

### Remember Me

Speak of me as you have always done.  
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.  
Share the happy memories we've made.

Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun  
And when the winter's chill has come.  
I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.  
I'm peace now, put your mind at ease.  
I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,  
But memories we've share are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,  
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,  
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while,  
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun,  
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.

### Floral Bearers

Nieces

### Pall Bearers

Nephews

### Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for  
all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Special thanks to Via Healthcare Partners, Katrina Meadows, and Ness  
Johnson for their care and support.

Repass will follow in the Center Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

### Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

*Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.*  
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Gastonia, North Carolina 28052  
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## Ms. Joyce Marie Woodard Shackley

SUNRISE: October 20, 1942

SUNSET: April 17, 2025

Thursday, April 24, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Center Baptist Church  
3301 South New Hope Road  
Gastonia, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Senior Pastor - Officiating

# Order of Service

**Prelude**

**Processional** (Receiving of Friends from 12:00 until 1:00 p.m.)

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford

**Opening Song** "I'm Living To Know Will He Welcome Me"

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

Minister Ness Johnson

New Testament

Minister Connor

**Prayer of Comfort**

Rev. Regina Reid

**Musical Selection**

Mr. Darryl Barber and

Mr. Keith Connor

**Remarks**

Katrina Meadows  
Vivian Eichelberger  
Helen Washington

**Acknowledgements**

Cynthia Richardson

**Hymn of Preparation**

Center Baptist Hymn Choir

**Eulogy**

The Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Th. D.

**Closing Selection**

"God Is"

Darryl Barber and  
Keith Connor

**Recessional**

**Interment**  
Center Baptist Church Cemetery  
Gastonia, North Carolina



# Life Reflections

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58*



Joyce Woodard Shackley, born on October 20, 1942, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2025. She was the eldest of nine children born to the late Mae Alice and James Woodard.

For over 50 years, Joyce resided in Hempstead, New York, where she worked as a dedicated data entry manager. She was an active and devoted member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, as well as an involved community leader through her work with the NAACP, United Women League, and city government. In recognition of her exceptional service and commitment, the city of Hempstead named a square in her honor—**Joyce Shackley Peace Square**.

Joyce late returned to her hometown of Gastonia, North Carolina, where she joined Center Baptist Church, due to declining health she was surrounded by family and friends.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her beloved husband, David Shackley, brother, Larry Woodard and five sisters, Doris Mack, Miriam Jackson, Linda Watson, Sheila Boyd, and Brenda Watson.

Joyce leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory: her son, Ronald Woodard (Cynthia) of Fayetteville, GA; her daughter: Wanda Graham (Michael) of Gastonia, NC; one sister: Vivian Eichelberger of Gastonia, NC; one brother: Calvin Woodard of Dallas, NC; four grandchildren: Tyson Graham (Shana), Jason Graham, Maurice Woodard, and Mallory Webb (Vincent); and four great-grandchildren: Ailani, Shiloh, Charlotte, and Avery and a host of other relatives and friends.

