution of Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets. As Rosette's love for mission work grew, she became the secretary, vice president and president of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia/ Women's Division and Area D (same offices as BGC). In District 1, Rosette served as Secretary, Assistant Chairperson and Chairperson of this district. Inclusively, Rosette gave her untiring service to Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and became the Vice President and current president of Lott Carey's Women In Service Everywhere (WISE). Rosette received many awards for her service in Monrovia, Liberia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, and South Africa. Her mission was to feed the hungry, empower women, free those in captivity, stop human trafficking and above all serve God's people everywhere.

ARDENT SUPPORTER

In 2008, Alfred Street Baptist Church began narrowing down its search for a pastor. Rosette, played an important role in keeping records for the committee and supporting the selection of the Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley as the 8th pastor of ASBC. Upon his selection, Rosette became his “Olivia Pope,” and began connecting him with all the important figures of Alexandria, VA and in the national and international communities. Seeing that her pastor was known world-wide, a goal she was proud to partner in, brought many smiles of satisfaction to her spirit. She loved Pastor Wesley’s preaching, and in the few moments when she was not working on projects, would find inspiration in hearing the word of God through the masterful crafting of his sermons. Her love for Pastor Wesley spread throughout his family and in all of his endeavors. During her final hours of transition, Pastor Wesley’s prayers and presence brought joy and comfort to her soul as her love for him is without end.

FAMILY LOVE

Eyes sparkle, a big smile appears, and wide stretched arms reach out to hug “Momma T’s” babies. Rosette’s love for Angela, Keon, Jonathan and bonus daughter, Deborah Randall was unconditional. She loved to play games, listen to Motown and just be in the same space with her children. Listening to her favorite Motown singers was her favorite partner on road trips. There was nothing too big or too small for her to give to her children. Wherever, Rosette traveled, her children were on her mind. When she came back from a trip, there was always a surprise in her bag for them. Her support of her (boys) on the football field was phenomenal, “Momma T” was a sideline coach extradonaire. She could run a touchdown in the stands better than anyone. When you talked with ‘Momma T’ she was known to make everything better. She was the best daughter and sister one could ever have. Her love of family was a true blessing and a treasure forever.

THE BENEDICTION

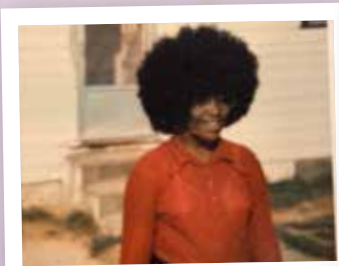
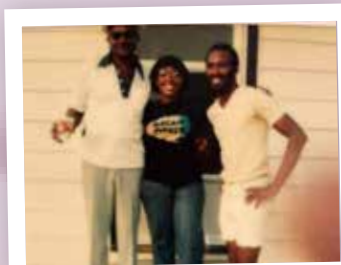
Rosette is survived by her mother, Dorothy Tabb, brothers Roy Tabb (Pam), Elijah Howard, sister, Sandra Tabb, daughter, Angela Liggans, grandchildren; Keon McClinton, Jonathan Liggans, bonus daughter, Deborah Randall, god-brother, Jeffrey Burrell, god-sisters, Mattie and Dawn Burrell; Nadyah, Phillis, Philecia Grey & Nicholas and Dohnovon Mcglone, nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. The treasure of her love for all who knew her will forever be with us.

“Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord.”

– Matthew 25:23 KJV

IN THE BEGINNING...





FAMILY IS EVERYTHING...



A Message from “Momma T”

I have so many things to see and do

Be happy that we had so many years.

How much you gave me in happiness.

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near

All of my love around you soft and clear.

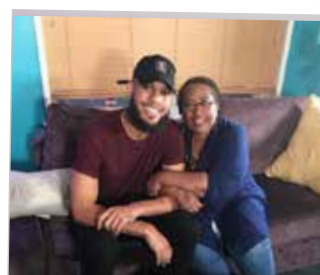
Daddy Phillip, Aunt Martha, DJ, and I will greet you with a smile and say,



ALFRED STREET FAMILY AND FRIENDS...









ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude “I Just Can’t Give Up Now” Bryant Ensemble
“God Is” Terrance Parker-McCloud, Soloist
Invocation Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor
Hymn of Rejoicing “Great is Thy Faithfulness” Rev. Joseph A.C. Smith, Soloist

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 3:1–4 Rev. Dr. Judy Fentress-Williams
New Testament Matthew 25:31–40 Rev. Dr. Sedric Roberts
Epistle I John 5:9–11 Rev. Edward Y. Jackson
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Marla C. Hawkins
Acknowledgements Pastor Wesley
Family Acknowledgements Dorothy Mable Tabb, mother
Roy Tabb, brother
Musical Tribute “I Give My All for Rosette” Joseph Coleman & Joseph Blunt

Organizational Tributes

Baptist General Convention Rev. James Victor, President
Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention Rev. Emmett L. Dunn, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
ASBC Missions Department Rev. Marcia M. Norfleet
Reflections Jeffrey Burrell, cousin
Youner McCloud, friend
Joe Coleman, entertainer
Joe Blunt, entertainer
Message from “Momma T” “Don’t Cry for Me” Angela Liggans, daughter
Special Musical Tribute Ralph Herndon
Eulogy Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor
Hymn of Rejoicing “When We All Get to Heaven”
Closing Prayer & Benediction Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Senior Pastor
Recession “Total Praise”



LOTT CAREY, MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



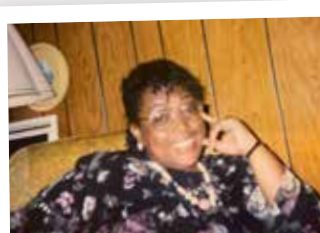






ROSETTE TABB GRAHAM... THE ULTIMATE LEADER





ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family is forever grateful for the prayers, love and support during this difficult time. We are blessed to have your love and care that enables us to be recipients of mercy and grace. We are especially grateful to our Alfred Street family for your numerous expressions of love. Your acts of kindness continue to bless our hearts and will not be forgotten.

– The Family

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

In lieu of flowers please donate to Alfred Street Baptist Church c/o Rosette T. Graham Foreign Missions.

PALLBEARERS

Lionel Evans
Marlon Hayes
Nate Johnson
Michael E. Jones
Charles Stevenson, III
John Morris Thompson

HONORARY
PALLBEARER
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