

Never Said Goodbye

You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before I knew it,
And only God knew why.
A million times I needed you,
A million times I cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly,
In death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a place,
That no one could ever fill.
It broke my heart to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of me went with you,
The day God took you home.



Floral Bearers
Nieces

Pall Bearers
Nephews



Acknowledgements

The family of Mance V. Hope would like to express their deepest gratitude for all the love and kindness shown toward them during the death of our loved one. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
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Interment

Armstrong Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Sunrise
October 3, 1961

Sunset
May 18, 2025



Celebrating the Life of

Mr. Mance Victor Hope

Tabernacle Baptist Church
Life Center
519 West 19th Avenue
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

Saturday, May 24, 2025
12 noon

Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor
Apostle James Setzer, Officiating
Deliverance Christian Center
Gastonia, North Carolina

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Processional
Apostle James Setzer

Visitation for family and friends

11am - Noon

Call to Worship

Apostle James Setzer

Opening Song

“I Come to Far to Turn Around”

Composer: The Violinaires

Scripture Readings

Old Testament
Minister Marjorie Hope
New Testament
Elder Edward Kennedy

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Rodney Glover

Musical Selection

“Take Me I’m Ready to Go”

Composer: The Violinaires

Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Rev. Dr. Ruby Hope
Mrs. Angela Hope Gordon

Acknowledgements/Reading of Reflections

Minister Marjorie Hope

Hymn of Preparation

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Anthony Brown

Words of Comfort

Apostle James Setzer

Closing Selection

“Dr. Jesus”

Composer: The Violinaires

Life Reflections

The Day of the Lord is near for all nations, As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

Obadiah 1:15

Mance “BJ” Victor Hope, Sr. was born October 3, 1961 in Gaston County and passed away peacefully on Sunday; May 18, 2025. He was the youngest of nine children born to Emma Mills Hope and the late Albert F. Hope.

He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys football. His favorite gospel group was the Fantastic Violinaires. He was a devoted and excellent guitar player for the Hope Family Singers. BJ loved his gospel music and telling jokes.

In addition to his father: Mr. Albert F. Hope, Mance was preceded in death by his two loving sons: Mance LV Hope and Gabriel O. Beal; sister: Carrie G. Glenn and two brothers: John F. Hope and Joe M. Hope.

Mance leaves behind a loving family to cherish his memory: fiancé’ and loving companion: Sheena M. Adams, daughter: Manwellia M. Washington of Charlotte, NC; three sons: Xavier R. Hope, Emmanuel H. Hope and Desmond L. Hope all of Gastonia; eight grandchildren, one great granddaughter, two brothers: Rev. James W. Hope (Ruby) and William A Hope of Gastonia; three sisters: Judy F. Hill, Taffy A. Meeks, and Alberta Wilson (Malcolm) all of Gastonia and a host of other relatives and friends.



Forever In Our Hearts