

Acknowledg Note of Thanks

The family of Blondell Johnson Graham would like to express our deepest appreciation for every one's sympathy as we mourn her loss. The shared memories from all of you, along with the many phone calls and words of condolences, meant a great deal to us all.

We would especially like to thank Gregory Funeral Service and its employees for their personal and caring arrangements. We are grateful for your continued support and love during our time of need.

Blondell Johnson Graham will be missed dearly by all who know her.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following paths God made for me.
I took his hand I heard him call,
Then turned back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened... deep with sorrow,
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full I've savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wants me now... He set me free.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Ms. Blondell Graham

SUNRISE; MAY 14, 1948 - SUNSET; JANUARY 29, 2026



Wednesday; February 4, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

Gregory Funeral Service Chapel
601 N. York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina

Reverend Daquan Bimbo, Officiating | Senior Pastor
Holland Chapel AME Zion Church
Apex, North Carolina

Life Reflections

Blondell Graham was born on May 14, 1948, in Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended elementary school in Charlotte before her parents moved the family to Mount Vernon, New York, in the mid-1950s. After completing junior high in New York, Blondell moved back to North Carolina, where she finished high school.

Afterward, she returned to Mount Vernon to train as an EKG technician. Once she completed her studies, she went on to work at Mount Vernon Hospital for several years. During a visit back to North Carolina, she met the love of her life, Robert Graham. They were married in 1972, and after the wedding, they lived in Worcester, Massachusetts, for a time. Eventually, they settled in Gastonia, North Carolina, so they could be closer to family. Blondell continued her career in healthcare, working as a medical secretary at CaroMont Regional Medical Center for over 20 years, until her retirement.

Retirement was a special time for Blondell. She loved getting together with her two sisters, Linda and Marcia, for trips to Williamsburg. Those trips meant everything to them, keeping the sisters close and giving them time together that they truly cherished. Blondell also loved spending time with her first cousin, Gardenia. They were "as thick as thieves," always going out to lunch or dinner and enjoying each other's company.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Jessie Johnson and vatanna Mayhew and brother: Curtis Lee Johnson.

Blondell passed away unexpectedly on January 29, 2026 in her home. She was deeply loved by her family and everyone who knew her, and she will be missed more than words can express. Precious memories will especially be cherished by her two sisters: Linda Milteer (Edward) and Marcia Norman (Henry) and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Friends from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m.

Call to Worship

Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Rev. Dr. Gloria E. Wilson

Old Testament Isaiah 40:28-31

New Testament 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Prayer of Comfort

Remarks (3 minutes, please)

Selection

Mr. Robert Wilson

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Interment

Armstrong Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina

Floral and Pall Bearers
Family and Friends

