I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has 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 with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Floral and Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

Note of Thanks

With deep appreciation and gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks for all expressions of kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each and every one of you.

The Family

Arrangements Were Entrusted to:

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Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



RICHARD ALEXANDER CRAWFORD

Sunrise-December 18, 1961 **Sunset-October 28, 2026**

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

Monday; November 2, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Apostle David Littlejohn, Officiating

Life Story

RICHARD ALEXANDER CRAWFORD

December 18, 1961 - October 28, 2026

Richard Alexander Crawford was born on December 18, 1961, in Gaston County, North Carolina, to the late Edward and Jessie Mae Dee Crawford. He peacefully took his eternal rest on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at Juniper Gardens Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Richard received his education in the Gaston County School System and graduated from Bessemer City High School in Bessemer City, North Carolina. He was formerly employed by Sunshine Uniform, Wallace Computer, and Long Brothers Roofing Company.

Richard enjoyed hunting, fishing, and repairing motorcycles. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Jessie Mae Dee Crawford; his sisters, Hattie Mae Crawford and Carolyn Crawford; and his brother, Edward Crawford.

Richard's precious memories will be cherished by his only sister, Francis Meeks, along with a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. His life, memories, and the moments shared with those who loved him will remain forever in their hearts.







Order of Service

Prelude

Receiving of Friends 12:30 until 1:00 p.m.

Call to Worship
Apostle David Littlejohn

Musical Selection

Scripture Readings
Apostle David Littlejohn
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort
Apostle David Littlejohn

Remarks (2 minutes, please)

Selection

Words of Comfort
Apostle David Littlejohon

Closing Prayer

Recessional
"I'm Free"

Interment
Kelley's Chapel Cemetery
Bessemer City, North Carolina