



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of

M O T H E R

Carolyn Yvonne Horton

November 24, 1937 - October 27, 2017

Saturday, November 4, 2017 | 12 o'clock noon

Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church
2334 Herman Street | Nashville, Tennessee

The Reverend Charles L. White, Jr., Senior Pastor

Remembering Mother

*Another of my Mother(s) gone
Last breath on this side
Breathing still in Heavenly bliss
Over yonder on the other side
Personified the Grace we glimpse
Dignified the Life We Crave
Signified the Man she Loved
Pacified all her children... born and reared
Far removed from her painful hours
I recall her more healthy moments
when she hummed sweet Gospel melodies
cleaned house and baked the most delicious cakes
Mother Teacher Wife Friend Sister
On and on and on she goes
A proud black woman I saw her so
Yet humble kind loving forgiving
Doc and his Mrs. Horton
Such a couple so hard to meet
Together Forever It seemed so Real
Her precious Soul will Rest in Peace
Her children we must keep in Prayer
Her Husband we must visit often
Her Family will miss a Wholesome Lady
My children had the greatest Grandmother
We cry today
Great floods of tears
And After all the Protocols
That is when we'll feel the Loss!
Good bye Ma Horton
Good bye for now
Good bye Ma Horton
I still remember you humming those beautiful melodies*

E. BENONI KNUCKLES



The Worship Celebration

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father

Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son,
our Lord;*

*who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,*

*born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; *
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;*

*from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Let us sing together the 3rd stanza of

Lift Every Voice and Sing

God of our weary years,

God of our silent tears,

*Thou who has brought us thus far
on the way;*

Thou who has by Thy might

Led us into the light,

Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places,

our God, where we met Thee,

Lest, our hearts drunk with the

wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,

May we forever stand,

True to our God,

True to our native land

*Officiant - The Reverend Dr. Vance Ross, Deputy General Secretary
Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church (Former Pastor)*

FAMILY & FRIENDS VIEWING

10:45 am - 12:00 noon

THE PRELUDE

Winston Hold, Pianist

Chris Simmons, Director of Music

THE PROCESSIONAL

Members of the Clergy and Family

WELCOME & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Monica Horton-Knuckles, Eldest Daughter

PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC

Family & Friends

THE CALL TO CELEBRATION

Reverend Charles L. White, Jr.

THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETINGS

Reverend Dr. Vance Ross

OPENING SELECTION

"Oh Happy Day" | Gordon Memorial Mass Choir

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT

Reverend Westley Dobbs | Mt. Zion Baptist Church

MOTHERLAND SELECTION

Lucy Gray & Friends

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Family Members

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Proverbs 31:10-31 | Rebecca Swindle, Niece

THE EPISTLE READING

II Timothy 4:7-8 | Denise Davis, Niece

THE NEW TESTAMENT

I John 3:1-3 | Daynea Horton, Granddaughter

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostle's Creed"

THE RESPONSE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" (3rd Stanza)

SELECTION

Family & Friends

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Ymyere Oahn | Pastor, Hickory Grove UMC
Charlotte, NC

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

Angela Current-Felder | Chair, Church Council
Gordon Memorial UMC

FAMILY TRIBUTE

Monica Horton Kuckles, Eldest Child

A & B SELECTIONS

Family Members

GOOD WORDS

Reverend Charles L. White, Jr.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Gordon Memorial UMC Mass Choir

THE COMMENDATION

THE BENEDICTION

THE RECESSIONAL

Medley of Songs

Life Reflections

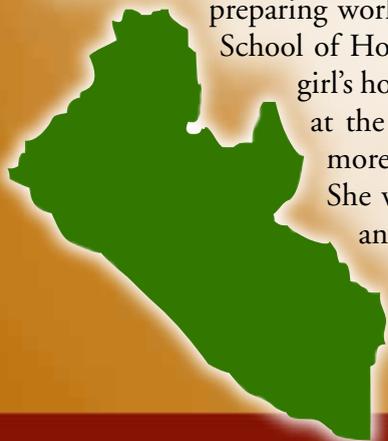
"This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it"

Dignity, wisdom, courage, and strength are all words that describe our beloved mother. She was a devoted wife and partner to our father, the Reverend Dr. Frank Horton. She exemplified the quintessential "pastor's wife". On Friday morning, October 27, 2017, she was beaconsed to receive the ultimate prize of life, for she had "fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith and received her crown".

