



Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett

August 12, 1923 - April 9, 2019

The family of Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett, age 95, wishes to announce her passing on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at her home in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett was born August 12, 1923 in the Saint Mary's area of Orange County, North Carolina to John Page Whitted and Julia Harris Whitted. On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, she responded to her Savior's call by retiring to her favorite recliner and simply closing her eyes.

Because of her gentle nature and her propensity walk quietly on her toes, Mary became known by close friends and family as Tip. She joined Lipscomb Grove Baptist Church at an early age. There she served as an usher and missionary. She loved gospel quartets and gospel choirs. Tip was the first of her siblings to commence education in the public school setting. She received her grammar school education at Saint Mary's School for the Colored. She attended Little River School, however, economic hardship created by The Great Depression prevented her graduation. Later, Tip obtained her high school equivalency and earned her certification as a tailor.

Descending from Orange County's Native American population as well as one of the county's early Quaker families, Tip lived her life cultivating values of religious worship, education, equality and sustaining human life from the

produce of Mother Earth.

During her early twenties, Tip met Deacon John Scarlett while attending a service at Lipscomb Grove. They united in Holy Matrimony July 4, 1946. Tip readily accepted her role as a deacon's wife and became known as Sister Scarlett. She became a member of Mount Gilead Baptist Church and the Orange County Home Economics Club. She was a founding member of District 1 of the New Hope Association and a founding member of the Northern Orange Voter's Alliance. Sister Scarlett and Mrs. Rosetta Moore canvassed northern Orange County during the evenings identifying disfranchised individuals and assisted them with voter registration.

At age 50, Sister Scarlett quietly enrolled in Durham Technical College and received her certification as a Nursing Assistant. She began a career in private duty nursing and later accepted employment with a local nursing home. It was common for Sister Scarlett to work beyond the hours of her shift ensuring mentally and physically infirmed patients consumed balanced meals to sustain life. She used her personal income to decorate shoe boxes filling them with fruit, nuts, toiletries. She gifted the boxes to patients without familial support during Christmas. Upon the birth of her first grandchild, Sister Scarlett retired declaring "no one can raise my grandchildren like I can!" Sister Scarlett provided care for her grandchildren teaching them the art of cooking and the mystery of planting and reaping.

Sister Scarlett is survived by daughters, Doctor Yolanda V. Scarlett, Judge Beverly A. Scarlett and Sister Jackie K. Scarlett; grandchildren, Brandon Scott Herndon, Paige Scarlett Hathaway and Donovan Harris Herndon; special nephews, Gene Roger Hayes and John Ronnie Scarlett; numerous nieces and nephews, members of the Orange County Missionary Union, members of the Whitted Family of Hillsborough, members of the Harris Family originating in Rougemont, North Carolina and Clarksville, Virginia and members of the

Saponi Nation of Ohio.

Sister Scarlett leaves large shoes that will never be filled but her footprints remain as a spiritual and cultural guide to all her loved ones.

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Lipscomb Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 800 Lipscomb Grove Church Road, Hillsborough, North Carolina, 27278. Family members will greet friends at 11:30 a.m. and the service will follow at 12:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett will be laid to rest in Mount Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery, 3512 Pleasant Green Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705.

Cemetery Details

Mount Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery

3512 Pleasant Green Road
Durham, NC 27705

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Lipscomb Grove Missionary Baptist Church
800 Lipscomb Grove Church Rd
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Celebration of Life

APR 17. 12:30 PM (ET)

Lipscomb Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
800 Lipscomb Grove Church Rd
Hillsborough, NC 27278

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I want to say without her I would not know who I am. She is responsible for the knowledge of where I come from. We enjoyed many meals and stories. I am always welcome to her homestead. I truly love my cousin and she was a influence to me. Her stories about my ancestors will remain with me for life. Love honor and respect to Cousin "Tip"*

Davion Harden - February 04, 2020 at 01:39 AM



“ *Dear Beverly and Cousins. I have just learned of your Mother's passing. I joyfully read the tribute and was blessed to know of the pall of peace that ushered her home on that day. Her presence will certainly be missed at our family reunion gatherings, but I will forever receive her spirit in our midst; especially at those times. Prayerfully, I encourage you all to make room in your ongoing for this new space that your Mother will occupy.
Loving you,
Anita Scott Neville*

Anita Scott Neville - April 30, 2019 at 01:57 PM

SM

“ Yolanda, Beverly, and Jackle, we send our love, and prayers to you and your families during this time of your great loss. Aunt Mary had that sweet, quiet spirit that showed how she viewed the world and life. She touched so many lives and will be missed by many. I'm still trying to replicate her delicious squash casserole. I know her beautiful spirit will continue to bring you smiles and sweet peace when you think of her. Though we were not a constant in her life, we still love and loved her, she accepted us with open arms and will continue to be a part of our memories.

