HOMEGOING CELEBRATION SERVICE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE LIFE OF

LADY DR. Malinda P. Sapp

Lighthouse
Full Life Center Church

Sunrise: March 1, 1967
Sunset: September 9, 2010

Resurrection Life Church | 5100 Ivanrest Avenue Southwest | Grandville, Michigan
Rev. Duane Vander Klok, Pastor | Bishop Marvin L. Winans, Officiant
On Thursday, September 9, 2010 Lady Dr. MaLinda P. Sapp departed this earth and peacefully went on to glory. Lady MaLinda, the affectionate name she was referred to by most, was a virtuous woman, a devoted mother and was faithfully united in covenant with Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Sapp, her adoring husband and a gifted man of God. Lady MaLinda was born March 1, 1967 in Mobile, Alabama to the late Cornelius Sr. and Barroneece Prince. She was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan and was taught to love the Lord early in life. Lady MaLinda was a praying woman, she communed with the Lord daily and she was often requested to share the Word of God all across the country.

It was September 19, 1992 that Lady MaLinda was united in marriage to her best friend and soul mate Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Sapp and to this covenant partnership they were blessed with three wonderful children, Marvin II, Mikaila and Madisson. Lady MaLinda was domestic at heart, unwavering in her dedication to foster a Christian home filled with love, joy and strong family values. Sharing family time with her husband and children was the priority for she and Pastor Sapp. Her care for her family was the personification of a Proverbs 31 Woman, “a wife of noble character… and far more than rubies. Her husband had full confidence in her and lacked nothing of value. She brought him good all the days of his life. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her”. (Proverb 31: 10-12, 28). This September celebrates the 18th wedding anniversary of their union. Lady MaLinda will be lovingly remembered and continually celebrated by her entire family.

Lady MaLinda devoted herself to enriching the spiritual and personal lives touched by her along the journey of her life. Her life was guided by Isaiah 61:1-3, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness”.

Along the journey, Lady MaLinda earned a Master's Degree in Psychology from Western Michigan University and was a Nationally Board Certified Counselor and limited licensed professional counselor. She also holds a Doctorate of Divinity from the Center of Friends International Christian University.

Early in her career, Lady MaLinda worked as a Professional Psychologist for a Christian Mental Health Service and later as a Professor of Psychology and Limited License Counselor for a local Community College. For several years now, she and her husband have personally sponsored and hosted an annual Back to School Rally, now serving over 4,000 community members. The event provides backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, clothing and meals to over 1,000 youth in the inner city each year. In 2003, Lady MaLinda co-founded, with her husband Dr. Marvin L. Sapp, Lighthouse Full Life Center Church, located now on the campus of its 17-acre property, Kingdom Square. In 2005, Lady MaLinda retired from her professional career to devote herself to their ministry where she served faithfully as Administrative Pastor. She founded Grand Rapids Ellington Academy for Arts and Technology (GREAT) Inc., an extended learning after school k-12 program that introduces the study of the Arts and Technology in the mastery of academic skills and content. The after school model was an instant success, offering performing arts, technology, Spanish, and academic tutoring to well over 300 students each school year. She also founded Rhema Bible Institute, an affiliate Center of Friends International Christian University and sponsors an annual Black College Tour that gives local high school students an opportunity to visit prospective colleges. She was very active in community affairs, serving on the Board of the Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services as well as several other boards. She has received numerous recognitions and awards acknowledging her leadership in the community. For the past two decades Lady MaLinda Sapp has impacted numerous lives and though her job on earth is well done, the heritage of her influence will forever remain.

Her husband, a loving and gifted man of God, Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Sapp to whom she was united in covenant with and honored throughout her life, survives Lady MaLinda. Marvin II, Mikaila and Madisson, her three wonderful children will dearly miss her and their loving and caring relationship. Her loving and devoted mother Barroneece Prince, grandmother MaLinda Ward of Memphis, TN, and mother-in-law Lodena Hollifield of Forest, MS also survived by her; she is the beloved sister of Cheryl Kimble and Latonja Curry-Buggs; and brothers Cornelius (Sylvia) Prince, and Winchell (Kenytta) Curry; and brother-in-laws Danny (Cindy) Sapp, Henry (Christine) Sapp and Darnell Sapp all of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and is loved by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. Gone before her were her father Cornelius Prince, Sr., her father-in-law Henry Lewis Sapp and her grandmother Louise White.

