

# *Crossing the Bar*

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have cross the bar.

## *Acknowledgments*

We, the family of Linda Worthy, extend our sincere thanks for all the love, prayers and kindness shown us during this time of sorrow. May the love of God forever be with each one of you.

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# *Home Going Celebration for* **Linda Ruth Worthy** **December 2, 1938 - May 13, 2024**



Saturday, May 18, 2024

Visitation: 11:30 am | Service 12:00 pm

St. James Baptist Church  
1002 W. Carolina Avenue  
Bessemer City, NC 28016

Rev. A. Wayne Love, Pastor  
Rev. Thomas Gillespie, Officiating

# *Life Reflections*

Linda Ruth Worthy, 85, was born to the late Lindsay and Ida Worthy in Chester County, SC on December 2, 1938. She departed this life on May 13, 2024.

Linda was reared in Bessemer City, NC where she began her education at Stewart Elementary and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957.

She furthered her education at Winston Salem Teachers College, Winston Salem, NC and Barber Scotia College in Concord, NC.

Linda joined St. James Baptist Church when she was very young. She taught Sunday school, was a member of the choir and the usher board.

She was a member of Ida Chapter #10, Order of Eastern Stars, Lydia Court #12, Heroines of Jericho and the Daughters of Isis.

Linda moved to Brooklyn, NY, where she lived and worked for more than 15 years. Upon returning to North Carolina, she worked in the Gaston County School System and was a Deputy Sheriff for Gaston County until her retirement.

Precious memories are left in the hearts and minds of her siblings: Tweety W. Stewart, Elizabeth Joy Worthy Graves, Tony Byers, Goldie Byers (Sevilla) and her Aunt Sherleen Gilmore Williams, all of Bessemer City, NC. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to mourn her.

# *Order of Service*

Reception of Family and Friends - 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Opening Statement and Prayer - Reverend A. Wayne Love, Presiding

Musical Selection - Dr. Audrey Love

Scripture – Old Testament – Reverend Dana Ijames  
New Testament – Reverend Thurman Clark

Prayer of Comfort - Reverend Dr. Clinton A. Feemster

Musical Selection - Antoine Meeks

Remarks - 2 minutes each

Musical Selection - Antoine Meeks

Words of Comfort – Reverend Thomas Gillespie

Prayer and Benediction

Recessional Music