



## Saying Goodbye

The word good-bye is so hard to say  
 When the one you love is going away  
 I would never trade our time together  
 The memories will stay with me forever  
 You have given me a gift no more can compare  
 The gift of friendship from a heart that cares

So on this day you fly from here  
 Just close your eyes and I'll be near  
 We've made a bond that can't be broken  
 And shared a love that was left unspoken  
 ~J.E. Floyd



## Special Thanks & Acknowledgement

The family gratefully acknowledges the many acts of kindness, visits, words of consolation, and sympathy shown them in this time of sorrow. Know that in times like these we strive ever so closely to God to those whom we know as kindreds in Christ. We would also like to thank all of the dedicated healthcare workers that cared for him in his time of healing. Be much in prayer for each of us that we too may someday be united with both our Lord and our loved ones

~The Family

## Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

# Homegoing Celebration Honoring the Life and Legacy of Reverend Joe E. Floyd

*Hebrews 12:2*

*Looking unto Jesus the author and  
finisher of our faith, who for the joy that  
was set before him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and is set down at  
the right hand of the throne of God."*

Monday: September 22, 2025  
 1:00 P.M.

Tabernacle Baptist Church  
 519 W 19<sup>th</sup> Ave,  
 Gastonia, NC



DR. BENJAMIN HINTON, PASTOR

## LIFE REFLECTION

# Reverend Joe E. Floyd

SUNRISE: April 12, 1955 - SUNSET: September 13, 2025

-Pastor J.E. Floyd was born on April 12, 1955, in Gastonia, North Carolina. His parents were the late Mr. & Mrs. William G. Floyd. He departed this life on Saturday, September 13, 2025 afternoon at CaroMont Regional Medical Center with his wife and family by his bedside. He leaves to celebrate his inspiring life to his wife, Debra W. Floyd, his two children, Takela H. Burns (Dwight Sr.), Tereka S. Adams, three grandchildren, Octavia S. Adams, Dwight Keith Burns Jr., and Nadia S. Burns. He also left behind a special niece, Mianca "Pree" Meeks and nephew, Jamarious Meeks.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers (in 1995) Bobby Lewis Floyd, William E. Floyd (Janice), Lynn A. Floyd (Cecelia). He grew up with eight siblings whom he loved dearly and were some of his best lifelong friends. Margie R. Wilson, Larry E. Floyd (Tecola), Melinda Floyd, David Floyd, Sherby J. Floyd, Pamela E. Adams (Allen), and a host of relatives and friends. His favorite chapter in the bible was Hebrews 12:1-12.

### -His Education and Accomplishments of Joe E. Floyd-

He was the humble "Servant Leader" (Mk. 10:45) of nine churches. St. Peter Baptist, Grover, N.C. Gold Hill Baptist Church, Thomasville, N.C. Bethany Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. Brown New Calvary Baptist Church, Thomasville, N.C. Galilee Baptist Church, Rutherfordton, N.C. Antioch Baptist Church, Cleveland, N.C and he retired from Southmont First Baptist Church, Lexington, NC. He is a member of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., and the National Baptist Convention USA Inc. He also studied abroad in the Holy Land and Egypt.

He attended Lincoln Academy Elementary, Lincoln High (7-8), Clover High, and Cornerstone Christian School. Reverend Floyd had a deep love for learning. He attended classes at Gaston College, and RCCC Concord. He holds a bachelor's degree from Queen City Bible College. He also held a Master of Divinity Degree from M. Christopher White School of Divinity on the Campus of Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, N.C.

"My God, my parents, wife, children and grandchildren inspired and encourage me to be the best I could be. "- Reverend Joe E. Floyd

## Order of Celebration

Presiding.....	Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Processional.....	The Family
Soft Music	
Quite Time.....	12:30pm-1:00pm
Prayer.....	Pastor R.O. Setzer
Solo.....	Pastor Billy Houze
Old Testament Scripture.....	Apostle Theron Feemster
New Testament Scripture.....	Pastor Ray Lockhart Jr.
Obituary.....	Read Silently Please
Reflections (2 minutes please).....	Dr. Clinton Feemster, Dr. Robert Canoy, Kellie Funderburk, Frank McClure, Pastor James Setzer
Special Tribute.....	The Children & Grand Children
Solo.....	Pastor James Smith
Sermon.....	Dr. Larry E. Floyd
Recessional.....	Minister Ricky Collins "I'll Fly Away"
Repast.....	Tabernacle Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

