"The Last Request"

Please don't say that I gave up,
just say that I gave in;
Don't say I lost the battle,
for it was God's war to lose or win;
Please don't say how good I was,
but that I did my best;
Just say I tried to do what's right,
to give the most I could, not less;
Please don't give me wings or halos,
that's for God to do;
I want no more that I deserve,
no extras, just my due;
Please don't give flowers
or talk in real hushed tones;

Don't be concerned about me now,
I'm well with God, I've made it home;
Don't talk about what could have been
it's over and it's done.
Just see to all my family's needs
especially the little ones;
When you draw a picture of me
don't draw me as a saint;
I've done some good I've done some wrong
So, use all of your paint;
not just the bright and light tones
Use some gray and dark;
In fact, don't put me down on canvas
Paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember the bad;
For life is full of so many things,
some happy and some sad;
But if you must do something,
then I have one request,
Forgive me for any wrongs I've done,
and with the love that's left,

Thank God for my soul's resting.
Thank God for I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me.
Thank God, I'm now at rest!
-Unknown



Acknowledgement

We thank God for "the divine season of life" with Denardo. And thank you dear friends for every kindness shown to us during this very difficult period in our lives. We appreciate your expressions of love, friendship and sympathy.

The Family



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Celebration of Life and Remembrance for Mr. Denardo Elresse Autery



"Free at last, free at last, Thank God Almighty... free at last!"

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2013 3:00 PM

THE CHAPEL
CLARK S. BROWN & SONS FUNERAL HOME
757 N. PATTERSON AVENUE
WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND FRANCES WILLIAMS, EULOGIST

A Divine Season's End

Somewhere beyond the sunset, away from this world of strife. Our loved one is resting sweetly in a land that knows no night. The garden gate stood open, God knew he needed rest. God's garden must be beautiful, for He always picks the best!

Mr. Denardo Elreese Autery was born, on July 8, 1971, to Robbie and Elreese Autery in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Denardo's trust in the Lord led him to be a strong and determined man. His faith and determination were the driving forces that led to his admission to and graduation from Winston-Salem State University where he earned a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.

Denardo was a former employee of Walmart and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

His earthly duties and a *divine season of life* came to an end on Monday, August 26, 2013 when Denardo answered God's call to "come home" from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center.

Those persons who survive him and who will forever cherish fond memories of Denardo include his devoted partner and friend of 18 years, Jerome Griffin; his mother, Robbie (Michael) Gear; his father, Elreese (Thess) Autery; two sisters, Meaka (James) Scott and Sharon Mitchell; a brother, Johnathan Autery; three uncles, Sylvester (Ruby) Bitting, Leon (Peggy) Autery and Ronald Sanders; three aunts, Crystal Sanders, Barbara Moore and Jean (Mack) Giles; a special good friend, Laticia Harris, High Point, NC; a host of nieces, nephews and many other family members and friends.

Processional

Gathering of Family and Friends

2:15 PM-3:00 PM

Order of Service

Opening Remarks Reverend Frances Williams
Pulpit Associate, Mount Zion Baptist Church-Winston-Salem, NC

Opening Song

"In My Father's House"

The Holy Scriptures

Clergy

Old Testament— Job 14:1-7, Psalm 90: 1-9, 12 New Testament— I Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Williams

Musical Selection

"Broken, But I'm Healed"

T. D. Jakes Essay

God's Perfect Unions

Ms. Jana Poplar

Song

Still Say, Thank You"

Poetry Reading

The Last Request

Ms. Jana Poplar

Music of Worship

"Sovereign"

Proclamation of the Word

Reverend Frances Williams

The Parting Peace

Recessional

"Take Me to The King"

