

Order of Service

Processional

Receiving of family and friends

2:00 until 2:30 p.m.

Call to Worship

Overseer Justin Ross-Hillard

NC Nurse Honor Guard Tribute

Song

"I Really Love the Lord"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Rev. Robert Williams, II

New Testament - Rev. Antwonn Lynch

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Amaris H. Ross-Hillard

Song

"What Are They Doing Up In Heaven Today"

Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Ms. Ann Boyce, friend

Ms. Gloria Gee, cousin

Ms. Juanita Hopper, cousin

Resolutions

Mother Mary Ampley

Song

"I Trust in God"

Words of Comfort

Overseer Justin Ross-Hillard

Recessional



A Sister's Promise

We stood beside you in life,
and we stand beside you now
grateful for the love you gave
and the gentle strength you carried.

Your kindness shaped us,
your faith inspired us,
and your spirit remains with us still.

We carry your light forward,
holding close every memory,
every lesson,
and every moment of your love.

You were our sister,
our blessing,
our precious gift from God
and we will love you always.



Floral and Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Interment

West Creek Cemetery
Mount Holly, NC

Acknowledgement

The family of Ms. Betty C. Sanders wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the kind deeds, prayers, and other expressions of sympathy during their hour of loss. Your prayers have been a source of strength that will sustain and keep us through each tomorrow.

A special thanks to her caregivers, Samuel and Bernetta Gregory along with her grandson, Matthias Gregory; staff of Belaire Health Care Center and Friendship Christian Church.

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

Gregory Funeral Service, Inc.
601 North York Street
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
704-867-4364

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Celebrating the life and Legacy of

Sunrise
August 19, 1944

Sunset
July 31, 2026



*Betty Ann Cockerell
Gregory Sanders*

Saturday; August 15, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP CHRISTIAN CHURCH

221 W Bradley Ave
Gastonia, North Carolina

OVERSEER JUSTIN ROSS-HILLARD, SENIOR PASTOR | OFFICIATING

Celebrating THE LIFE & LEGACY

BETTY ANN COCKERELL GREGORY SANDERS

August 19, 1944 - July 31, 2026



With grateful hearts, we celebrate the life and legacy of Betty Ann Cockerell Gregory Sanders, a devoted woman of faith and a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Betty was born on August 19, 1944, in Alexandria, Virginia, to the late Leroy and Elizabeth Knight Cockerell. At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior while attending St. John Baptist Church. She graduated from the historic Parker-Gray High School, Alexandria, VA; class of 1962 and attended Gaston College in Dallas, NC where she studied computer and keyboarding for seniors and sign language.

Betty married Herman Gregory, the love of her life, and traveled with him during his service in the United States Navy. Their union was blessed with a daughter, Marsha Nicole. They also lovingly welcomed Betty's younger sister, Toni Lovette, into their home and raised her as their own daughter.

Betty pursued her calling and became a Registered Nurse. She served others with compassion, patience, and excellence, dedicating her life to bringing comfort and care to those in need.

After the passing of her first husband, God blessed Betty with a second chapter of companionship when she married Eugene Sanders.

Betty was blessed with six younger sisters, and she treasured the special bond they shared. She also considered her best friends, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce and Mrs. Brenda Jones, to be another sister. Betty found joy in life's simple pleasures, including playing bingo, bowling and spending time with family and close friends, and dining at one of her favorite restaurants, Cracker Barrel. Her gentle spirit, warm smile, and kind heart brought joy to everyone around her.

A woman of steadfast faith, Betty became a member of Friendship Christian Center in Gastonia, North Carolina. She faithfully served in the Missionary Ministry, Healthcare Ministry and was Gaston County Union auxiliary treasurer until her health began to decline.

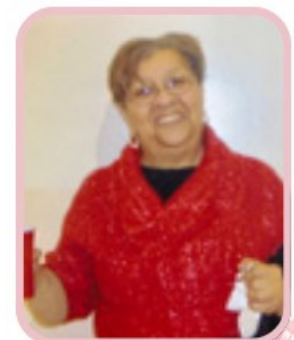
Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Elizabeth Cockerell; her husbands, Herman Gregory and Eugene Sanders; her sister, Brenda E. Neal; and her brothers-in-law, Eugene L. Neal and Anthony Coleman.

She leaves to cherish her memories to her daughters, Marsha Nicole Gregory Meeks and Toni L. Gregory Coleman; her cherished grandson and caregiver, Matthias Kortney Gregory; her sisters, Carolyn L. Monroe; Phyllis G. Hampton and her husband, Sylvester; Bernadine Parrish and her husband, Anthony Sr., Crystal E. Foxx and her husband Curtis; her godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, lifelong friends, church family, and all whose lives were touched by her love and kindness.

On July 31, 2026, Betty peacefully answered her Master's call and entered the eternal presence of her Lord and Savior. Although our hearts are saddened by her passing, we find comfort in God's promises. Betty exchanged the burdens of this earthly life for everlasting peace. There are no more hospital visits, medications, pain, or suffering. The hands that spent a lifetime caring for others are now at rest.

We rejoice in knowing that Betty has been made whole. She is walking the streets of glory, singing praises to her Savior, and reunited with the loved ones who welcomed her home.

***"Well done, good and faithful servant...
Enter into the joy of your lord."
Matthew 25:23***



Miss Me, But Let Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free.

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master's plan
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go.

