

**PALL BEARERS**

*Friends and Family*

**FLORAL BEARERS**

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*Acknowledgments*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deepest appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

*Valerie, Jamaine, Brandon, Samia, Haven and Nyhla*

**INTERMENT**

Rockfish Memorial Park 4017 Gillespie Street • Fayetteville NC 28306

*We know for certain that we ever lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought, and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.*

**ONE MINUTE AFTER A BELIEVER DIES:**

- *Angels usher your soul to Heaven (Luke 16:22)*
- *You immediately enter into God's presence (2 Corinthians 5: 6-8)*
- *You are conscious, in command of your thinking, feeling, speech, and memories (Luke 16:19-31)*
  - *You participate in magnificent worship and angels and believers before the throne of God and Christ (Revelation 4-5)*
- *You are aware to some degree of activities and events on earth. (Revelation 6:9-10)*

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*Sunrise  
June 5, 1941*

*Sunset  
October 4, 2022*

*Eula Leola*  
**GAY PEARSON**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 • 1:00 PM**

**NEW BETHEL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH**

6067 Amarille Drive • Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314

*Rev. Darin Coleman, Pastor • Elder Chalmers I. McDougald, Eulogist*

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional .....Clergy & Family

Song .....*"Blessed Assurance"*

Scriptures:

OLD TESTAMENT ..... Elder Acia Gay, Jr.

NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. René Davis

Prayer of Comfort ..... Dorothy Ellerby

Obituary (Soft Music)..... Read Silently

Reflections..... 2 Minutes Please  
Dorothy Ellerby  
Jean Carol Shoffner

Acknowledgements and Resolutions .....Rev. Helen Gilchrist

Song .....New Bethel A.M.E. Zion Male Chorus

Eulogy ..... Elder Chalmers I. McDougald

Closing Prayer..... Pastor Darin Coleman

Song of Victory ..... *"I'm Free"*

Recessional

*Repast Will Be At The Family's Home*  
7538 Camden Road Fayetteville, NC 28306

# Eula's Life...

*Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will not live, even though he dies: and whoever lives and believes in me will never die..."*  
(John 11:25-26)

The sky was clear, and the moon hung high on Tuesday October 4, 2022. You could hear the light wind blowing and scattering of the leaves in the yard. On this day the Angels surrounded the bedside of **EULA LEOLA PEARSON** and granted her the wings of glory.

**EULA LEOLA GAY PEARSON** was born June 5, 1941, in Sumter, SC to the late Acia Gay, Sr. and Eula Mae Clarkson Gay. She attended Lincoln High School and graduated in the class 1960. She played the clarinet in the high school band and pursued a college degree in Home Economics at South Carolina State University.

Raised by her maternal grandparents, Eula had to learn where she fit in with a house full of brothers and sisters; Edward M. Gay, Acia Gay, Jr., Joseph Ellerby (deceased), Herbert Ellerby, Thomas A. Gay (deceased), Mary Ellerby Hughes and Dorothy Ellerby.

Eventually, each one found their way up North and so did she. Her newfound life started in Brooklyn, NY where she met the love of her life and married James Pearson (deceased). After which they started a new chapter of their lives in Fayetteville, NC.

**EULA** has been a faithful member of New Bethel A. M. E. Zion Church in Fayetteville, NC for 42 years. Singing on the #2 Choir, a member of the Deaconess Board, Stewardess Board, Chair- Person of Life Members and Greeter only to mention a few of her roles. She was a living example of being a missionary for the church by visiting the sick and shut in, praying with them and providing small tokens of love.

Family was the most important thing to Eula. If you had the opportunity to speak with her, she likely mentioned her family during the conversation. She also loved to volunteer with the Salvation Army and rang the bell for them before becoming ill. She loved to be around people and never met a stranger. Her laughter would permeate the room and draw others to her. She had a genuine soul of kindness and was considered the matriarch of the family.

Remaining to cherish her in memory are children, Valerie R. Crummedyo, (Terrence) Ja-mainie Pearson, grandchildren, Brandon E. Henry, Samia R. VanHook, great grands, Nyhla, A. Henry and Haven S. Vanhook, stepchildren, Renee Pearson, James Pearson Jr. Michael Pearson, Donna Pearson (Glenn), Tamika Pearson, Keya Pearson, Dana Pearson, Demetrius Pearson (Kellie), Brothers and sisters, Edward M. Gay, Sr., (Josephine Gay, deceased), Acia Gay Jr. (Irish Nell Gay), Thomas A. Gay, Sr. deceased (Betty Gay), Mary Sue Hughes (Melvin Hughes deceased), Dorothy Ellerby, and Herbert Ellerby. and a host of step grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.