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# She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone  
 Or you can smile because she has lived  
 You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back  
 Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left  
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see her  
 Or you can be full of the love that you shared  
 You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
 Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
 You can remember her and only that she is gone  
 Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on  
 You can cry and close your mind,  
 be empty and turn your back  
 Or you can do what she would want:  
 smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

# Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many families and friends for expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you. We shall always remember you.

**Arrangements Were Entrusted to:**  
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Celebrating the Life and Legacy  
 of  
*Ms. Allene Pope Henderson*  
 JUNE 30, 1937 - OCTOBER 6, 2023



Saturday, October 14, 2023  
 1:00 PM

Macedonia Baptist Church  
 1951 Stanley Lucia Road  
 Mount Holly, North Carolina

Reverend Bryon McIlwain, Sr., Pastor  
 Officiating



# Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Invocation
- Selection ..... Macedonia Senior Choir
- Scripture Reading
  - Old Testament .....Minister
  - New Testament .....Minister
- Prayer of Comfort.....
- Selection .....Mt. Holly QC's
- Reading of the Obituary
- Remarks (please limit to 2 minutes)
- Selection.....Mt. Holly QC's
- Eulogy.....Pastor Byron McIlwain
- Recessional.....Macedonia Senior Choir

## Floral and Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

## Interment

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery



# Our Queen Allene Pope Henderson

Ms. Allene P. Henderson, 86, of Stanley, NC was born on June 30, 1937 in Lincoln County to the late Craig and Estelle Pope. She departed this life on Friday, October 6, 2023 at her home.

Allene also known affectionately as “Lene” or “The Mayor” was a faithful and lifelong member of Macedonia Baptist Church where she was a Mother of the Church. She also served as a member of the Morning Glory choir, Senior Choir, and the Missionary Board.

She was employed by Galey and Lord Flint Plant in Gastonia until she retired after 37 years.

She was known for wearing hats. She was a very loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend who always had a listening ear. She had a smile that would light up a room. She had a very good sense of humor and enjoyed making people laugh. You could often find her sitting on the front porch, gardening, doing crossword puzzles or spending time with family.

Allene will truly be missed by her family and loved ones.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by a sister and two brothers.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories five daughters; Alvira Henderson (Darren) of Charlotte, NC, Sharon Henderson of Mt. Holly, NC, Penny Henderson and Cecelia Henderson both of Stanley, NC and Jackie McDowell (Lamonte) of Charlotte, NC; one son, Maurice Henderson of the home; a devoted granddaughter, Angela Brooks (Jonathan) of Belmont, NC; three sisters, Rosie Abernathy of Mt. Holly, NC, Shirley Springs (Melvin) and Nancy Graham of Charlotte, NC; three brothers: Craig Pope, Jr. (Dorothy) of Charlotte, NC, Larry Pope and Odell Pope (Patricia) of Mt. Holly, NC; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-two great grandchildren and one great great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

