

IN LOVING MEMORY

JOYCE EDNA RODGERS

SUNRISE: *October 19, 1944 - St. Louis, MO*

SUNSET: *April 5, 2021 - Vallejo, CA*



FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 • 10:00am

Wiggins-Knipp Funeral Home

524 Capitol Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

Officiating, Pastor J.W. McCoy

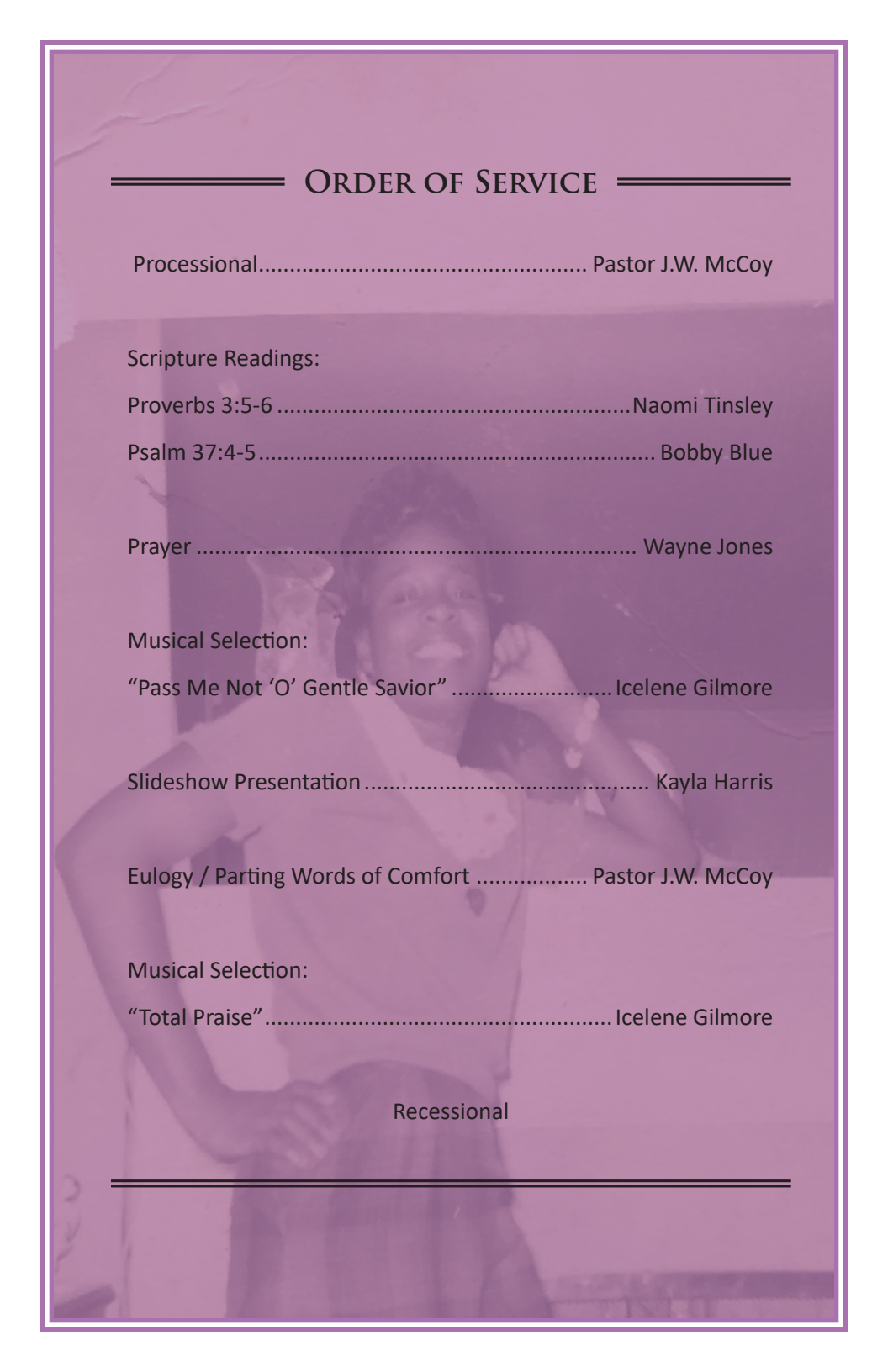
A LIFE WELL LIVED

JOYCE EDNA RODGERS was born October 19, 1944 in St. Louis, Missouri to the union of Robert R. Walker and Ethel M. Smith. Joyce was baptized at St. Luke Memorial Baptist Church on September 12, 1957 by the late Pastor J.L. House.

