

Obituary

Gardenia "Taisy" Ragin Scott was born on May 23, 1933 in Summerton, South Carolina to the late Edward Elijah Ragin and Sarah Woody Watson-Ragin. She was called home on Monday, September 28, 2015, to take her final rest in the loving arms of the Lord. Gardenia was predeceased by her husband, Robert Scott; two sons, Robert "Bobby" and Gregory Scott; two brothers, Robert and Blaney Lee Ragin; four sisters, Dorothy Ragin-Hooks, Ruby Ragin, Shirley Ragin-Miller and Carrie Yvonne Ragin.

Gardenia attended Scott's Branch High School in Summerton, and then graduated from Wilkerson High School in Orangeburg, South Carolina. She attended South Carolina State College for two years. While at South Carolina State College she met the love of her life, Robert Scott of Eastover, South Carolina and they were married on April 7, 1953. From that union four children were born, Robert Jr., Gregory, Donna and Dwayne Scott.

The couple moved to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania before relocating to Jersey City, New Jersey. Robert wanted to become a self-employed business man and after working for several years purchased a 3 story building and opened Scott's Barber Shop, which became a well known establishment in the community. After his death, Gardenia successfully managed the shop and the rental apartments.

For the first 25 years living in Jersey City, Gardenia was a wonderful housewife, raising her children while being actively engaged in parent's council, boy scouts, the school lunch program as well as making frequent visits to New York City supporting Donna's modeling/television career.

Gardenia began working for the Jersey City Board of Education in the 1970's, retiring in 2012 as a Teacher's Aide. She earned the praise and respect of administrators, staff, parents and students. Her concern and kindness for anyone in need filtered from her school responsibilities to her community. Neighbors often stopped to chat with her on her porch or where ever she was in the City.

Gardenia became a member of Calvary CME Church in the late 1950's. She was a Missionary for many years. She was also an outstanding fundraiser for the Mammoth Tea Journal.

Gardenia cherished the many years she spent with her sisters, her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren. She especially loved their annual Ragin-Watson Family Reunions, traveling throughout the east coast and cruising to various parts of the world.

Gardenia leaves to treasure her memories; two devoted children, Donna (Harold) Scott-Motley and Dwayne (Christa) Scott; two loving sisters, Sarah Lillian Ragin-Smith, Delores Ragin-Jones; two sisters-in-law, Mary McCloud-Ragin and Myrtle Mathis; one daughter-in-law, Debbie Scott; 9 grandchildren, Sharea Scott, Taneisha Chisholm, Robert Scott III, Leslie Scott, Gregory Scott Jr., Terek Wade, Nyla Scott, Harold Motley III and Michael Williams; 8 great grandchildren, Andre Scott, Robert and Tywhan Myrick, Melanie, Mia and Mariah Chisholm, Evan Scott and Robert Scott IV; one Godchild, Jerome Jones and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
And each time that you think of me, I know you miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die,
I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,
It almost seemed impossible, That I was leaving you,
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile
But then I fully realized, that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would now take the place of me

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.

When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me – let me go

I have so many things to see and do.

You must not tie yourself to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you love you can only guess

How much you gave me in happiness.

I thank you for the love each have shown.

But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,

Then let your grief be comforted by trust

It is only for a while that we must part

So bless those memories within your heart

I will not be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me call and I will come

Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be there

And if you listen with your heart, you will hear

All my love around you soft and clear.

Then when you come this way alone,

I will greet you with a smile and Welcome home.