Our matriarch, **Mrs. Carolyn Yvonne Horton** was born in Birmingham, Alabama, the home of her biological father Mr. Charles Blackmon, on November 24, 1937. Carolyn was raised by loving parents, Annie Rebecca and Alphonzo Dirden alongside three sisters and one brother in Fairmont, West Virginia. Her sister Julia Frances Boone died earlier this year in May. She was baptized there at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. It was at Dunbar High School in Fairmont where our mother would meet her sweetheart Frank Lewis Horton who she married on September 21, 1958. In the spirit of "whether thou goest, there will I go", Carolyn supported and followed our father through two military terms in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, seminary studies and numerous ministerial appointments within the United Methodist Church. During those years Carolyn studied Health Education at Tennessee State University and would later earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health Education in 1977.

In 1978, Frank and Carolyn received their first missionary assignment to Liberia, West Africa. While her husband served at the Gbarnga School of Theology as Dean President Carolyn served as consultant for the United Methodist Women of Liberia. She worked toe to toe with her husband who was educating pastors and preparing workers for the field as she instructed the wives of those pastors at the Sigrum Sundar School of Home Arts, teaching life skills and ministry partnering. She worked as matron of the girl's hostel for Tubman High School at Gbarnga Methodist Mission. She used the classroom at the United Methodist Training Center in the capital city of Monrovia to reach even more young Liberian women teaching health, childcare, crafts, nutrition, and cooking. She was instrumental in giving voice to the issues of empowerment of Liberian women and acknowledgement of their importance to the elevation of the United Methodist Church, society and the Liberian nation as a whole.

In 1990, as the Liberian civil war escalated, the missionary couple was evacuated



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from the country due to escalating civil disruptions. After a brief assignment back at home in West Virginia, they were reassigned to West Africa serving briefly in Sierra Leone before returning to Liberia in 1991. In 1999, Carolyn contracted an infection in her toe while at a UMC Women Conference in the hinterland of Liberia. It would result in the loss of her left leg and her return home to the states. With the support of her family, and the love of God, neither her spirit, her drive, nor her faith would be daunted. While in home in the states, she continued to diligently serve alongside her husband in churches in Covington, KY, Louisville, KY, Manchester, TN and Murfreesboro, TN. They retired to Antioch Tennessee and become a part of church family at Gordon Memorial UMC where they were active members of the New Directions Sunday School Class. Even after official retirement from missionary service she has remained an integral part of the Liberian community. Our mother was an ambassador of goodwill to the people of Liberia who used her platform to better the lives of country's women and children. She is honored today by recognition of that service through the posthumous naming of the UMC Women's Training Center to The Carolyn Horton Women Training Center in Monrovia, Liberia.

Left to carry on her legacy is her husband of 59 years, the Reverend Dr. Frank L. Horton; three daughters, Monica (Benoni) Horton Knuckles, Covington, KY, Cynthia Renee (Holman) Harley, Fairmont, West Virginia and Frances Louise (Tony) Floyd, Louisville, KY; two sons, Haggar Kollie Horton, and Paye Kulah Horton, Monrovia, Liberia; Fourteen grandchildren: Mairus Thompson, Franklin Knuckles, Emmette Knuckles, Namaudi U. Harley, Zindze I. Harley, Zimaud M. Harley, Stephanie, Horton, Ashley Roberts, A'Kessa Caudell, Ariyana Caudell, Tayshon Caudell, La'Quon, Caudell (Haggar) Daynea, (Paye) Charmaine Kulah; five great grand-children: (Marius) Marcus and Malik (Franklin) Marvel Knuckles, (Stephanie) Devin and Jauan (Ashley) Bryleigh. Her siblings, Patricia Elise Blackmon Smith, William Lewis Dirden, Jamele Antoinette Dirden Finney all of Fairmont, WV and their children along with a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Though we mourn your loss and will for some time, we are grateful that you now rest in the peace of our Lord that you so well deserved. We will miss your resounding laughter, that tickled our spirits, the giving of blessings when we needed and desired them, and most of all we appreciate the strength you exemplified for though you never realized how much you really possessed. You held out and your change has come.

We love you Ma
The Family

To My Wife.....



I am convinced that if I had not had a wife with the fortitude, strength and calmness of you, I could not have done all the great things the Lord has placed upon my life to do. I came to see the real meaning of that rather trite statement: "A wife can either make or break a husband." You proved to be that type of wife with qualities to make a husband when he could have been so easily broken. In the darkest moments you always brought the light of hope.

Precious Memories



FIELD OF HONOR INTERMENT
2:00 PM
Woodland Memorial Park
660 Thompson Lane | Nashville TN 37204

Pallbearers
The UMC Men

Flower Attendants
The UMC Women

Expressions of Gratitude

The Horton Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, prayers, flowers and any other expressions of kindness evidenced at this time in thought and deed. Thank you to our many friends around the world for the love and support you have provided to our family over the years.

Reverend Frank Horton and Family

The Family has asked that memorial gifts be made in Mother Horton's memory for the Carolyn Horton Women Training Center to Gordon UMC. (All donations will be forwarded to the center in Liberia)



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