Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Friends
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call to Worship
Pastor Les Howard
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Waco, NC

Selection
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Scripture Reading
Old Testament - Rev. Harold Sims Sr.
New Testament - Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller

Prayer of Comfort
Overseer Justin Ross-Hillard
Pastor, Friendship Christian Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

Selection
Devonya (Bam) Nightingale

Remarks
Mrs. Linda Drucilla Allison – Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church
Mrs. Macie Beam Gates
Rev. Frank Robbs

Reading of Obituary
Silently (Soft Music)

Selection
Devonya (Bam) Nightingale

Words of Comfort
Pastor S. Chavis Davis
New Providence Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Holly, North Carolina

Recessional Selection
I'll Fly Away











Floral Bearers
Nieces

Pallbearers
Nephews

Acknowledgement

The family of Ms. Jeanette Montgomery Oates wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, visits, flowers, and other expressions of love shown during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness has been a source of comfort, and we will always be grateful. Special thanks to Atrium Health Cabarrus, VIA Health Partners – Cleveland County, and Peak Resources Grover for the care they provided. May God continue to bless each of you.

Interment
Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
Waco, North Carolina

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:
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Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
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Celebrating the Life and Legacy
of



Jeanette Montgomery Oates

THURSDAY; OCTOBER 15, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.

MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
235 A W Black Street, Waco, NC

PASTOR LES HOWARD | OFFICIATING

Life Reflections

SUNRISE; MAY 15, 1938 - SUNSET; OCTOBER 8, 2026



Ms. Frances Jeanette Montgomery Oates of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, peacefully transitioned from this life to her heavenly home on October 8, 2026, at Peak Resources in Grover, North Carolina. She was born on May 15, 1938, in Gaston County, North Carolina, to the late John Frank Montgomery and Johnida Patterson Montgomery.

Jeanette graduated from John Chavis High School in Cherryville, North Carolina. Following graduation, she moved to New York, where she worked as a caregiver and domestic worker. Through her dedication and sacrifice, she helped her family purchase their first automobile by sending money home to her father. After returning to North Carolina, she worked as a housekeeper before beginning a career in the textile industry with Burlington Industries, Howell Manufacturing, and SCT.

While employed in textiles, Jeanette felt a calling to care for others. She pursued and earned her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification from Cleveland Community College. With her certification, she provided compassionate care while working for Dr. Forest Houser in Cherryville, North Carolina, as well as Carolina Care and VOCA Corporation. Later, when her mother became ill, Jeanette lovingly left her professional career to become her full-time caregiver.

At an early age, Jeanette accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Throughout her life, she faithfully served in numerous ministries, including the Music Ministry, Missionary Ministry, and Sunday School. Following her marriage, she joined Washington Baptist Church, where she remained actively involved as a Sunday School teacher, Missionary Department member, Prison Ministry volunteer, musician, and choir director.

Her musical gifts extended far beyond her local church. Jeanette faithfully played piano and served with various churches and choirs throughout Cleveland, Gaston, and Rutherford Counties. She last attended and served at New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Mount Holly, NC until declining health limited her involvement. Jeanette was widely known and deeply loved for her beautiful singing voice and exceptional piano playing. She was also cherished for her delicious cooking and baking, as well as her love of gardening.

Jeanette enjoyed dressing elegantly and traveling, especially on cruises. In her leisure time, she found joy in solving jigsaw and crossword puzzles. Although she had many interests, nothing meant more to her than her faith in God and her love for family. Her warm spirit, outgoing personality, and genuine kindness touched countless lives and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her three brothers, Frank "Pete" Montgomery, Rev. Dr. James E. Montgomery Sr., and Rev. William Montgomery; and six sisters, Mayola Montgomery, Dorothy Montgomery, Shirley Tuft, Rebecca Tuft, Brenda Sue Montgomery, and Betty Jean Thomas.

Left to cherish her precious memories are her three daughters, Pamela Oates Guyton (Joseph) of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, Peggy Oates and Donna Oates, both of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters, Carolyn Wilson and Teresa Smith (James) of Shelby, North Carolina; three grandsons, Jacobi Oates and Joel Guyton of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Jordan Guyton (Courtney) of Los Angeles, California; four great-grandchildren, Josiah Guyton, Peyton Lewis, Izzabella Blanton, and Jayce Guyton; special friends who were like family, Scott and Jodi Beam and family; honorary God-granddaughter, Macie Beam Gates (Austin) of Cherryville, North Carolina; Godson, Jamel Feemster (Kacee) of Cherryville, North Carolina; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

In honor of Jeanette's memory, the family invites you to plant a tree or flowers, or make a donation to VIA Health Partners - Cleveland County. Her legacy of faith, service, music, and love will continue to inspire all who were blessed to know her.








"Well done, good and faithful servant… enter into the joy of your Lord." — Matthew 25:23

A LIFE WELL LIVED
A LEGACY Remembered


















