

The Order of Service

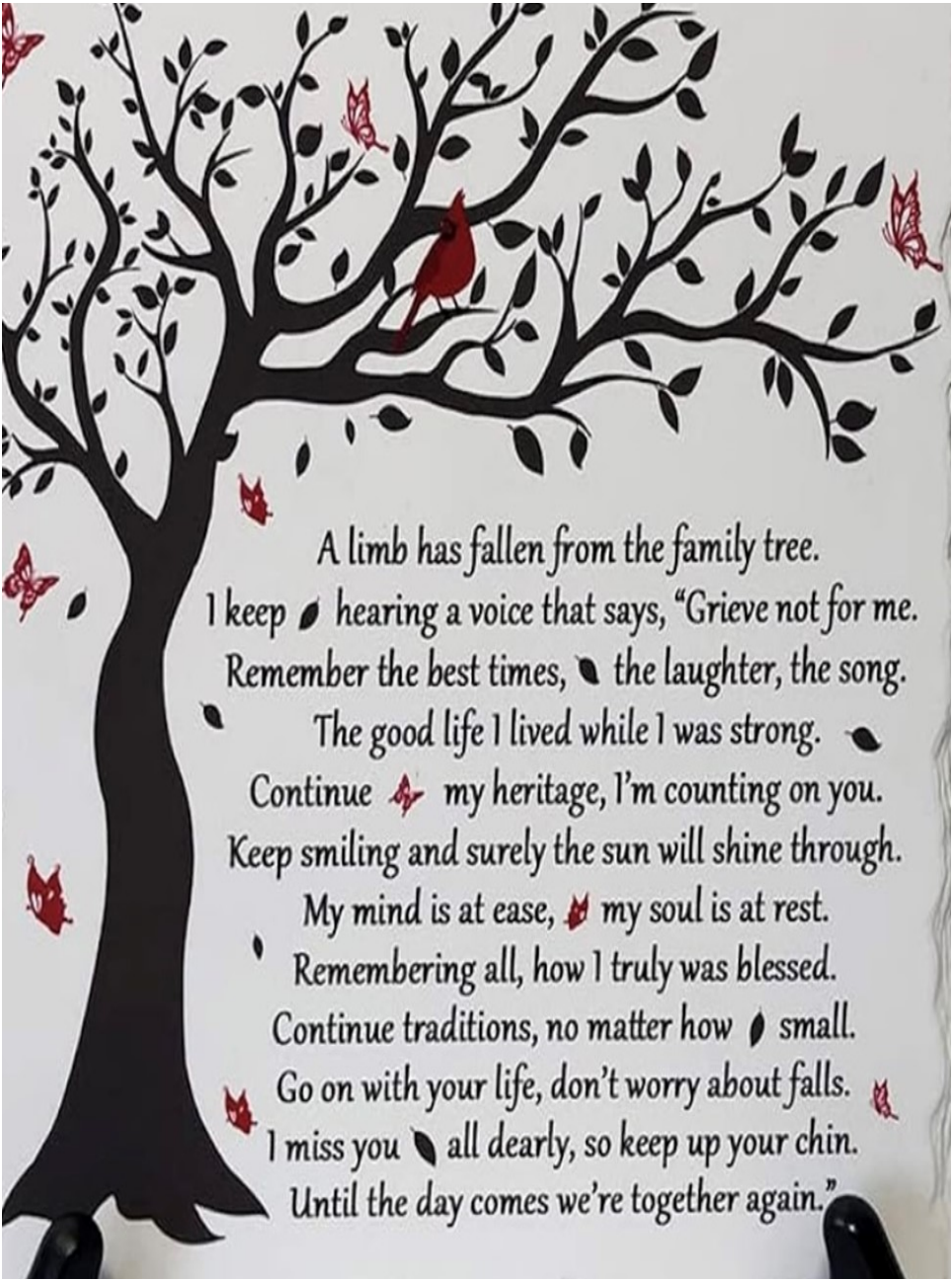
Prelude	
Processional	
Visitation (receiving of friends from 11:30am until 12:00pm)	
Call to Worship	Rev. Dr. Rodney B. Freeman
Selection	Natasha Fewell
Scriptures:	
Old Testament	Elder Ellen Clay
New Testament	Deacon Charles Neal
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Brenda Harris
Reading of Obituary	(Read Silently)
Selection	Natasha Fewell
Reflections (2-minute limit)	James Horton Brookdale Assisted Living Walter (Nip) Hart Tawnya Smith
Poem	Cydney Patterson, Great-niece
Selection	Natasha Fewell
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Rodney Freeman Sr. Pastor, Mt. Zion Restoration Church
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Rodney Freeman
Recessional	

