

A Celebration of Life for

Ophelia R. Scott

Sunrise
June 13, 1929

Sunset
February 19, 2022



Friday, March 11, 2022

Viewing: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
Annex at 5055 Allentown Road
Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

Ophelia R. Scott was born on June 13, 1929, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to the late George and Annie Mae Radford. The oldest of two children, she attended Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, the first public high school to serve African American students in the state of Indiana. She furthered her education at State Teachers College (now Ball State University) in Muncie, Indiana, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Ophelia had several hobbies. She loved teaching and sharing Jesus Christ with people, reading, serving in ministry, and walking. She was very proud to be an elementary school teacher, especially for the first and fourth grades. She saw these as key grades in a child's educational development. Additionally, Ophelia was the first African American teacher at Jamestown Elementary School in Arlington, Virginia, when schools were initially desegregated. And she taught Buds of Promise, was Youth Leader, and sang in the Celestial Echos Choir at Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church.

Ophelia accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and joined From the Heart Church Ministries (FTH) on Mother's Day, May 11, 1987. Her unwavering commitment and love for God caused her to immediately get involved in the life of the church. She served with the FTH Children's Choir, the Missions and New Converts Ministries, Church School, and the Ministry of Knowledge. Moreover, she loved leading, organizing, and developing Vacation Bible School, and teaching in Children's Church.

Ophelia later joined World Changers Church in Washington, D.C., where she served in the New Members Ministry. Lovingly known as "Ms. Ophelia," she graciously welcomed all new members to the church, and assisted Minister Jessica Martin with the New Members class series. She lent a helping hand wherever needed and provided her advice and wisdom to all who would listen and receive. Further, she was a leader and an example of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle by consistently eating a proper diet (although she did have a sweet tooth) and frequently exercising. At 89, she could do push-ups better than most! Ophelia had no health challenges until October 2017, when she was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She was on various treatments and went into remission for several years. However, when some medications needed to be changed, she made the final decision in June 2021 to commit her life into Jesus' hands and come off all medications due to the side effects. She put her faith in Jesus and believed that her quality of life was more important.

People will remember Ophelia as a "Mother of mothers" to many, a woman of God who loved the Lord and poured into the lives of others, a woman who told it like it is, a teacher, a friend, a confidante, a counselor, and an advisor. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ophelia leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Pamela D. Scott; niece, Tanya R. Radford; nephew, Rodney D. Radford; first cousin, Glendora Hill; adopted daughters, LaVonne Arrington and Melissa Eakle; and many cousins and close friends.

Ophelia was preceded in death by her husband, Percy J. Scott, and brother, Robert L. Radford.

Order of Service

Invocation

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-7
New Testament: I John 3:1-3*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Miss Tanya Radford and Miss Pamela Scott*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

*Reverend Veronica Graves (Virtual)
Mr. Rodney D. Randford*

Poem *Miss Tanya Radford and Miss Pamela Scott*

Obituary (Read Silently)

Song of Preparation *Mrs. Karen Wilbanks*

Message of Hope *Bishop John A. Cherry, II*

Call to Christ


Recessional

Interment
*National Memorial Park
7482 Lee Highway
Falls Church, Virginia 22042*



Family Sentiments


*We thank you for those that we love but see no more. **Reverend Zenobia Radford, Sister-in-Law***



Dear Mommy,

You were the best Mom and best friend ever!! Words cannot express how much I love you and how much I will miss you. You crossed over to the other side sooner than I expected, but I can't complain at all because you were 92 and a half after all! I have always admired your wisdom, knowledge, strength, vibrancy, energy, drive, dependability, and your ability to be a Mom and a best friend at the same time. We had so much fun together! I'm so blessed to be your daughter and for you to be my Mom! I am amazed at all that you poured into me and how you sacrificed for me, your family, and many others. I am grateful that you have received your reward and are now resting in the arms of Jesus. You truly fought a good fight and kept the faith until the very end. My prayer is that I will take up the baton you have now passed to me and live out all that you poured into me and sacrificed for me, to the end that Jesus be glorified in the earth as you glorified Him in the earth. I pray I will continue to honor you in living life to the fullest by being and doing all that Jesus called me to be and do. I love you, Mom!! You are the best Mom and friend forever!!


