

*Flower Bearer*

Class of 1977

*Pall Bearers*

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

*Always in Your Heart*

*Picture me as I was,  
Full of life and love,  
Although not with you now;  
I'm watching from above.*

*I know how much*

*You miss me.*

*And I miss you too.*

*It was my time to leave*

*As each of us will do.*

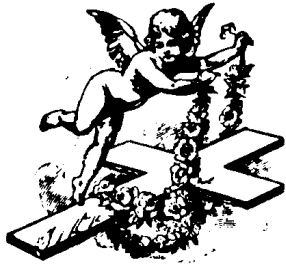
*Although not in your arms,*

*I'm always in your heart,*

*I'm always in your thoughts.*

*The precious love we shared,*

*Means we're never far apart.*



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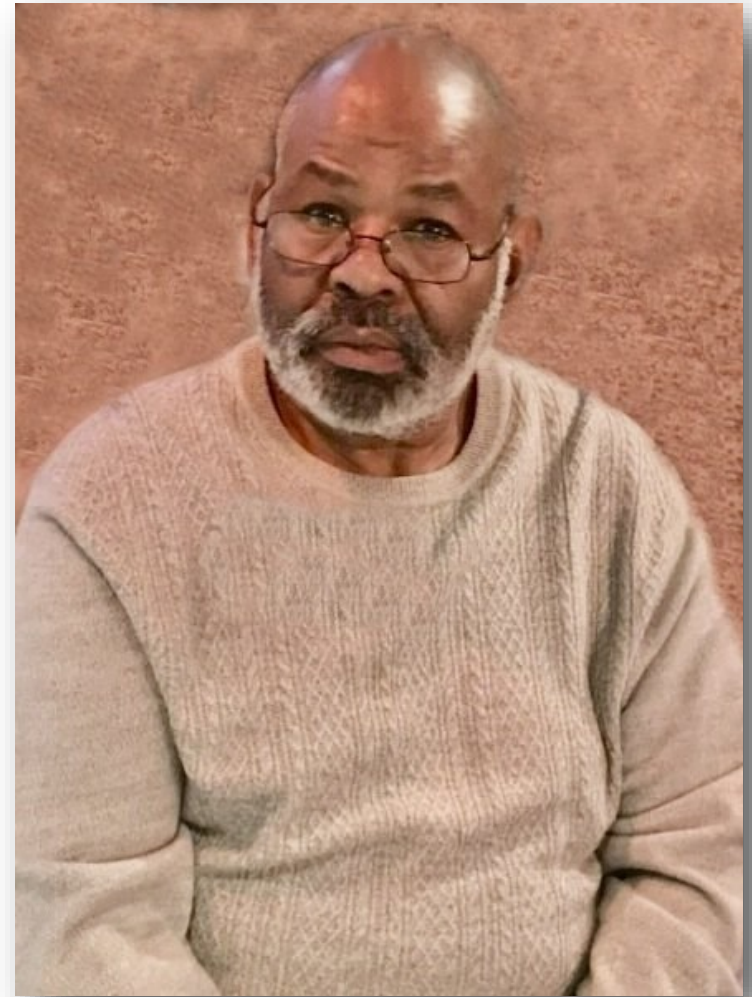
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*Celebration of Life & Legacy*



*Mr. John "Eric" Dunlap*



Tabernacle Baptist Church

Gastonia, North Carolina

Saturday, August 17, 2024 12:00 Noon

Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Pastor  
*Officiating*

## Order of Service

Prelude

Processional/Visitation *(Receiving of friends from 11:30 until 12 Noon)*

Call to Worship Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Opening Selection Congregation

Scriptures  
Old Testament Reverend Greg Floyd  
New Testament Bishop Pete Crawford

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Claude T. Williams

Solo Pastor Wynella Williams

Reflections Retired Brigadier General J.R. Gorham

Resolution Tabernacle Baptist Church Representative

Solo Pastor Wynella Williams

Words of Comfort Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Recessional



— Interment —

Gaston Memorial Park  
Gastonia, North Carolina

## Obituary

### Mr. John “Eric” Dunlap

John “Eric” Dunlap, the son of Esther Rhyne Dunlap and the late John Dunlap, was born on April 2, 1959 in Gastonia, North Carolina. He transitioned from his earthly home on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 in the privacy of his home in Gastonia, North Carolina surrounded by his family.

Eric was a dedicated lifetime member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia, North Carolina until the decline of his health.

Eric was educated in the Gaston County School System. He graduated from Hunter Huss High School in Gastonia, North Carolina “Class of 1977” where he participated in football, wrestling, track and field. Eric continued his education at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

After college, Eric spent many years employed with the Gaston County Sheriff’s Department and later he was employed with the Gaston County Waste Water Treatment plant before the decline of his health. Over the last thirty years, Eric has battled health issues. In spite of his disabilities, Eric continue to help others in his community. Eric enjoyed cowboy movies and he was a big sports spectator. Eric had a big smile that matched his big heart. He loved his family, friends and enjoyed spending time with others.

Eric leaves to cherish precious memories his devoted and loving mother, Esther Dunlap of the home; sisters, Shasta Roseboro (Elbert) of Gastonia, NC and Deidra Dunlap-Reid (Al) of Rock Hill, SC; brother, Antoine L. Dunlap (Kimberly) of Gastonia, NC; aunts, Ibulah Holmes (Napoleon) of Gastonia, NC and Dorothy Williams (Claude) of Charlotte, NC; a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

### —Note of Thanks—

*With deep gratitude, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends for the cards, flowers and other expressions of kindness and sympathy shown during our bereavement. SPECIAL THANKS TO—The daily caregivers, Senior TLC of Gastonia, NC —Mary Toms and Kimberly Young.*

*May God bless you all and we shall always remember you.*

The Family