Order of Service

Processional

Prelude

(Receiving of friends 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

Call to Worship Rev. Robert Setzer

Hymn #249 "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Psalm 27

New Testament St. John 14:1-7

Prayer of Comfort Rev . Brenda Harris

Selection Bro. Derek Love

Remarks (3 minutes) Sis. Hazeline Barber

Bro. Vincent Burris

Reading of Resolution

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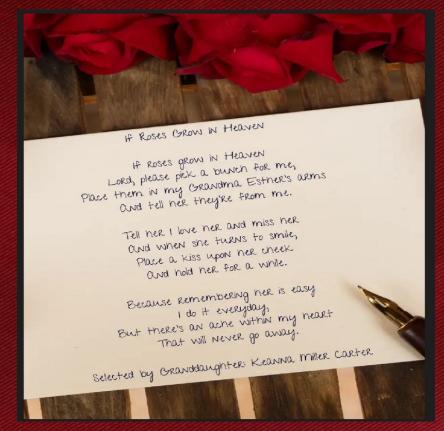
Words of Comfort Rev. Robert Setzer

Recessional "Let the Church Say Amen"

Interment

Rose Hill Cemetery Gastonia, North Carolina





Floral and Pall Bearers Family and Friends

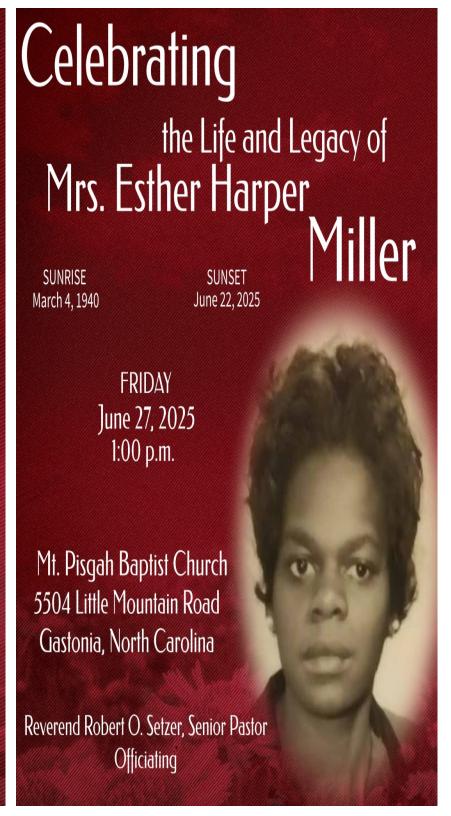
Acknowledgment

We wish to express our profound and sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness, prayers and kind words shown during the passing of our beloved. It is through your love, prayers, and the grace of God that we find strength and comfort. My God bless and keep you all.

The Family

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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Life & Legacy of Esther

Esther Harper Miller, born March 4, 1940, in Gastonia to the late George Benjamin Harper and late Martha Harper. She passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

She graduated from Lincoln High School. She was a textile worker for Ticaro (Dixie Yarn) from which she retired. Post retirement, she worked at Innkeeper Hotel, Gastonia, NC as a housekeeper.

She was married to the late Robert Miller of York, South Carolina.

Esther's journey began early, as she embraced Jesus Christ, shaping a life dedicated to Christian love and service. Her unwavering faith found a home at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, where her commitment shone brightly through her active roles on both the Usher Board and the Hymn Choir.

Esther possessed a remarkable gift with words, a testament to her articulate nature and an ability to connect deeply with others. Her personality was a captivating blend of unwavering determination, resilient strength, and a tough exterior that belied a profoundly loving and nurturing spirit. This unique combination allowed her to make everyone she encountered feel instantly welcomed and like an extension of her own family. Those privileged to be close to Esther understood the depth of her love. They knew, without a doubt, that she was "just a telephone call away," always ready to offer support, comfort, or simply a listening ear. Throughout her lifetime, Esther's impact was immeasurable, touching the lives and hearts of countless individuals.

Esther had an extraordinary ability to connect with anyone, never truly meeting a stranger. Her genuine love for being around people fueled her innate talent for conversation, enabling her to engage with ease and warmth. Encouraging her visitors, "Oh honey, don't be in a rush to leave, stay and sit for a while." It was a common sight to find her immersed in lively discussions with her beloved sisters, often for hours on end, a testament to the cherished bonds she held. For Esther, family was not just important; it was "everything," the very cornerstone of her existence. Some of her memorable sayings included; "Life is beautiful, we're the ones that make it hard. Each one of us is responsible for our own happiness Baby! You're responsible for you. Lastly, Honey, I praise Him everyday when I get up. I just thank Him." Her passing leaves a void that will be deeply felt and profoundly missed by all her family and friends.

Esther is preceded in death by her father, George Harper, mother Martha Harper, her husband, Robert Miller, her son Maurice Miller, and daughter Audreynetta Miller Saunders, brothers, George Harper, Jr., Albert Charles Harper, Wilson Harper, and James Harper, her sisters, Laura Holland, Sally Harper Glen, Lousie Harper, Ruth Harper Love.



Left to cherish her memories are her four sons, Wayne Miller of Fort Washington, Maryland (Karen), Donald Ray Miller of Charlotte, North Carolina (Veronica), Kevin Miller of Gastonia, North Carolina, and Michael Miller of Dallas, North Carolina (Selecia). Six grandchildren; Isaac Miller of Monroe, North Carolina, Vincent Burris of Charlotte, North Carolina, Wayne Miller, Jr. of Fort Washington, Maryland, Chance Miller of Fort Mill, South Carolina, Breanna Miller of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Keanna Miller Carter of Greenville, South Carolina (Tyler).

Eight great grandchildren; La'Jireh Paige of Charlotte, North Carolina, Isaac "Amir" Miller of Monroe, North Carolina., Amara Miller, Abriell Miller, of Fort Mill, South Carolina and Bentley Miller, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Kyler Carter, Layla Carter, and Raiden Carter, of Greenville, South Carolina. Two great-great grandchildren; Zy'Yireh Paige and Zy'Mari Barkley of Charlotte, North Carolina. Four sisters; Hazelene Harper Barber, Fannie Harper Nixon, and Maryann Harper Gillian, all of Gastonia, North Carolina. Patricia Harper Mason, of Southern Pines, North Carolina. A host of other relatives and friends.





