

## Order of Service

### Prelude Music

**Processional** Family  
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33

**Call to Worship** Elder Dekota McCullough

**Prayer** Reverend Juan Smith

### Musical Selection

### Personal Tributes

### Musical Selection

**Words of Comfort** Elder Dekota McCullough

### Recessional

**Interment**  
Gaston Memorial Park  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Monday, November 11, 2024  
10am



## Legacy of Love

A wife, a mother, a grandma too,  
This is the legacy we have from you.  
You taught us love and how to fight,  
You gave us strength, you gave us  
might.  
A stronger person would be hard to find,  
And in your heart, you were always  
kind.  
You fought for us all in one way or  
another,  
Not just as a wife not just as a mother.  
For all of us you gave your best,  
Now the time has come for you to rest.  
So go in peace, you've earned your  
sleep,  
Your love in our hearts, we'll eternally  
keep.

### Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks to the many families and friends for all expressions of kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one. A special thanks to Dr. Shawnya Gore, and the staff of both the Levine Cancer Institute (University) and Aldersgate Hospice House. May God bless each of you!

### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

SUNRISE  
AUGUST 23, 1942

SUNSET  
NOVEMBER 6, 2024



*Mrs. Barbara Ann Tate Currence*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024  
1:00 P.M.

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
221 W. BRADLEY AVENUE  
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA 28052

BISHOP JOHN A. MCCULLOUGH, II; SENIOR PASTOR-OFFICIATING

Barbara Ann Tate Currence was born on August 23, 1942, in Gastonia, NC to Rev. Cleveland and Roberta Tate. She peacefully transitioned to her new home on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, to join her mother, father, husband, Charles Currence, Jr., sister, Cleaster Neely, and son-in-law, Vincent Brown.

Her childhood and young adult life were full of fond memories and adventures. She was a PK (Preacher's Kid) so, church and a strong biblical foundation was established early and maintained throughout her life. Her adventures often included her biological sister, Cleaster, and her cousin, Brenda, whom she considered and always referred to as a sister. It was said Roberta had three girls because they were always seen together. Adventures that included dancing, were always a favorite for Barbara. She enjoyed showing off her moves. After graduating from Highland High in 1960, Barbara went to college in Durham; however, that was short lived. She returned home by way of her high school sweetheart, and they were married on October 5, 1960. Charles was the love of her life and because of their union she was blessed with "her three girls".

Barbara loved people, especially children. She said children did not ask to come here so, you should always love and care for them. She worked at the Orthopedic Hospital, an institution for crippled children in Gastonia. It was the first of its kind in the south and she loved it! When the institution closed, she went to work at the Gaston County Health Department. She worked in maternity and was able to continue engaging with women and children. Her passion and love were evident through her service, and she was loved and highly respected by both patients, doctors, and peers. Barbara became known as a servant of her community through countless acts of kindness and compassion.

Her love for her family and friends was even greater! Barbara enjoyed cooking, baking, shopping, and taking care of her family. People often asked her to bake for them and called to ask how to make a dish she had prepared. She lovingly shared her knowledge about cooking, baking, children and anything else she could to make others happy. She did not like discourse and drilled this in "her three girls" heads. As her family grew larger through grandchildren and great grandchildren, she lovingly became known as "Granny" to others who met her as they engaged with her children and grandchildren. Barbara often graciously provided childcare to both her own immediate family members and others with a smile on her face.

Barbara's growing age and health issues never stopped her from meaningful engagement through both hobbies and travel, including mountains, beaches and even big cities. She valued her independence and displayed continued resiliency. It is believed her youthful spirit, positive attitude, and determination carried her well beyond the prognoses of some healthcare professionals.

Left to cherish her memory are "her three girls", Carla Brown, Gayla McDowell (Gardiner) and Tonya Byrd (Scott). Seven grandchildren, Rico Pagan Jr. (RJ), David McDowell, Cierra Pagan, Justin McDowell (BreShawna), Chelsey Brown, Emmanuel McDowell (Sophia), and Dyllon Byrd. Eight great-grandchildren Kayden, Riley, Ryker, Kynedi, Ema'lee, Brimi, Brodi and Kash. Sister, Brenda Jones, and two Godchildren, Courtney and Natalie McBryant. A host of special in-laws, friends, and family.



The love of a **FAMILY** is  
**LIFE'S GREATEST**  
**Blessing** ♥