

## The Obituary

Connie Jean Little Minor, affectionately known as “Mother Connie,” was born on September 30, 1951, in Gastonia, NC, to the late Hattie Little and Herbert Ijames Sr. She peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home on June 14, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at CaroMont Regional Medical Center.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Claudia Minor; her siblings, Vivian Lemons, Joyce Worthy, and Michael Little; and two grandsons.

Connie attended Dallas High School in Dallas, NC, and later earned her Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Development from Gaston College. She dedicated many years of service as a lead teacher at Gaston Community Action. Even after becoming disabled, Connie continued to care for and tutor children, demonstrating her unwavering love for nurturing young minds.

Connie was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her commitment to her family and her community was evident in everything she did. She ran a food pantry ministry and loved spending time “running the streets” with her sisters. Connie also enjoyed watching movies on “Tubi.” Above all, her family and friends meant everything to her.

She leaves to cherish her memory:

Sons Terry Lipscomb (Charlotte), Tony Lipscomb (Shavone) of Charlotte, NC, and Timothy Minor (Carmen) of Kings Mountain, NC

Daughters Tammy Austin (James) of Gastonia and Michelle Minor of Charlotte, NC

Grandchildren: Sharae Lipscomb, Nick Littlejohn, Ashley Lipscomb, Terry Graham, Tia Lipscomb, Ral Smith, and TJ Lipscomb

A host of loving great-grandchildren

Siblings: Carolyn Grier, Wanda Little, Gerry Little, and Doretta Cureton, all of Gastonia, NC

She also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Connie held a special place in her heart for Alijah Lipscomb, who lovingly called her “Mama.”

Her legacy of love, service, and strength will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

  
**Forever**  
**IN OUR HEARTS**

## “The Broken Chain”

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name,

In life we loved you dearly; 0in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.

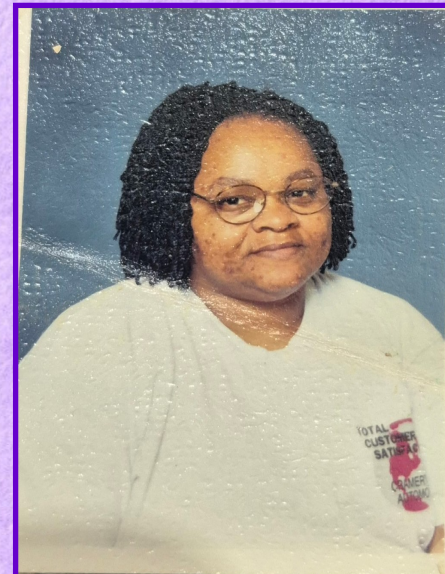
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide,

And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



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## Celebrating The Life of

*Sunrise: September 30, 1951*

*Sunset: June 14, 2025*



**Connie Jean Little**  
**Minor**

*Saturday, June 21, 2025*  
*Quiet Hour: 2:00pm-3:00pm*  
*Service Begins: 3:00pm*

*New Destiny Worship Center*  
*1500 Linwood Road*  
*Gastonia, NC 28052*  
*Pastor Rodney L. Barber*

*Evangelist Sherri Branch*  
*Officiating*  
*New Destiny Worship Center*





*Treasured Memories  
with Our  
Beloved "Mother Connie"*

## Order of Service

**Processional:**  
Clergy and Family

**Call to Worship:**  
Minister Denise Jackson

**Old Testament:**  
Pastor Delores Stroizer

**New Testament:**  
Ingrid Hamlett

**Prayer of Comfort:**  
Elder Levi Melvin

**Selection:**  
Tasha Fewell

**Remarks:** 2 mins

**Reading of Obituary:**  
Pastor Delores Stroizer

**Selection.**  
Tasha Fewell

**Eulogy :**  
Evangelist Sherri Branch  
(New Destiny Worship Center)

**Closing Selection:**  
DeKwalon Lindsay

*The Strength You Gave Me*

*Early mornings, I think of you—  
your smile and laugh, mostly.*

*I grab your blanket and imagine it's your arms holding  
me.*

*Our special days, filled with Cowboy Shows,  
to you making soup when it's cold.*

*Your suggestive thoughts when I'm feeling lost,  
to your warm love to top it all.*

*I love you, MawMaw—because of you, I am strong.*



*You are.....  
Deeply Loved  
Greatly Missed  
Never Ever  
Forgotten*