

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
Mrs. Melissa Rose Green Hightower

ORDER OF SERVICE
Presiding | Elder Willie Jesse Carson

Processional led by Minister Marcus Arnett
and Elder Willie Jesse Carson

Last Glance and Final Closure

Hymn Sister Bertha Waymon

Prayer Elder Willie Jesse Carson
Church International

Scripture	Minister Marcus Arnett or <i>Appointee</i>
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Reflections	Open to Friends
	<i>limit 2 minutes</i>

Solo

Sister Bertha Waymon

Eulogy Minister Marcus Arnett

Acknowledgements and
Presentation of the
Family Bible

Barnum Staff

RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

*We loved her. Yes, we loved her, but God loved Melissa more.
Now He has sweetly called her to yonder shining shore.
The Golden Gate opened, a gentle voice said “come”
and with farewell unspoken, Melissa calmly entered home.*

until we meet again...

Melissa Rose Green Hightower
1979-2023

Earthly Place of Rest
Eastview Cemetery
802 Ashby Street, Americus, GA 31709

Acknowledgements

Jesus promised they who mourned would be comforted. During our hours of bereavement, this promise has been fulfilled by you, our kind and loving “friends and neighbors”. Thank you each for coming to help us bear our grief. Your calls, visits, prayers and kindness in acts and deeds during the passing of our loved one shall never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY

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IN LOVING

memory of

Melissa Rose

GREEN HIGHTOWER

SUNRISE: MARCH 23, 1979

SUNSET: FEBRUARY 28, 2023



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OBITUARY

Mrs. Melissa Rose Green Hightower was born in Sumter County, Georgia on March 23, 1979, to the parent of Mr. Ulysses Green and Ms. Laverne Postell, both who survive. She received her education in the public schools of Cobb County and was a 1997 graduate of Campbell High School. She received an associate's degree in Accounting from South Georgia Technical School and was pursuing a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southwestern State University. Melissa was employed with Total System Services in Columbus, Georgia as an associate in the Fraud Department. She was married to Mr. Artis Hightower, Jr. for 11 years but was each other's partner for over 23 years; together they raised four children.

In addition to her father, Mr. Ulysses Green of Americus, GA; her mother, Ms. Laverne Postell of Atlanta, GA and her husband, Mr. Artis Hightower, Jr. of Americus, GA, left to cherish her memories are four children: Kiara Feltus, Killeen, TX; Jasmine Feltus, Columbus, GA, Jordan Taylor; Americus, GA and Bryson Hightower, Americus, GA; a brother, Kendrell Barker and two sisters, Daniella Barker and Pandora Barker, all of Americus, GA; three sisters-in-law: Sharell Roberts, Newton, GA; Vera (Wesley) Alexander, Stafford, VA and Minnie (Oliver) Simmons, Beaufort, SC; two grandchildren: Kayson Williams, Killeen, TX and Amoni Taylor, Americus, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, including a devoted cousin who was like a sister, Tabitha Jones; other relatives and friends also survive.



Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away.
Her journey's just begun.
Life holds many facets—
this earth is only one.
Just think of her resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.
Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away,
and think of her as living in the hearts
of those she touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.

forever in our hearts
Melissa Rose Green Hightower
March 23, 1979 - February 28, 2023