

Funeral, Genola Campbell

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**In Closing:** There are the powerful words of Christ, Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.” (John 11:25)

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No lock or bolts will ever be placed upon it's door, for no vicious person can ever enter that land where my dwelling stands.

There is a valley of deep shadow between the place where I live now, that to which I shall journey in a very short time. I cannot reach my home in the city of God without passing through the dark valley of [physical] death.

But I am not afraid, because the best friend that I have ever had went through the same valley alone [and conquered sin and death.] He has stuck by me through thick and thin since we first became acquainted 55 years ago, and I hold to His promise printed [in the Word of God, "Never will I leave nor forsake you."]

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There were many Sunday afternoons I had the privilege of spending some time with Genola. For a long season, we would watch Mr. Ed together and laugh. There were many times I would find myself weary and discouraged. She would always make sure I knew how important I was to her and expressed confidence she had that the Lord was leading me in ministry. I cannot express enough, the value she was to me. Her God given gifts were equally important to all who was touched by her life.

The fact is, there will not be anymore Sunday afternoons with Genola. I spent my last Sunday afternoon with her last Sunday. There will not be anymore blessings that come from her life, as she gave encouragement to others, no matter how valuable they were to everyone. Genola's gift of encouragement was of great value however the value of her gift did not give her the assurance of being here this next coming Sunday afternoon.

Genola is now enjoying her "Eternal Real Estate", prepared for her by Jesus, and her message too is no doubt, "Grasp the truths to what Jesus says about heaven, and trust in Him as both Savior and Lord of your life." You do not know when you will be pushed into the river of death. You can choose to walk alone or choose to do as Genola did, find the hand of Christ as you are pushed into the river of death. She had Christ with her. She wants to meet you there in heaven.

All of you here have great value. However, your value does not give you assurance of being here next Sunday, or even tomorrow. I am looking forward to seeing Genola again some day with Jesus Christ. You can only see Genola again by accepting Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord of your life.

Let us pray!

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**Order of Service:** Genola Campbell Funeral

**Public Viewing** - CrossRoads Church from 11:00 – 11:30 A. M.

**Family Dinner** – 11:30 A.M.

**Flower Service** – 1:00 P.M.

**Music Playing** – Virgil Mock (1:30 – 2:00 P.M.)

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No lock or bolts will ever be placed upon it's door, for no vicious person can ever enter that land where my dwelling stands.

There is a valley of deep shadow between the place where I live now, that to which I shall journey in a very short time. I cannot reach my home in the city of God without passing through the dark valley of [physical] death.

But I am not afraid, because the best friend that I have ever had went through the same valley alone [and conquered sin and death.] He has stuck by me through thick and thin since we first became acquainted 55 years ago, and I hold to His promise printed [in the Word of God, "Never will I leave nor forsake you."]

He will be with me as I walk through the valley of shadows, and I shall not lose my way when He is with me. I hope to hear your sermon on heaven next Sunday from my home, but I have no assurance that I shall be able to do so. Yes, I hope to be here while you talk, but if not, I shall meet you there some day."

There were many Sunday afternoons I had the privilege of spending some time with Genola. For a long season we would watch Mr. Ed together and laughed. There were many times I would find myself weary and discouraged. She

would always make sure I knew how important I was to her and expressed confidence she had that the Lord was leading me in ministry. I cannot express enough the value she was to me. Her God given gifts were equally important to all who was touched by her life.

The fact is there will not be anymore Sunday afternoons with Genola, I spent my last Sunday afternoon with her last Sunday. There will not be anymore blessings that come from her life as she gave encouragement to others, no matter how valuable they were to everyone. Genola's gift of encouragement was of great value however the value of her gift did not give her the assurance of being here this next coming Sunday afternoon.

Genola is now enjoying her "Eternal Real Estate", prepared for her by Jesus, and her message too is no doubt, "Grasp the truths to what Jesus says about heaven, and trust in Him as both Savior and Lord of your life." You do not know when you will be pushed into the river of death. You can choose to walk alone or choose to do as Genola did, find the hand of Christ as you a pushed into the river of death. She had Christ with her. She wants to meet you there in heaven.

All of you here have great value, your value does not give you assurance of being here next Sunday, or even tomorrow. I am looking forward to seeing Genola again some day with Jesus Christ. You can only see Genola again by accepting Jesus Christ as both Savior and Lord of your life.

Let us pray!

**Hymn** – “Isn’t the love of Jesus Something Wonderful” Page 447 -

**Postlude:** – “He is Lord” (Instrumental music by Virgil Mock)

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**Wednesday, December 20, 2006**

**Order of Service:** Genola Campbell Funeral

**Public Viewing** - CrossRoads Church from 11:00 – 11:30 A. M.

**Family Dinner** – 11:30 A.M.

**Flower Service** – 1:00 P.M.

**Music Playing** – Virgil Mock (1:30 – 2:00 P.M.)

**Opening Hymn** – “Blessed Assurance” - Page 44 (Pastor Ronald and Sylvia Scheimo at 2:00 P.M.)

**Welcome** – Pastor Terry Laughlin

**Congregational Song** – “One Day at a Time” (Hand Out)

**Celebration of Genola Campbell’s Life in Christ** - (Pastor Ronald Scheimo)

**Special Music** – “Gathering Flowers for the Masters Bouquet” – (Pastor Ronald and Sylvia Scheimo)

**Message** – Pastor Terry Laughlin  
**Title:** “Eternal Real Estate”

**Hymn** – “Isn’t the love of Jesus Something Wonderful” - Page 447 - (Pastor Ronald and Sylvia Scheimo)

**Postlude** – “He is Lord” (Instrumental music by Virgil Mock)

**Grave Side** - Norton Cemetery – Pastor Terry Laughlin

**Family Reception** – At CrossRoads Church