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Prelude
Processional

Opening Remarks	Pastor Samuel M. Dade
Invocation	Elder Russell Bates

Congregational Hymn of Assurance	Pastor Byron Shea Crockett
Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading	Tom Werner
1 Thess 4:13-18

Acknowledgements	Elder Stacy Grant
Musical selection	Coretta Elliott
Piano Medley

Tributes	Friends, Loved Ones & Associates
Silent reading of the Obituary

Reflections	Family
Musical Selection	Terrilyn Jackson

Eulogy - Words and Music	Elder T. Marshall Kelly

Congregational Hymn of Celebration	Elder Diane Mendez-Williams
When we all get to Heaven

Prayer of Assurance	Elder Roscoe Howard
Recessional
Jean Manuel Reaves opened her eyes on this world August 4, 1930 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Bruce and Lucille Manuel. She closed her eyes on this world December 17, 2013, in Altamonte Springs, Florida, awaiting the call of the Life Giver to eternal life. She was preceded in death by her infant sister Patricia and then her brother Bruce Manuel.

Embracing the 3rd angel’s message in her teenage years, she remained a faithful life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and at her passing had been a member of the Patmos Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Winter Park, Florida, for 13 years.

Jean was born with a tenacious determined spirit. While attending Oakwood College she met her life-time love, Benjamin Reaves. After marriage, while raising three children, she attended classes at Malcolm X College and Chicago State University. Continuing her educational pursuits, she graduated with a B.A. from Andrews University and an M.A. from Alabama A&M. These achievements were followed by doctoral studies at Ohio State University. With this rigorous preparation, she taught for many years in Adventist schools including Chicago, Illinois, and Huntsville, Alabama, then at Oakwood College for 21 years. There her passion to make a difference in the lives of her students continually challenged them to press for excellence.

Fittingly, the family requested, in lieu of floral tributes, contributions be made to the Jean Reaves Scholarship Fund at Oakwood University.

She was a talented musician, gifted artist, and accomplished seamstress. She will forever be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and colleague. She is survived by the love of a lifetime, her devoted husband of 58 years, Dr. Benjamin Reaves, Sr. of Apopka, Florida; one son, Benjamin Reaves, Jr., of Huntsville, Alabama; two daughters, Terrilyn (Thaddeus) Jackson of Orlando, Florida, and Pamela Reaves of Orlando, Florida; three grandchildren, as well as a host of family and friends.
Please share a tribute at

JeanReaves.org
To all our friends, colleagues, church family and well-wishers: we deeply appreciate your many acts of kindness during this time. Your prayers, cards, calls, food, visits and your presence today mean so very, very much.

Lovingly submitted by:
Benjamin Sr., Terrilyn, Benjamin Jr., Pamela and the Reaves family

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to:
Jean Reaves Scholarship Fund at Oakwood University
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