

# The Celebration

*Sunrise: July 24, 1918*

*Earselene  
Goodwin*



*Sunset: August 22, 2014*

**Event: Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church**



1118 So. 8th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
(612) 332- 5904

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Arthur Agnew, Pastor, Officiating



# Obituary

- 1918 to 2014 -

Sister Earselene Wallace Goodwin was born into this life on July 24, 1918 to parents: James Chancy and Bulah Wallace, in the land of Monticello, Mississippi. She was one of three siblings born into the family. Being the only girl, she was graced with two brothers: James, Jr. and Freddie Wallace.

Sister Goodwin, affectionately called by those that knew her, as simply Mom, received her primary education at Lawrence County High School, located in her hometown of Monticello, MS.

Mom would later marry into the Goodwin family becoming the wife of Morris Goodwin, Sr., on June 14, 1947. To their family union God would add two children: Morris, Jr. and Pamela Jean. The marriage union would last until natural death announced separation. Morris Goodwin, Sr. would go home to be with the Lord on January 05, 2002, after serving nearly 55 years in the marriage.



Sister Goodwin's work history included: LeRoy Howard Cafe, where she was employed as a waitress, the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and the Government Munitions Plant and Facility, to name a few business establishments she was employed by in her journey. She also served at various other work assignments, not listed here, before joining the roll of nonworking retirees, in 1951.

Mom would engender an extensive church relationship. Coming to believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, at an early age, she was accordingly baptized (in the creek, outside of the church location) while attending the Friendship Baptist Church, located in Mississippi, under the leadership, at the time, of Pastor Cooper. Soon after relocating to Minneapolis, Minnesota she would take membership within the Bethesda Baptist Church family, in midyear 1948, which at the time was under the leadership of Pastor J.S. Tate. During her journey with Bethesda church, she served faithfully on several ministries and auxiliaries: the Mission Ministry, which involved rather famously a Habitat for Humanity Partnership; perhaps, however, her most prominent church contribution was singing in the Senior Choir.

Mom's church work will stand above many others for long duration. However, her work for the Kingdom of God, through the use of her very special Spiritual gifts, will best define her work and life while on earth. Mom Goodwin lived at the summit, with few others, as a chief communicator. Spiritually, she was empowered to speak Grace, God's Grace and Truth into the lives of people from every walk of life: from the downtrodden to the most privileged amongst us. With her million-dollar smile, full genuine laughter, with the voice and words of comfort she warred against the wicked deeds of the devil. Yes, she can truly proclaim "The Work that I've Done, Speak for Me."

Sister Earselene Goodwin departed this life in the evening hours on Friday, August 22, this year, headed home to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, her two brothers, and her beloved husband: Morris Goodwin, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memories: her son, Morris, Jr. (wife Donna), daughter Pamela Jean Goodwin, and a step-daughter, Earline Holmes and her family. Also, her grandchildren: Morris III and Lindsay Nicole Goodwin, John (wife Shonita) Nehemiah Harper, Ashley Stepney; and, great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Michelle Harper, Daeshawn, and Mia. Additionally, she leaves a host of long-term family and friends abroad and locally. A Spiritual son and pastor, Rev. Arthur (wife Bobbie Jean) Agnew, a God-daughter and her family: Sister Ruth Hall, a very close friend: Sister Annie English, along with a large number of those she touched deeply during her years of witnessing for Christ, at Bethesda Church, and throughout the nation. Mom will truly be missed as a moral creature constantly in communion with God and community (she truly loved people). Mom, sleep well!

# Order of Service

Prelude (soft music)

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Rev. Arthur Agnew

Scripture Readings:

O.T. Psalms 146:1-3  
N.T. Galatians 2:19-21

Prayer

Pulpit

Choir Selection

Oh, I Want to See Him

Acknowledgments:

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Deaconess Joyce A. Thomas

Reflections: Family

Remarks:

Rev. Kevin L. Saunders,  
*Associate Minister, Bethesda Church*

Archbishop Wayne R. Felton, Sr., Pastor,  
*The Holy Christian Church International*

Selection

May the Work I've Done Speak for Me  
Rev. Arthur Agnew

Eulogy

Rev. Arthur Agnew

## Services Entrusted to:

### Washburn ~ McReavy Funeral Chapel

5000 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street (at highway 100)  
Edina, Minnesota 55436  
(952) 920-3996

## Interment:

### Ft. Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450  
(612) 726-1127



I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:  
(2 Timothy 4:7, KJV)

### ***Pallbearers***

- John N. Harper
- Morris Goodwin, III
- Robert Hollie
- Rev. Kevin L. Saunders
- Harvey Martin
- Wilbert Jackson

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

- Jesse Bradford
- Patrick Murphy
- Anthony Moore
- John Jones, Jr.
- Ed Nelson
- Deacon Brad Kruchten

### ***Before You Cry***

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*Before you cry about me,  
Just try to understand,  
That I am resting safely  
In the Hollow of God's Hand.*

*If I could send a message to each, this I'd like to say ...  
Please now don't you cry for me, I've reached a brighter day,  
I'll be preparing for you just as I did before,  
So lift your hearts and please don't cry ...  
I'll meet you at the door,  
Before you cry, remember that God alone knows best,  
And He has called me onward  
And with Him I will rest*

### ***Acknowledgements:***

*How truly blessed we are to have gracious and loving friends like you!*

*The Goodwin family wishes to thank everyone for coming and sharing with us through your devotion and a tremendous outpouring of love. We are appreciative of your every expression of kindness and overall support.*

*We are especially thankful to the entire faith community for continued prayers during the struggle that has ended, and for the one that now begins.*

*Love,  
The Goodwin family*