

*Words of Appreciation  
For  
Doris Saunders Holland*

*With heartfelt appreciation, we remember our beloved friend and church member, Doris Saunders Holland, whose unwavering faith and dedication have been a cornerstone of our church community for a lifetime. At 92, her sudden passing leaves a deep void. But we find comfort in the rich legacy of love, wisdom, and service that she leaves behind. Her steadfast commitment and gentle spirit have touched numerous lives inspiring us all to live with grace, devotion, and a deep abiding faith in God. We will forever cherish the memories of her in our hearts.*

*The Pastor, former Pastors, and members of  
Epworth United Methodist Church*



*Flower Bearers  
Grandchildren and Nieces*

*Pall Bearers  
Grandchildren and Nephews*

*Interment  
Rose Hill Cemetery  
Gastonia, North Carolina*



*Memorials  
In remembrance of Doris Saunders Holland  
can be made to:  
Epworth United Methodist Church  
Post Office Box 550158  
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*In Memory of  
Doris Saunders Holland*



*Monday, July 22, 2024  
1:00 p.m.*

*Epworth United Methodist Church  
1325 Linwood Road  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052*

*Reverend Precieuse A. Wilson, Pastor  
Officiating*

Order of Service

Prelude . . . . . Medley of Hymns . . . . . Musician  
Worth Williams

Processional

Words of Grace and Greeting. . . . . Rev. Precious A. Wilson  
Pastor, Epworth United Methodist Church

Prayer of Comfort. . . . . Rev. Albert Mills  
Former Pastor Epworth United Methodist Church

Hymn . . . . . O Zion, Haste. . . . . No. 573

Scriptures . . . . . Rev. Jay Bissett  
Former Pastor Epworth United Methodist Church

Old Testament: Psalm 121  
New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5:1-4  
2 Timothy 4:6-8

**The word of God for the people of God, thanks be to God.**

Affirmation of Faith . . . . . No. 881

Doxology . . . . . Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Witness of Remembrance . . . . . Mr. Anthony “Tony” G. Bryson  
Nephew

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Dr. Russell D. Alexander  
Former Pastor Epworth United Methodist Church

Hymn . . . . . It Is Well With My Soul . . . . . No. 377

Benediction . . . . . Rev. Precious A. Wilson  
Pastor, Epworth United Methodist Church

Recessional . . . . . Shalom to You . . . . . No. 666

Obituary

Doris Saunders Holland, 92, was born September 6, 1931 to the late James Luico and Elsie Erwin Saunders in Gastonia, North Carolina. Doris transitioned unexpectedly July 16, 2024, at her home.

Doris was a graduate of Highland High School in Gastonia, North Carolina. She joined Epworth United Methodist Church at an early age where she remained a faithful member until her death. At Epworth, Doris served in several ministries including United Methodist Women (now United Women of Faith), Trustees, a member of the Kitchen Committee, Chancel Choir, and Savvy Seniors. Doris was an encourager and was affectionately known as “Miss Epworth !” She retired from Homelite Chain Saw Company after 25 years of service.

She is preceded in death by her husband: John Kenneth Holland; son, Kenneth Bryon Holland; brothers, Charles L. Saunders, Claude E. Saunders, James E. Saunders; sisters, Gwendolyn Saunders Bryson Moten and Elizabeth “Ann” S. Velazquez.

She is survived by her son, Luico “Butch” Maurice Holland; daughter, Vicki Holland Kendrick; brothers: Carroll B. Saunders, Alfred “Pete” B. Saunders and sister, Brenda S. Brown all of Gastonia, North Carolina; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, special friend James N. Duff (Mr. “Puff”), a host of other relatives and friends.

“A light from our house is gone  
A voice we loved is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.  
T’was hard to part with one so dear  
We little thought the time was near,  
Farwell, Doris, your life has passed,  
Our love for you ’til the end will last.”

We will always love you,  
Your Family

