

**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
FOR**

*Mrs. Nancy B. Scriven Watts*



**SUNRISE**  
**JANUARY 12, 1919**

**SUNSET**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Restlawn Memorial Park  
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32208  
The Reverend Don Johnson, Pastor  
Tuesday, October 27, 2020  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

# Order Of Service

REVEREND DON JOHNSON, OFFICIATING

## PRELUDE

Hymn of Praise.....	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Prayer .....	Rev. Don Johnson
Scriptures	
Old Testament.....	Psalm 23
New Testament.....	2 Timothy 4: 7-8
Remarks.....	Rev. Joe W. Rigsby
Selection .....	Anthony Brannon
Words of Comfort.....	Rev. Don Johnson
Committal .....	Rev. Don Johnson

## Obituary

Mrs. Nancy B. Scriven Watts transitioned peacefully to her new home with the Lord, with her family at her side, at the age of 101 on Monday, October 19, 2020. She was the second of three children born to Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Edith Scriven on January 12, 1919 in Dorchester, Georgia. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Russell N. Watts, her sister, Mrs. Valarie Scriven Witherspoon, her brother, Theodore E. Scriven, sister-in-law, Emily Scriven and grandson, Ronald Watts.

Mrs. Watts and her parents moved to Jacksonville, Fl when she was five years old. She attended the local public schools, graduating from Old Stanton High School. She continued her education at Edward Waters College and graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. She earned the master’s degree as she later attended Atlanta University, Howard University and the District of Columbia Teachers College.

Her first teaching assignment was in Philamonth, Georgia, where she taught grades 1 – 8. She was the only teacher at the one-room schoolhouse. She later taught in Midway, Florida where she taught English and Social Studies. She returned to Jacksonville where she taught at A. L. Lewis Junior High School and was selected Teacher of the Year. While at A. L Lewis she organized the new reformed Physical Education Program. She also taught at James Weldon Johnson Junior High School and served on the first faculty of New Stanton High School. She married Russell N. Watts and moved to Washington, D. C. where she lived and taught for many years.

Not only was Nancy a proud member of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church (USA), she was also the oldest and held the longest membership in the church. She was one of the organizers of the first Usher Board, served as Sunday School and Bible Study teacher, sang with the Rutledge Pearson Youth Choir and was active with the Seniors and Retirees Organization during her years of membership. On the occasion of her centennial birthday, a grand celebration was hosted for her by former student, Mr. Henry Gardner (Oakland, CA) and his siblings. She was a lifetime member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Watts is survived by her daughter, Debra L. Watts, grandson, Jason Watts, nieces, Edith B. Witherspoon, Zebrena Demps (Eugene), Dr. Barbara Darby (John), Tamara Witherspoon, Bertha Ripley, Laurena Carter, Gwen Davis, Theresa Thomas, nephews, Thomas E. Witherspoon, Sr., Thomas E. Witherspoon, Jr., (Melesa), Thomas E. Witherspoon, III, Charles Harris (Edith), god sister, Betty Preston (Frederick), other relatives and friends.



# *Acknowledgement*

Words are inadequate to express our deep appreciation for all of your acts of kindness and gracious outreach to the family during our season of bereavement. Mrs. Watts lived a long and beautiful life and we were blessed to have her for as many years as God allowed. Your love and care have brought us comfort, strength, peace and rest. Thanks for walking with us during this time. May God richly bless each of you.

*The Family*

## *God Saw You*

God saw you getting tired loved one.

His loving eyes they called and said

Now come my child to me.

With tender arms he took you home

In His love now you stay.

Although we miss you dearly, we will see you soon someday.

Your gentle heart stopped beating, your hands are now at rest

God took you home to Him we know, our time with you was blessed.

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Arrangements by  
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