INTERMENT
Armstrong Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



Floral Bearers
Granddaughters

Pall Bearers
Grandsons



Family Thanks

Your words have comforted us, your support has strengthened us, and your love has sustained us.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS DURING OUR GREATEST SADNESS. WE APPRECIATE IT MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS AND IT WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

The Family of Annie Beard Davis



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A
Celebration of Life
for
Annie Bell Beard Davis



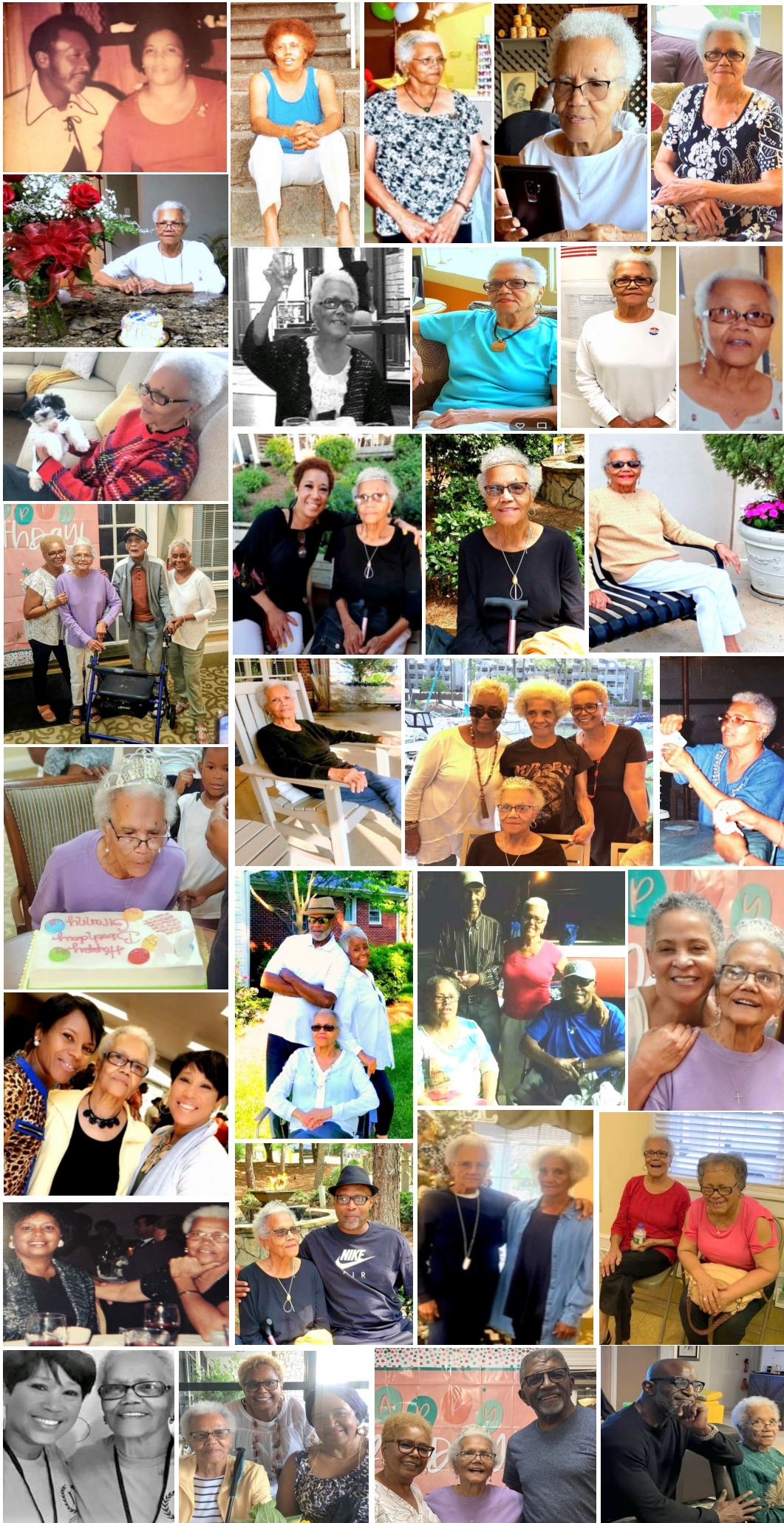
Began Journey
April 20, 1929

Departed To Eternal Life
September 21, 2024

Service 12:00 pm
Family Visitation 11:30 am - Noon
Friday, October 4, 2024

Mt. Zion Restoration Church
2311 Crescent Lane
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

The Rev. Dr. Rodney B. Freeman, Senior Pastor



Her Journey

Ms. Annie Bell Beard Davis was born April 20, 1929, to Edward Beard, Sr. and Anna Bryant Beard in York County, South Carolina. She peacefully entered eternal rest on September 21, 2024, at Brookdale Senior Living in Gastonia, NC.



At a very young age, she gave her life to Christ and was very active in her home church, Neely’s Grove CME. When they moved to Gastonia, she and her family made Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church their home church and she spent her later years as a member of First Congregational Church of Christ in Kings Mountain, NC. She loved the Lord and would always share, “Keep your hand in God’s hand and everything will be fine.”

Annie graduated from Jefferson High School in York, SC where she played on the lady’s basket-ball team. She loved sharing the story of how she scored the winning basket in a very competitive game. She always had a big smile on her face