Memories of a Life Well Lived



Farewell Dear Mother

*Somewhere in my heart beneath all my grief and pain,
Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your name.
The precious word is "MOTHER", she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had a better plan for her, for this, I surely knew
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Mother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Mother for all the love you've showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.*

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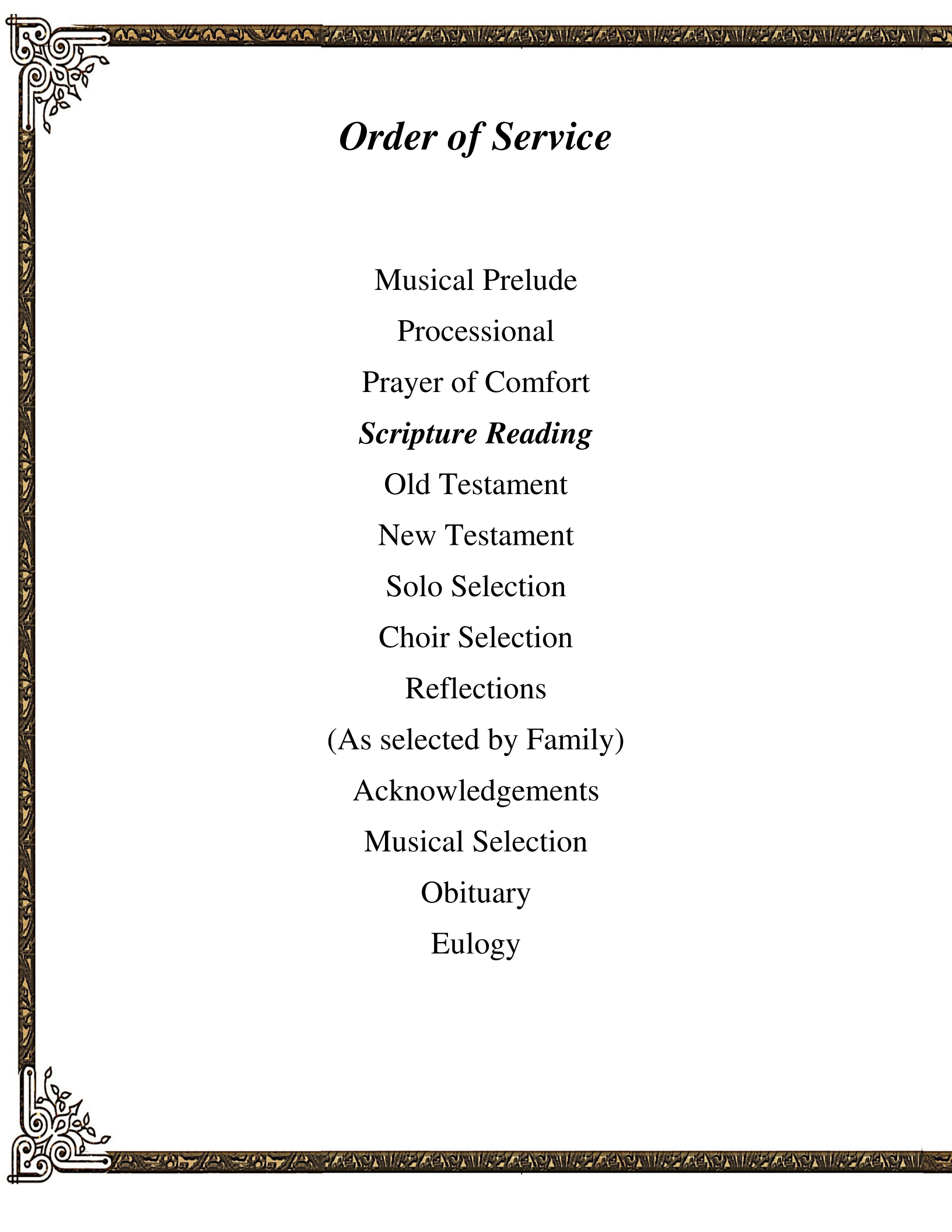
The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many kind deeds and comforting expressions of sympathy during this time.

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Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Solo Selection

Choir Selection

Reflections

(As selected by Family)

Acknowledgements

Musical Selection

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Eulogy



In Loving Memory



Gardenia Ragin Scott

May 23, 1933 – September 28, 2015

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Rev. Phillip Webb, Officiating