



MEMORIES



Family Tree

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I hear a voice that whispers, "Grieve not for me."
Remember the best times, the laughter , the songs.
The good I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage. I'm counting on you.
Keep on smiling, the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest Remembering
all...how I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your lives, don't stare at the wall
I miss you all dearly so keep up with your chin
Until that fine day we're together again.

Acknowledgement

We wish to express sincere thanks and gratitude for the many
comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the
passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.
The Family

Service of Comfort Provided by:
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Celebrating
the Life and Legacy of
Joyce Elaine Little Worthy



Sunrise February 19, 1953 – Sunset February 25, 2024

Saturday, March 2, 2024
12:00 Noon

Mt. Zion Restoration Church
2311 Crescent Lane
Gastonia, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Rodney B. Freeman, Senior Pastor
Officiating

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family
 Call to Worship.....Dr. Charlene A. Robbins
 Old Testament.....Pastor Lisa Lipscomb
 New Testament.....Pastor Lisa Lipscomb
 Prayer of Comfort..... Minister Sherri Branch
 Selection.....Rev. Sharon Collins
 Remarks: 2 mins
 Reading of Obituary (Silent)
 Selection..... Tasha Fewell
 Eulogy.....Pastor Rodney Freeman
 Sr. Pastor Mt. Zion Restoration Church
 Committal
 Closing Selection
 Recessional

Joyce Little Worthy

Joyce Little Worthy aka “Butch” was born on February 19th, 1953, in Gastonia, NC to the late Hattie Little and Herbert IJames Sr. She transitioned to her heavenly home surrounded by family on February 25th, 2024, at CaroMont Regional Medical Center.

In addition to her Parents, she was preceded in death by her late husband Victor Worthy and Sister Vivian Lemons.

Joyce attended Dallas High School in Dallas, NC. She was a loving Wife, Mother, Sister, Aunt, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Joyce retired from the textile industry and later worked as a home healthcare nurse and in childcare. Joyce dedicated her life to selflessly serving others embodying the spirit of Florence Nightingale as the ultimate caregiver. If you needed a helping hand, she would open her home to you and give you the shoes off her feet.

In her spare time, she enjoyed watching her “stories” especially the “Young & the Restless”, playing cards with family and friends, and watching her beloved San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. Joyce was known for her love of “Freedent” chewing gum as she frequently sent her family on missions to buy every pack available in the store. She also could be found anywhere with a cup of “ice”. Joyce was known to bring joy and energy to family gatherings. She could be found dancing and singing along to her favorite song “Planet Rock”. Joyce was a true family matriarch and neighborhood Mother to many. She dedicated her life to serving others, spreading love and kindness wherever she went. She was a shining example of selflessness and compassion, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Daughters Thomasina Cheek of Gastonia, NC , Tonya Miller (Eddie) of Gastonia, NC and Son Justin Curry of Winston-Salem, NC, Grandchildren: Brooke Gill (Carl), Marquis Miller, Porcha Little , Jarkeevus Alexander (Leigh-Anne), Quan Little, Ti Alexander, Quinston Little , Tajah & Dajah Miller. Great Grandchildren: Darkece , Aniyha, Kamihya, Jamari , Devon, Sajiah, Serenity, Isaiah, Nevaeh, Tra, Savoyah, Jaise and Kailer.

She also leaves behind siblings: Carolyn Grier, Connie Minor , Wanda Little , Gerry Little, Doretta Cureton, Michael Little (Teresa) all of Gastonia, NC. A host of nieces ,nephews , family, and friends. “4th Child”, Tammy Austin (James). Special Friends: Barbara Wilson , DeeDee Glenn and Tammy Bratton.

