

Obituary

Sister Dorothy Kennedy Costner, daughter of the late Saint Johnnie Meadows, was born July 9, 1927 in Gaston County and departed this life on Monday; September 30, 2024 at Brookdale Assistant Living Robinwood in Gastonia, North Carolina.

She was married to the late John W. Costner, Jr. Her mother put her name on the House of Prayer roll at an early age. She later joined Third Street Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon and elder. She worked as a CNA at different nursing home facilities and retired from Covenant Village in 2016. She graduated from Highland High School, class of 1945. She loved playing bingo with friends. She loved children and would give snacks to daycare centers. Sister Costner also loved gardening and planted vegetables as well as lovely flowers. God blessed her to spend 97 years with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Wayne A. Costner; son-in-law, Kenneth Williams and great grandson, Shawn Lynch.

She also leaves to cherish her memories: one daughter, Sheila Williams (her loving caregiver) of Gastonia, NC; one son, John W. Costner III of Rock Hill, SC; four granddaughters, Carnett Lynch, Beatrice Lynette Costner, Gwendolyn Costner and Starr Kisa James; two grandsons, Roderick W. Costner and Darius James; five great granddaughters, Gabrielle James, Lavonne (Jonathan) Stover Carter, Frances Kyeria Stover, Aubree James and Patience James; four great grandsons, British Brooks, Roderick J. Costner, Jaylan Littlejohn, and Kaston Woods; two great great grandsons, Jamarion and Jaylan Lynch and a host of other family and friends.



"I'M FREE"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Flower Bearers

Queens and Ushers-United House of Prayer

Pall Bearers

Brothers of the United House of Prayer

Note of Thanks

The Costner Family would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, kind words, flowers, cards and participants of the service.
God bless you All.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
704-867-4364
www.gregoryfuneralservice.com

Celebration of Life for

Sunrise
July 9, 1927

Sunset
September 30, 2024

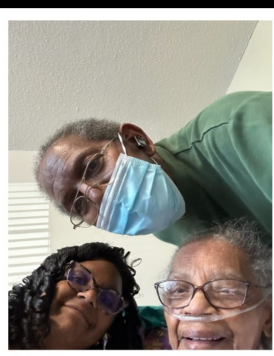


Sister Dorothy Kennedy Costner

United House of Prayer for All People
1208 N. York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina

Tuesday, October 8, 2024
Viewing: 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Celebration of Life: 6:00 p.m.

Elder Vince Weddington, Pastor
Elder Vince Bell, Assistant Pastor
The Honorable A. D. Cunningham, Bishop
Elder Darrell Meadows, Eugolist



**FAMILY
LOVE**



Program

Processional
(Receiving of Family and Friends)

Hymn

Scripture
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor, United House of Prayer for All People
Paradise South, Charlotte, NC

Selection

Selection

Resolution
Third Street Presbyterian Church
Gastonia, NC

Obituary and Card Reading

Selection

Eulogy
Elder Darrell Meadows
United House of Prayer for All People
Charlotte, NC

Benediction

Interment
Gaston Memorial Park Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
11:00 a.m.

