

*To my girl, my world, Aunt Faye*

I have dreaded this day but now that we are here, this is what I have to say, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" and Auntie, a soul like yours has been a great honor to encounter; however, it was just too precious to keep you here with us on Earth, so the Lord had to call you home. Your kind words of advice and affirmations will forever live on and I will forever carry with me the sound of your voice, and the many memories we are left to cherish shall never perish. To know you is to love you and I'm sure you've etched your name in many hearts as you have done mine. My last few words to you were to "Stay strong, Suga, the fight ain't over yet" and you replied, "Oh, I am and I'm a big fighter for God. And I still have faith the size of a mustard seed." You fought so hard for so long, if you knew nothing else you knew God was capable of all things and that you were going to be alright. As I sit here writing this I can hear your voice saying, "Honey don't cry for me but rejoice and be happy that I am at peace." Well, Suga, I am overjoyed that you have found perfect peace and eternal life with God, your King. This isn't a farewell, my love, but a see you later, job well done. Queen, soar high in those heavenly skies and may you take your final rest in paradise until we meet again.

Love, Jada

**Pall and Floral Bearers  
Family and Friends**

*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.

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# Celebrating the Life of MRS. FRANKIE MCCRAY LOWERY

*"Suga"*

Sunrise  
August 3, 1960

Sunset  
June 23, 2025

*In Loving Remembrance on*  
Saturday, July 5, 2025  
12:00 p.m.



Christ Community Baptist Church  
1128 North Ransom Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina



Rev. Ronald Harbinson, Pastor





## Our Beloved "Suga" We Miss You Already



### Order Of Service

#### Prelude

#### Processional

(Receiving of friends  
from 11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.)

**Crowning**  
"I Shall Wear A Crown"  
DeCarlos Ross

**Call to Worship**  
Rev. Ronald Harbinson

#### Musical Selection

**Scripture Readings**  
Old Testament  
Minister Angela Friday  
New Testament  
Minister Mary Webber

**Prayer of Comfort**  
Minister Troy Friday

**Musical Selection**  
"God Is"  
DeCarlos Ross

**Remarks** (2 minutes, please)  
Rev. Lamona Harbinson  
Wadell Brown  
Florence McCorkle

**Acknowledgements**  
Florence McCorkle

#### Hymn of Preparation

**Eulogy**  
Rev. Ronald Harbinson

#### Closing Selection

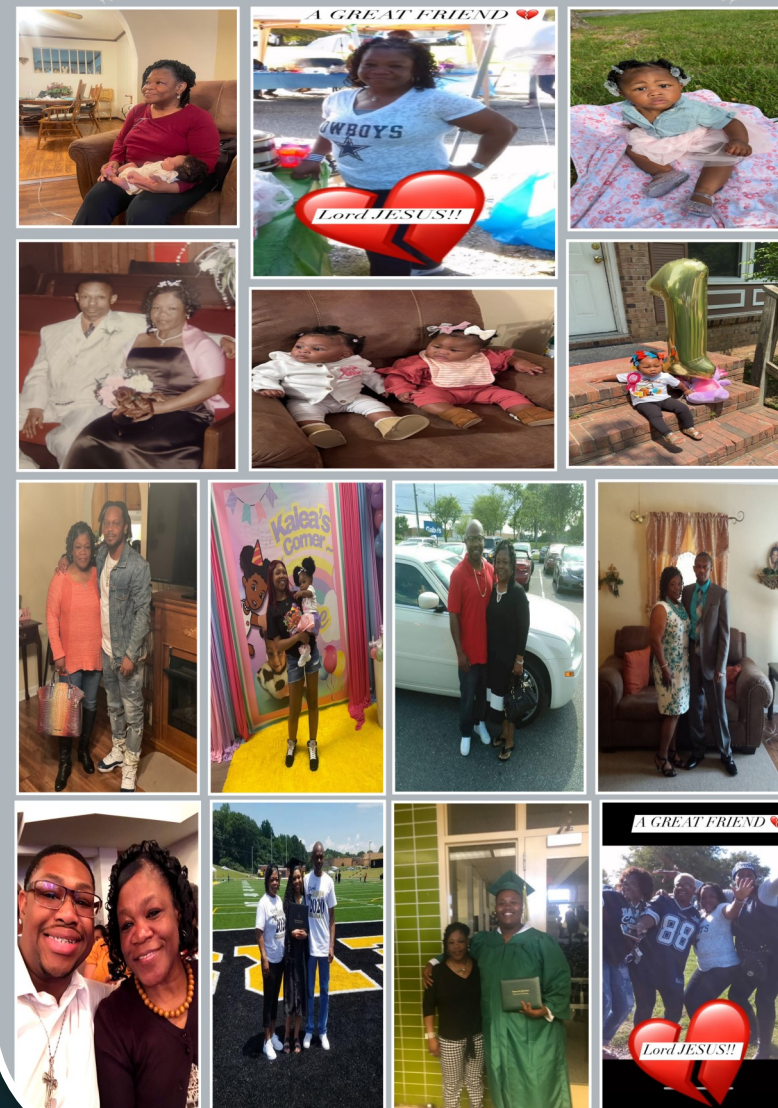
#### Recessional

**Interment**  
Gaston Memorial Park  
1200 S. New Hope Road  
Gastonia, North Carolina

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished  
the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in  
store for me the crown of righteousness, which  
the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me  
on that Day, and not to me only but also to all  
who have loved His appearing."*

2 Timothy 4:7-8

## Forever in our Hearts



Repass will follow in the Christ Community  
Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

## Life Reflections

Frankie McCray, 64, of Gastonia, North Carolina, departed this life peacefully on Monday; June 23, 2025. She was born August 3, 1960, the eldest of five children born to the late Rebecca Turner McCray and Frank McCray, Sr.

Frankie was baptized and accepted Christ at an early age at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Grand Bayou, Louisiana. She was born and reared in her hometown of Mansfield, Louisiana. Frankie graduated from DeSoto High School in 1978.

Frankie attended Christ Community Baptist Church. She was an active and devoted member. Frankie worked at HBI-Hanes Brands Inc. for 34 years as a dedicated employee where she retired from on November 18, 2022. Frankie has been married to Jeffery Lowery for 42 years. Frankie was a free spirit who loved her family and the Lord. She always had a smile on her face. Frankie never met a stranger and she had a heart of gold.

Frankie is preceded in death by her parents, Rebecca Turner McCray and Frank McCray, Sr. In addition to her parents, father-in-law, Daniel Lowery, Sr., and goddaughter, Kristen Camay Phillips.

Frankie leaves behind a loving family to cherish her memory: her husband, Jeffery Lowery; three sons, LaTireus McCary, Terrance McCray and Quintiero Lowery all of Gastonia, NC; two grandchildren, Aniya McCray and La'Zhuri McCray; one great granddaughter, Kalea Felder; two sisters, LaTonia McCray Vawters (Harold Vawters) of Shreveport, LA, and Carla McCray of Opebusas, LA; three brothers, Calvin McCray, Kenneth McCray and Frank McCray, Jr. all of Mansfield, LA; one brother-in-law, Daniel Lowery, Jr. of Gastonia, NC; two sisters-in-law, Sandra Lewis (Walter Lewis) and Safonya Lowery all of Gastonia, NC, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.