

*Flower Bearers*  
*Sisters of the church and family*



*Note of Thanks*

On behalf of the family,  
It is with grateful hearts, we thank all who attended the service, sent flowers, and offered prayers and support.

Your kindness has been a source of comfort, and we are deeply thankful for the love God has shown through each of you!

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

*Auston Griggs*



**Sunrise: June 30, 1945 - Sunset: June 8, 2026**

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die..." John 11: 25-25

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**

**Greet Time: 12:30pm**

**Service Begins: 1:00 pm**

**FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
221 W Bradley Ave., Gastonia, NC 28052

Overseer Justin Ross-Hillard, Pastor | Officiating



# Order of Service

**Processional**

**Call to Worship**

**Selection**

**Choir**

**Opening Prayer**

**Old Testament**

Pastor Curtis Lawrence

**New Testament**

Pastor Kenneth Friday

**Prayer of Comfort**

Bishop John McCullough

**Selection**

**Choir**

**Reflection (2 minutes)**

- Elder Ralph Foster
- Brother Steve Gardner
- Brother Jerry Hopper

**Selection**

**Choir**

**Words of Comfort**

Overseer Justin Ross-Hillard

**Benediction**

**Recessional**



## Life Reflection

Mr. Auston Griggs was born on June 30, 1945, in Cleveland County, the son of the late Elbert and Aline Borders Griggs. He was raised alongside his beloved siblings and carried those family bonds throughout his life. Brother Auston Griggs passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord on Monday, June 8, 2026.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Alfrinda D. Hill; three brothers, Miles Elbert Griggs, Charles James Griggs, and Randy Lewis Griggs; three sisters, Carolyn Hopper, Willie Mae Patterson, and Lolita Fernandez; and his son-in-love, Marco F. Cross.

A dedicated and hardworking man, Auston devoted many years of service to PPG before enjoying a well-earned retirement. Beyond his professional life, he found great joy in life's simple pleasures. He had a special love for his Ford Mustang, taking pride in its care and the sense of freedom it brought him. He was also an avid and highly skilled bowler, known not only for his ability but for the camaraderie and sportsmanship he shared with others. A loyal Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Auston rarely missed an opportunity to cheer on his team, often sharing that enthusiasm with family and friends. He also had a deep love for gardening, reflecting his patient and nurturing spirit, as he took pride in cultivating beauty and growth.

Above all, his faith was the foundation of his life. As an active and devoted member of his church, he served with humility and commitment. His dedication earned him high acknowledgment within his church community, where he was known as a source of encouragement, wisdom, and kindness. He will be remembered for his unwavering faith, warm heart, and the many lives he touched. Though he has been called home, his legacy of love, service, and joy will continue to live on in all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Christopher Griggs, Sheryl Griggs, Sherry Cross, and Calvin Ross, and their mother, Emma R. Griggs; his former spouse, Louise Miller; and his special friend, Diane Glenn. He is also survived by two sisters, Curryline Merritt and Elizabeth Wilson; one brother, William "Hugh" Griggs; a special niece, Willie Jean McCluney; two special nephews, Jerry Hopper and Chris Merritt; along with a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.