



## Mrs. Verlene Merrick McDougald

September 29, 1928 - October 2, 2020

Mrs. Verlene Jacqueline Merrick McDougald, the daughter of the late James and Epsie Merrick was born Robeson County on September 29, 1928. Affectionately, called “Ver” by her siblings, she was the fifth child of thirteen children. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings; James, Jr, Wilbert, Lee, Vivian, Rosina, Martha Louise, and Annie Neal.

In 1947, at the age of 19, Verlene married the love of her life, Ernest McDougald, Sr. Their union of 62 years produced five “living generations” during her life time. They were separated by his death in 2008.

Verlene accepted Christ at an early age and was a life-long member of First Baptist Church of Lumberton, NC. Possessing a loving gift of service, Verlene exemplified Jesus’ command “love one another” through her ministries in the Susie Scales Floral Club, the Lott Carey Baptist Missionary Circle, The Willing Workers, and the Hospitality Committee. She served as a Sunday School Teacher, A Brownie Scout Troop Leader, and as a church usher. Her faith in God and her devotion to her church and church family was always a great source of inspiration for her.

Cherishing her community and neighborhood, Verlene was an advocate for growth and unity, she was recognized by the Zeta Beta Sorority of Lumberton for her service to the community. A strong supporter of family and children, their house on Seaboard and Holly Streets was always welcoming to

neighbors and relatives. She always showed kindness and encouragement to the children and until her passing, they would often visit and thank her for the kindness that she displayed throughout their lives.

Verlene attended Redstone Academy and graduated in the class of 1947 among the top of her class. She fondly enjoyed her occupation of household worker and caregiver. In her later years, she spent time reading devotionals, reading her bible, and completing word search puzzles.

On Friday, October 2, 2020 Verlene slipped away peacefully in her sleep as God, with His most infinite wisdom, saw fit to remove Verlene from our midst and into her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ernest; her sweet daughter, Mildred; her two much loved sons, Phillip and Carl; a great grandson, Brandon, and a loving son-in-law, Wilson Thompson.

Verlene's sweet and kind spirit will continue to live on through her children, family, and friends for generations to come. A faithful servant, her love for the Lord was evident in her daily walk, interactions with others and her giving spirit. Verlene knew that God blessed her favorably and that His word is true. She lived by her motto; "Be nice", on a daily basis.

Left to cherish her memory and to carry on her legacy are her loving children, Ernest (Carnetta) McDougald of Red Springs, NC; Lois J. Thompson of Raleigh, NC; and Patricia McDougald of Lumberton, NC; her eight cherished grandchildren, Kimberly McDougald, Camille McDougald, Tiffany McDougald, Leah Floyd, Joy Thompson, Selena McDougald, Marc Thompson, and Sheila McKeithan; Fifteen delightful great grandchildren; Breanna, Bryan (Santana), Dominique, Rashad, Todd, Darius, Angel, Sabriya, Matthew, Nicholas, Claudia, Griffin, Joshua, Sanyiah, and Paige; Four adorable great-great grandchildren; Braden, Bryson, Kyleigh, Neveah, and Brielle (Anticipated

birth: November 2020); A daughter-in-law, Taryn Cooper McDougald; Five sisters: Claudette Willis, Thelma Elizabeth Holmes, Mary Frances Leach, Evelyn J. Merrick all of Philadelphia, PA and Cornelia A. Merrick of Clementon, NJ. Her loving personality will never be forgotten and will always be embedded in the hearts of many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Professional Service entrusted to - Colvin Funeral Home, Lumberton, NC.

# Cemetery Details

## Elizabeth Heights Cemetery

Lumberton, NC 28358

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel  
1904 Elizabethtown Road  
Lumberton, NC 28358

## Funeral

OCT 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church  
504 West 2nd Street  
LUMBERTON, NC 28358

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences to the McDougald Family. May God give your family strength during this time of sorrow.* 🙏🙏❤️😭



Wayne Ballard - October 07, 2020 at 04:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Verlene Merrick McDougald.*



October 07, 2020 at 03:09 PM

EJ

“ *Our condolences to the McDougall family may the soul rest in peace*



Elston Powell jr - October 06, 2020 at 11:24 PM

PP

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of the late Verlene McDougale. My prayers are with you. Always have fond memories in your hearts Sincerely. Priscilla Ballard Porter*



Priscilla Ballard Porter - October 06, 2020 at 12:08 PM

SW

“ *My deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Ms. Verlene McDougald during this unfortunate time. May the love and mercy of our Lord be bestowed upon you and help ease the pain of your loss.*

Sheriff Burnis Wilkins - October 06, 2020 at 10:41 AM

RM

“ *Ronald & Rosemary Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Verlene Merrick McDougald*



Ronald & Rosemary Monroe - October 05, 2020 at 08:43 PM

PL

“ *Patricia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Verlene Merrick McDougald*



Patricia lewis - October 05, 2020 at 07:32 PM

PL

“ *Patricia Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Verlene Merrick McDougald*



Patricia lewis - October 05, 2020 at 05:28 PM

PL

*To my friend who attends pastor Edmonds church God Bless you and your family. May your mother rest in peace. Patricia Lewis*

---

**Patricia lewis** - October 06, 2020 at 02:43 PM