



“Doris’ Poem”

I lived my life to the fullest
 I loved the best I knew how
 Through it all I made it...
 Now I must take the high road home at last
 Now I leave it to you to carry on...
 I taught you the best I knew how.
 I love you all!



In Gratitude

With deep gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for your comforting expressions of sympathy during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

The Family of Doris Joyner Ross



2425 West Franklin Boulevard | Gastonia, North Carolina 28052
 Telephone: 704-864-6787 | Fax: 704-864-6793 | www.costnerfuneralhome.com

Doris Jereline Joyner Ross

Sunrise 12/26/1935 – Sunset 12/22/2023

*Devoted Daughter, Mother, Wife, Grandmother,
 Great Grandmother and Friend*



Service: Friday, December 29, 2023
 Quiet Hour 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
 Funeral 2:00 PM

Friendship Christian Church
 Bishop John A. McCullough II, Officiant

Order of Service



Prelude
 Processional
 Reception of Friends1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
 Call to WorshipBishop John A. McCullough II
 Opening SongOh I Want to See Him
 Scripture
 Old Testament 23 Psalms.....Elder Joann Hinson
 New TestamentJohn 14:1-6 Dr. Clinton Feemster
 Prayer of Comfort.....Apostle James Setzer
 Selection
 Church Resolution..... Rev. Dr. Charlene Robbins
 Remarks
 Mrs. Marie Lipscomb (Friends)
 Ms. Angela Dreher (Family)
 Deacon TJ Montgomery (Church)
 Selection.....Sister Mary Alston
 A Special Tribute..... Grands & Great Grands
 SelectionGastonia Prayer Band #2
 Eulogy.....Bishop John A. McCullough II
 Selection.....Gastonia Prayer Band #2
 Recessional

Interment
 Rose Hill Ceremony
 Gastonia, North Carolina



A Glimpse into The Life of Mrs. Doris Joyner Ross

Mrs. Doris Joyner Ross, affectionately called “Dot” by her friends, was born December 26, 1935, to loving parents Mr. Robert Byers and Ms. Maude J. Holland. She peacefully transitioned to her eternal home on December 22, 2023. She met and married the late Mr. John D. Ross in 1962, and together they built a strong and loving family.

Mother Ross had a tremendous work ethic. She joined the workforce as an elevator operator at the young age of 15. Later, she worked as a cook at Sweetland’s Restaurant on the infamous Square and at Honey’s in Gastonia. She relocated to Washington, DC, where she worked as a country club attendant, and she ultimately retired from Wix Corporation in December 2000. Doris was actively involved in her community and at Friendship Christian Church (FCC) where she faithfully served for many years as a member of the Mothers Board, Hymn Choir, Missionary Department, Usher Board, and Sunday School. In 2000, she was honored as “Mother of the Year,” and in 2023 she was recognized for exceptional contributions to Prayer Band #2. She was also an Eastern Star Member in Rebecca Chapter #14.

To cherish fond memories, she leaves behind her only child, Mr. Sherman J. Joyner, Sr. He was the love of her life and her reason for living. She had two bonus children, Mr. Louis Hinton, Jr., (Patricia) and Ms. Shirley Thacker, whom she loved very much. Momma Doris was a devoted grandmother and great grandmother. Her legacy of love and family will never be forgotten. She doted upon and adored her grandchildren Sherman Jr., Jennifer, and Lincoln Joyner (Lindsay). Her great-grandchildren Dominique, Khadijah, Skylar, Riley, Peyton, Jase, and great-granddaughter Nova Arabella brought so much joy to her as well. Momma Doris expressed the same love for her adopted great grandchildren, Stephon and Destinee Grastley; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She often reminisced about special moments with those loved ones who preceded her in death, including siblings Mr. Willie Mac Harris, Nathaniel Joyner Orr, and Pearline Byers as well as her beloved daughter-in-love of 46 years, Mrs. Merritta Joyner.

Doris will be remembered as a special mother, auntie, cousin, and friend to Angela Dreher, Frances Littlejohn, Robin Hudson, Vanessa Mackey, Denise Washington, and Marie Lipscomb. She was also a beloved godmother to Kimberly Lipscomb, and a special grandmother-in-love to Miranda Auten, Roderick McCulloch, and Yolanda Grastley. Christine Hankerson, Gene McClee, Allen Goodlet, and Walter Williamson will remember her as a cherished and loyal friend.

Mother Doris J. Ross will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, wit, feistiness, sense of style, and the love she showered upon all who knew her. Her legacy and spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

May she rest in eternal peace.