Your daughter, Pam



Dear Aunty,

I thank you for loving me so that you trusted me with the awesome privilege of walking with you the last miles of your journey. And I am so grateful, so very thankful to God that He honored me with the great responsibility to be with my "sister cousin" so that we together could love on you as you ended your earthly time with us and entered into time eternal. Being with Pam as we walked with you into the light was the greatest honor of my life. I am eternally grateful. I love you Aunty.

Your niece, Tanya



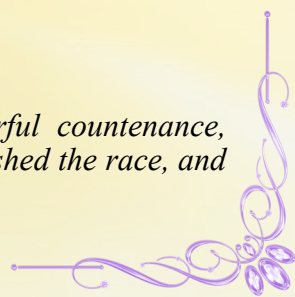
*Verily we belong to the one and only God, and truly to Him shall we return. Rodney D. Radford, Nephew (Follower of the Islamic Faith) **As-Salaam Alaikum Family***



Our Beloved Cousin Ophelia,

Words can never truly express how you have touched us with your cheerful countenance, friendship, and love of family. Thank you! You have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. "Life is changed, not ended." Enjoy your eternal rest.

With Love, Margaret & Timm Cyrus, Cyrus-Franklin & Shepard Family.





Family Sentiments (Continued)

Poem from Pamela and Tanya

*Ophelia R. Scott, God's beloved daughter, a force to be reckoned with,
more than a mother to many, my Mom and best friend.*

*You and others have many questions I know, but it was my time to go,
to be with my Jesus, my Savior and Lord. The One who created me,
made me a designer original. The One who made me your Mom,
your teacher, your confidant, counselor, advisor and friend.*

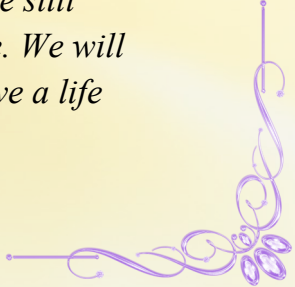
*I fought for you, cried and sacrificed for you so you could be all
Jesus created you to be. Jesus directed my steps and all that
He poured into me, I poured back into you.*

*I lived a full life. I walked tall and strong. I laughed, and loved.
I taught many, counseled and advised. I know you are missing me
but I lived a full life. I worked hard. Served the under-served
and the well-to-do. I celebrated life, traveled to distant lands
I lived a full life. It was my time to go.*

*Now, use all I poured into you, all that God has given to you.
Now, go and live a full life.*

*Ophelia Scott, God's beloved daughter, advisor, more than a mother to
many, my dear Aunty. You are the consummate educator. Always
pouring out knowledge, dispensing wisdom. A wonderful fount of
learning and godly counsel. And always praying for me and your
nephew. Always elegant and holding up the standard. Always insisting
we do the same you wanted nothing short of the best for us.*

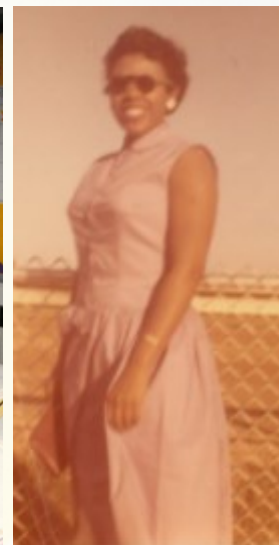
*You lived a full life and loved us for all of your life. You gave us a high
standard to reach, expecting nothing short of our all. We're still
reaching! We won't stop until we meet you on the crystal shore. We will
follow your example and live life to the fullest. Yes, we will live a life
pleasing to God to the fullest.*





World Changers Church - DC is with Jessica Martin.
June 13, 2019 at 11:06 PM · 📍

Celebrating the life of an amazing woman of God. At age 90 she is one the the most active people I know and the most bossy. In her lifetime she has been on an assembly line, worked for the telephone company, been a school teacher, short order cook and waitress... the list is endless but in addition to ALL this she kicked cancer in the but and lives a cancer free life. Join me in wishing Ms. Ophelia Scott a very happy birthday! She is the oldest member of WCCDC.



Pallbearers

*Richard Dixon
Michael Hallmon
Rodney Radford
Tracy Scruggs
Brandon Young*

Flower Bearers

*LaVonne Arrington
Kerry Peerman
Viola Smith
Angela Thompson
Margie Thomas
Ollie Whitted*

Acknowledgement

We thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown. For friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today. Love, the family.



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