Love,

Sandra and Melondie

Sandra & Melondie - April 18, 2019 at 08:32 PM

LB

“ Judge Scarlett Travis and I are so sorry for your & your family there's nothing like losing your mother know you are not alone Jesus said he left the comforter may you feel his presence& comfort he will dry every tear.weepiing may include for the night but, Joy comes in the morning! We have u all in prayer many prayer warriors Too we love you always Travis&lesiaBraxton



Lewis/Travis Braxtn - April 17, 2019 at 12:31 PM

NJ

“ To the Scarlett family: The pastors, officers, and members of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association express our deepest sympathy in the passing of your Mother and Grandmother. We are forever indebted to you for sharing her beautiful life with us. Memories of her sweet spirit will always be with us. If the NHA can be of assistance to you in any way, please know that we are here for you. Sincerely, Norman T. Umstead, Jr., Moderator

Norman T. Umstead, Jr. - April 17, 2019 at 09:06 AM

AV

“ Ann Marie Vosburg purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



Ann Marie Vosburg - April 17, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



April 17, 2019 at 07:39 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



April 16, 2019 at 03:59 PM

LC

“ *To the Scarlett family:
My deepest condolences to the family and my
Prayers are with you during this time. To my
classmate Jackie Scarlett I'm so sorry to hear
of the loss of your dear sweet Mom. If I can
do anything please let me know.*

*Lenora Satterfield Clark
Greensboro, NC*



Lenora S Clark - April 16, 2019 at 12:48 PM

MB

*Your mom will forever remain in my heart. She had such a beautiful
spirit and shows in all her children. Continue living your life that is
pleasing to God and your mom will always be smiling from heaven!
Thanks for sharing her with me during my childhood.*

Maggie Ann Brown - April 16, 2019 at 02:53 PM

YW

“ *Yolonda Woodhouse lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett*



Yolonda Woodhouse - April 16, 2019 at 12:13 PM

YW

*Dr Scarlett and Judge Scarlett, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that
God grant you peace during this difficult time. Peace and Blessings,
Yolonda Woodhouse*

Yolonda Woodhouse - April 16, 2019 at 12:14 PM

NS

My deepest condolences to the family and my Prayers are with you during this time. Judge Scarlett, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother, I could tell how much you adored her.

Nickie Siler

Nickie Siler - April 17, 2019 at 10:09 AM



“ *Simply Happy Kalanchoe Plant was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.*



April 16, 2019 at 12:01 PM

GO

“ *Our sincere condolences to you and your family. May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of bereavement.*

Guilford County District Attorney's Office

Guilford County District Attorney's Offi - April 16, 2019 at 11:35 AM

BE

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. We are so privileged to have known Mrs. Scarlett and her girls since they were school children in 1968, the epitome of a talented and loving family. She will be missed. Her strong heritage lives on. Betty and Jerry Eidenier*

Betty Eidenier - April 15, 2019 at 09:09 PM

MW

“ *Please accept my prayers & condolences.*

Marilyn A. Womble - April 15, 2019 at 08:59 PM

AH

“ Andrew and Linda Harris purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



Andrew and Linda Harris - April 15, 2019 at 08:45 PM

LJ

“ Love, Rosemary Jackson purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



Love, Rosemary Jackson - April 15, 2019 at 04:13 PM

LW

“ Mrs. Scarlett was an amazing woman, and we feel privileged to have known her! We know that you will miss her deeply. We'll be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

With sincere sympathy,

Marc and Lisa Ware

Lisa Ware - April 15, 2019 at 02:28 PM

MW

“ Mr./Mrs. Leon Herndon Sr. & Mr./Mrs. Marc Ware purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.



Mr./Mrs. Leon Herndon Sr. & Mr./Mrs. Marc Ware - April 15, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.*



April 15, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *My prayers and best wishes go out to the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett. May God hold you in His loving arms and comfort you during this time of sorrow. I work with her daughter, Dr. Yolanda Scarlett and am very fond of her. May God bless and comfort your family during this sad occasion. Sincerely, Amy Goff*

Amy Goff - April 15, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *The Tapp Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Mary Julia Whitted Scarlett.*



The Tapp Family - April 14, 2019 at 10:24 PM

BS

“ *Little Known Facts about Mrs. Scarlett*

Provided home cooked meals to:

-staff of Carolina Friends School Summer Camp (1960s and 1970s)

-New Hope Association, Orange County Women's Union

Made guest appearances on the Peggy Mann Show: sewing and cooking techniques

*Eno Precinct Representative: Orange County Democratic Party
Campaigned to retain our state's first African American District Attorney.*

Petitioned Southern Railroad Company to provide crossing arms along dangerous rural roads.

Assisted in raising several nieces and nephews before starting her own family.

Availed her farm to Duke students interested in learning to live from the land

Encouraged and fiscally sponsored cultural classes for Saponi Nation of Ohio

Donated the original portrait of her Native American grandmother to the local museum

bscarlett - April 14, 2019 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ *Condolences goes out to the family of Mrs. Mary W. Scarlett. I remember her fondly while serving together in the Orange County Mission.*

Mrs. Margaret F. Stone, Harold, Bernard and Arnold Stone

Margaret F. Stone - April 11, 2019 at 04:31 PM

NM

“ *I remember the visits to Aunt Tip's house with Grandma Sula. The they would laugh and laugh together. And she always had a little treat for me. And she always gave the best hugs. Much love and support in your time of loss. Love Natsuko and the Parrish Family.*

Natsuko Martin - April 11, 2019 at 06:10 AM