Lady Dr. MaLinda P. Sapp will be fondly remembered for her virtuous, kindhearted and unassuming nature.
Thursday, September 16, 2010, 12:00 noon
Bishop Marvin L. Winans, Officiant

ORDER OF SERVICES

Musical Prelude
Processional
Sealing of the Bier
Prayer
Pastor Kenneth Fairley
Perfecting Fellowship International

Old Testament Reading
Pastor Eric Tolbert
Lighthouse Full Life Center, Battle Creek, MI

New Testament Reading
Pastor Philip Pete
Lighthouse Full Life Center, Fairfield, CA

Musical Tribute
Jonathan Dunn

Community Acknowledgements
Chief Kevin Belt
Chief of Police, Grand Rapids, MI
Carol Van Andel
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Service
David Lockington
Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra

Musical Tribute
Dr. Rance Allen

Church Family Acknowledgements
Dr. Veneese Chandler
Dr. Sandra Riley
Evangelist Rosemary Davis
Bro. Darrick Franklin

Acknowledgements & Resolutions
Min. Corey Brown

The Obituary
Cynthia Springer

Musical Tribute
Lucinda Moore

Homegoing Celebration
Special Friends Acknowledgements

Lady Traci Ellis
_Citadel of Praise, Detroit, MI_

Rev. Dr. Claudette Copeland
_New Creation Church, San Antonio, TX_

Rev. Dr. Elaine Flake
_Greater Allen Cathedral, Jamaica, NY_

Dr. Carolyn Showell

Musical Tribute

Israel Houghton

Clergy Acknowledgements

Pastor Thomas G. Wilson
_Word of Faith, Grand Rapids, MI_

Rev. Clifton Rhodes
_Messiah MBC, Grand Rapids, MI_

Pastor Gary Hawkins
_Resurrection Fellowship, Grand Rapids, MI_

Pastor Terrence Lauchie'
_Grace for the Nations, Grand Rapids, MI_

Musical Tribute

Lady Karen Clark Sheard

Family Acknowledgements

Mikaila B. Sapp
Madisson G. Sapp
Marvin L. Sapp II
Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Sapp

Clergy Acknowledgements

Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake
_Greater Allen Cathedral, Jamaica, NY_

Bishop Charles Ellis III
_Greater Grace Temple, Detroit, MI_

Bishop Paul Morton
_Changing a Generation, Atlanta, GA_

Bishop Horace Smith
_Apostolic Faith Church, Chicago, IL_

Musical Tribute

Pastor Donnie McClurkin

Eulogy

Bishop I.V. Hilliard
_New Light Christian Ctr Church, Houston, TX_

Recessional
“REMEMBRANCE”
By Mother Barroneece Prince

SHE IS GONE

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can’t see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,

Or you can do what she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on. David Harkins

“FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND”
read by Makaila Sapp

.........Poems I love
Footprints in the Sand
One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, “You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?” The Lord replied, “The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you.” Copyright © 1984 Mary Stevenson

Right now I know that GOD is just caring our family,
~Makaila Sapp
SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder why so calmly
I trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
with Jesus' arm to lean on,
And Could I have doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting!
Oh! The joy to see you come.
PALLBEARERS
Bro. Darrick Franklin  Deacon LeRoy Figures  Deacon David Foster  Deacon Gary Klyce
Bro. Sam Mickens  Deacon Kenneth Walls  Deacon Eddie Ward  Deacon Travis Williams

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Marvin L. Sapp II  Cornelius L. Prince  Winchell D. Curry  Danny Sapp
Henry Sapp  Darnell Sapp  Thaddeus Buggs, Jr.  Caleb Kimble
Kyle Kimble  Cornelius Prince III  Justin Prince  Andre Posey
Taurean Pruitt  Christopher Sullivan  Felton Wells, Jr.  Shannon Sawyer
Sy Marsh  Marcus Sapp

FLOWER BEARERS
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority & Ministers Wives

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GRATITUDE
The family of Lady Dr. MaLinda P. Sapp, wish to express our sincere appreciation for the many prayers, flowers, cards, telephone calls and gracious deeds shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Again God has manifested himself to us and through so many people. Your generosity will always remain in our hearts. We serve and know a mighty God who supplies our every need and who doeth all things well. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and we shall in turn pray God's continued countenance upon you.
~Pastor Marvin L. Sapp & Family

SPECIAL THANKS
Pumpkins Catering  Pastor Duane Vander Klok & Resurrection Life Church
Special Musical Guests  Bishop I.V. and Dr. Bridget Hillard
Bishop Marvin L. Winans and Perfecting Church  PDG - Pencilworx Design Group

INTERMENT
Resurrection Cemetery - 4100 Clyde Park Ave. SW | Wyoming Michigan 49509

ARRANGEMENT ENTRUSTED TO
Ivy K. Gillespie-Moody Memorial Chapel
1865 Eastern Avenue SE | Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
A Memorial Contribution in support Lady MaLinda’s passion for our youth can be donated on behalf of the Grand Rapids Ellington Academy of Arts & Technology (GREAAT). It is our prayer that God will continue to richly bless you forever. Please make Memorial Contributions to:
Grand Rapids Ellington Academy of Arts & Technology
4860 Broadmore Ave. SE | Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Immediately after committal, repast will be served for immediate family and out of town guests at Lighthouse Full Life Center Church at Kingdom Square located at 600 Burton Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the Family Life Center.

Homegoing Celebration
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Malinda P. Sapp
1967-2010