

A Life Lived

Like a rush of wind and a flash of light,

We live our lives.

Living from day to day never really stopping to

Think just how fragile and precious the gift

Of life really is.

Then like a rush of wind and a flash of light,

life is gone.

Gone forever never to pass this way again.

Each time the wind blows and each time the sun

Shines a precious life comes and a precious

life goes.

Now, just like a rush of wind and a flash of light

You have left us.

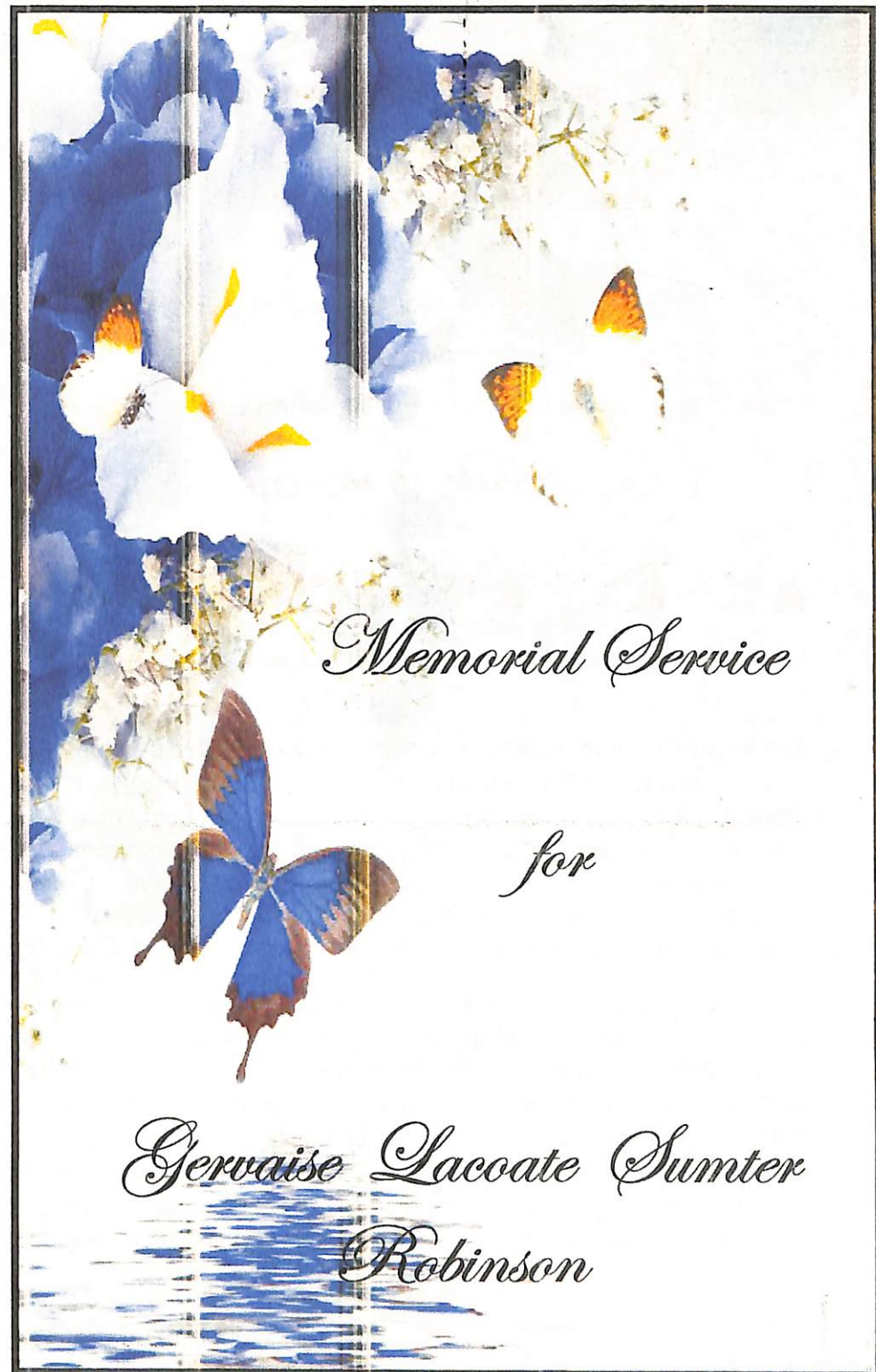
*From now on each time the wind blows and the sun shines we
will think of you and remember*

That life is like a rush of wind and a flash of light.

From now on the memories of you will live on

forever on the wings of time and deep

within our hearts. Fly Free, Fly Free, Fly Free.



Gervaise Lacoate Sumter Robinson

"Gervee"

Psalm 27:1, 4---The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *the Lord is the strength of my life;of whom then shall I be afraid? One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

Gervee was the youngest daughter born to William Bernie and Bertha Richards Sumter. Her journey on this earth began May 28, 1928 in Sumter SC. She was preceded in birth by two older sisters, Bernice and Wendell, who she now joins in eternal rest along with her parents. Her mother, Bertha, went home to be with the Lord early in her life however God sent her another mother for her later life. William Bernie and Maggie King were united in marriage and she was blessed with a mother and two brothers, Raymond and Exile "Buddie." The union of Bernie and Maggie produced five additional sisters, Mary Julia, Tryphenia, Maggie Lee, Paulette and Sandra.

Gervee grew up in the Mt Zion United Methodist Church, Sumter, SC and later was a member of St Paul AME Church. She attended the public schools of Sumter County, SC and graduated from historical Lincoln High School.

Gervaise married Frank Robinson in 1949 and they were the proud parents of one daughter, Carolyn Bertha. She shared her life with Frank on a farm in Sumter County until she decided to migrate to the North. She left Sumter and joined her sister, Wendell, in Philadelphia PA. She did not consider it robbery to leave Philadelphia and move to New York to help raise her first cousin, Martin Golds, II after the passing of his mother, her Aunt Corine. She cared for him while raising her own daughter and working at the Roosevelt Hotel. She was a hard worker and had a great love for her family.

Her legacy will live on through the love of her life, daughter Carolyn, who made her the proud grandmother of two, Darren Jerod and Daphne Joanne. "Nana" adored these two grandchildren and was

even prouder when she became the great grandmother and "Nana" to Joye Devine, Nicholas Aaron and Chad, Jr.

Gervee spent the last 40+ years of her life at the Bird S. Coaler Nursing Facility, Roosevelt Island, New York. She had a zest for life and an intriguing smile. She was loved and respected by the patients and the staff at Bird Coaler. She loved the Lord and was an active participant in the worship services at the home. She attended services in both English and Spanish carrying her tambourine which she used to praise the Lord. Her favorite chant was "Hallelujah!" in either service. God called her home to her eternal rest on November 14, 2013.

We who are left to share memories of her life and love, daughter Carolyn Sumter Robinson Richardson, son-in-law, Roger Richardson; grandchildren, Darren Sumter (Latifah) and Daphne J. Williams; great grandchildren, Nicholas Sumter, Joye and Chad Williams, Jr.; sisters, Tryphenia S. Speed, Maggie S. Hunter, Paulette S Morgan and Sandra L. Sumter; two brothers Raymond and Exile King; brother-in-law John H. Hunter, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

"I present to you this thought, what the caterpillar perceives as the end to the butterfly, it's just the beginning."



Order of Service

The Gathering..... Soft music

Prayer

Scripture

Music

The Witness (Remarks)

Song I'm Free

The Lords Prayer / Benediction