Joyce married Richard B. Rodgers on June 18, 1960. To this union two children were born- Marilyn Rene' and Richard Christopher in St. Louis, Missouri. She moved to San Francisco on November 8, 1968 and was employed by the City and County of San Francisco for 26 years as a dispatcher for the San Francisco Police Department. She also worked for the McAvoy Yacht Harbor after her retirement from the City.

Joyce joined Good Hope Baptist Church on December 13, 1984 under the leadership of Rev. Rance Whiteside where she was a Choir member, Vice President of the Choir, member of the Mission Society and Second Vice President Supervisor of the Youth Choir. In 1990, Joyce moved to Vallejo, CA and continued to commute to Good Hope for 12 years until she joined Union Baptist Church in Vallejo on November 4, 2001 under the leadership of Rev. J.W. McCoy where she became a member of the Missions Ministry and served as Secretary of Senior Missions and member of the Pastor's Aide group. Joyce enjoyed spending time with her family, most notably her grandchildren. As the matriarch of a prominent football family, Joyce led the squad in cheering for any member of the family on the field or on the sidelines, marshalling the forces while engaging in ever-entertaining rivalries and fun encouragement. She served her church with energetic grace and compassion. Joyce embodied the Christian mandate to love one another because He has first loved us. For this reason, she left her indelible fingerprints on each life that intersected her own.

Joyce is survived by her dearest friend and sister, Maggie L. Myles; her loving children, Marilyn R. Byrd and her husband Gill, and Richard C. Rodgers and his wife Sara; her cherished grandchildren, Gill II and Jairus of Marilyn and Gill, Kayla (Maurice), Richard II, and Damon of Richard and Mindy Mashore Rodgers, and Noah and Evan of Richard and Sara Rodgers; her beloved great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, Bailey, Jai, Berkeley, and Adalynn; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who are too numerous to mention but who also carry her love and kindness with them always.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional..... Pastor J.W. McCoy

Scripture Readings:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Naomi Tinsley

Psalms 37:4-5 Bobby Blue

Prayer Wayne Jones

Musical Selection:

“Pass Me Not ‘O’ Gentle Savior” Icelene Gilmore

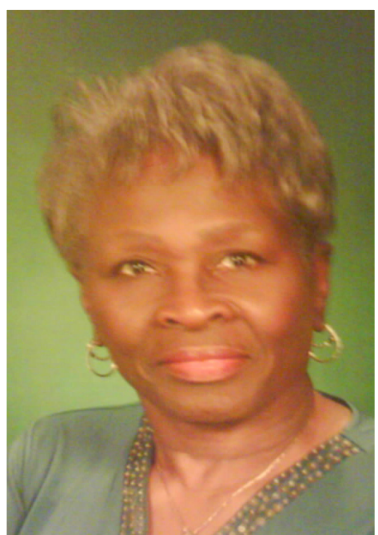
Slideshow Presentation Kayla Harris

Eulogy / Parting Words of Comfort Pastor J.W. McCoy

Musical Selection:

“Total Praise” Icelene Gilmore

Recessional



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

RICHARD RODGERS
RICHARD RODGERS II
DAMON CHRISTOPHER RODGERS
GILL BYRD
WAYNE JONES
ROBERT WALKER

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

GILL BYRD II
JAIRUS BYRD
NOAH RODGERS
EVAN RODGERS
REGGIE KENNEDY
JUSTIN MASHORE
BRETT WATERFIELD

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Auntie Ree made 2 statements that resonated with our family. The 1st was "sometimes crying is the only way your eyes can speak when your mouth can't explain how broken your heart is". Although it has been hard to verbally express ourselves at times, as a family we would like to extend our deepest and sincerest appreciation to those who are mourning with us, know that we have been strengthened by your prayers, flowers, donations, cards, and heartfelt expressions of love towards our family.

We would also like to extend special thanks to Ruth and Mae for their numerous meals, to Drs. Concepcion, Farag, Lopes, and Kaleel from Kaiser Permanente; and Tedra Richardson (Executive Director of Vista Prado Memory Care) for their outstanding work and contributions to her care.

The 2nd statement that spoke to our hearts was "when my tears are dry I will laugh, shout and rejoice for having had an amazing friend in my life". As a family we are grateful and have been re-Joying because of the richness of her life, the kindness of her heart, and the love of her friends. May God, who has welcomed our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, bless you and your family for your kindness and righteousness tenfold.

"16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporal, but what is unseen is eternal." - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (NIV)

INTERMENT

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