

Flower Bearers

Nieces and Former Students

Pall Bearers

Nephews, Grandsons, and Godsons

Acknowledgements

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our family and friends for your words of comfort, acts of kindness, and for the sympathy you've shown during the passing of our beloved Grace. We would like to extend a special appreciation to her caregivers Rahn Garrett, Brenda Worthy, Kathi Simpson, Sandra Biggers, and Franda Cook. We pray that God blesses each of you for the love and care you gave. Please continue to pray for us during this time.



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*Celebration of Life*



*Grace Olivia*

SMITH HILLIARD

October 5, 1932 - December 26, 2023

January 6, 2024

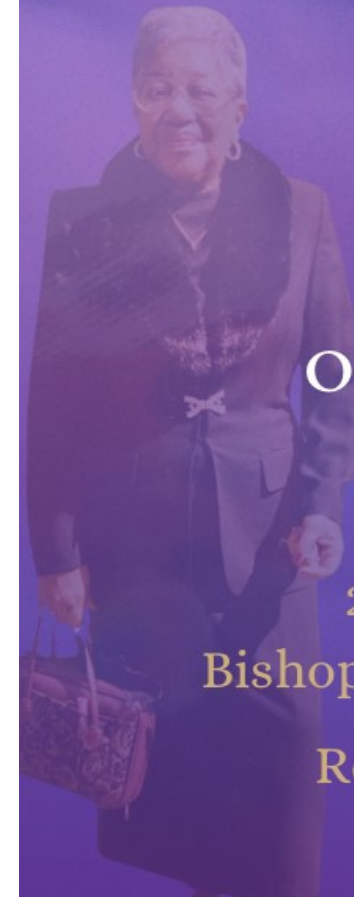
Friendship Christian Church

211 W. Bradley St. Gastonia, NC. 28052

Bishop John A. McCullough II - Officiating Pastor

Rev. Dr. Carolyn A. Dewberry - Eulogist

St. Stephen's AME Zion Church



# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Reception of the Family & Friends 10:00 am- 11:00 am

Call to Worship- Bishop John A. McCullough II

Opening Song of Praise- Mrs. Lauren Kelley and Mrs. Monique Williams

Scripture

Old Testament- Pastor Darryl Hilliard, Positive Change Ministries INC., Baltimore, Maryland

New Testament- Dr. James R. Samuel, Pastor Masterpeace Christian Center, Charlotte, NC

Prayer of Comfort- Rev. Dr. Charles F. Tillett, Jr.

Selection- Mr. Keith Connor

Reflections- Mrs. Kim Hodges, Dr. Stevie Lawrence, Mr. Markeith Redd, Ms. Bridgett Savage, Mrs. Jordan McCray Gardner, Mr. Grayson Kelley

Reading of the Obituary- Deborah Sharpe

Poem- Dr. James R. Samuel, Pastor Masterpeace Christian Center, Charlotte, NC

Church Proclamation- Dedra Glenn, St. Stephens AME Zion Church, Gastonia, NC

Selection- Mrs. Lauren Kelley

Eulogy- Rev. Dr. Carolyn Dewberry, St. Stephens AME Zion Church, Gastonia, NC

Recessional

Interment- Westview Gardens Cemetery  
1123 Edgewood Rd. Bessemer City, NC 28016