when she reminisced about growing up on the farm and how she and her siblings saw farm life more fun than work. She attended Clinton Junior College in Rock Hill, SC.

At a young age, she married AD Davis in York, SC. They eventually took their kids and moved to Gastonia, NC where she worked in healthcare for several years before deciding to attend Piedmont Community College, School of Nursing in Charlotte. Annie retired as a childcare provider and a school bus monitor. She laughed about being forced to retire. She was an avid bowler, her siblings and friends enjoyed weekly bid whist and other card games. She loved basketball and baseball especially the Atlanta Braves. She was excited when her niece and nephew Ellen and Clay took her to Atlanta to see a game but so disappointed because the game was rained out.

Annie was known to family and friends as “Granny” and she adored being called Granny. She took her role in raising her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and everyone else’s child very seriously. She had a way of chastising them all, but they only felt her love.

She was preceded in death by her husband, AD Davis, a daughter, Annie Louise Beard Glenn, her parents, Edward Beard, Sr. and Anna Beard, Siblings, Viola Beard Young, James A. Beard, Alaine Beard Byers, Naomi Beard Hart, Arthur Lee Beard, Iva Lee Beard Lowery, Samuel D. Beard, Dorothy A. Beard, Corrie Lee Beard Edwards and Grady Beard.

She leaves to cherish her memories four children, Betty Jean Davis, Alonzel June Davis, Barbara Davis Patterson (Clarence) all of Gastonia and daughter, Marie Davis Horton (James) of High Point, two siblings Minnie Beard Froneberger (Lemuel) and Edward Beard, Jr. of Gastonia. Ten grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.



Lasting Memories