

The Road

I lived my life the best I could,
I chose my path just like I should.
The road has ended now I see
My soul and spirit have been set free.

Those I left behind to mourn,
The ones I've helped and watched be born,
My children I loved and cherished so much,
The ones I leaned on, they were my crutch.

They were there in the past few days,
For the late night visits and overnight stays,
Now I must travel this road alone,
With nothing to carry, just these old bones.

Remember me for the good times and bad.
Remember the smile I always had.
These are the things to remember me for,
I gave all I had and so much more.

Appreciate the things that life has to give,
You only have the one life to live.
So take the time to live it right,
Then you can see God's heavenly light.



Pall Bearers

Wilbert C. Artis, III, Forshee Blair, Daniel Alexander Reid, Esq. , Evan Douglas Reid, Esq., Jamar Tate

Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

In Gratitude

The family of Mary Rogerline Brooks wishes to express our most heartfelt thanks to each of you for your many acts of kindness and expressions of love. May God's blessings shower you abundantly.



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A
Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life and Legacy
of

Mary Rogerline Brooks



Sunday, June 8, 2025
2:00 pm

Tabernacle Baptist Church
519 West 19th Avenue
Gastonia, North Carolina
Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor

Reverend Suzanne Graves, Officiating
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Kings Mountain, NC

Order of Worship

Musical Prelude	
Processional	
Call to Worship.....	Reverend Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Senior Pastor Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia, NC
Congregational Hymn.....	Blessed Assurance
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament.....	Reverend Leon Hoke, Associate Pastor First Congregational United of Christ, Kings Mountain, NC
New Testament.....	Reverend Antwonn Lynch, Senior Pastor Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend Vicki Hinton McCain Presbyterian Church of the Cross, Greensboro, NC
Reflections & Tributes	
	Ronald Spencer (Brother) Brenda Sue Brooks (Brooks Family) Mary Kathryn Reid and Wilbert C. Artis, III (Grandchildren) Regina Brooks Artis (Daughter)
Resolutions.....	Mrs. Nancy Webber, Deacon First Congregational United Church of Christ, Kings Mountain, NC
Musical Solo.....	Reverend Leon Hoke “I Shall Not Want”
Eulogy.....	Reverend Suzanne Graves, Senior Pastor First Congregational United Church of Christ, Kings Mountain, NC
Closing Remarks.....	Reverend Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Benediction.....	Reverend Suzanne Graves
Recessional	

Interment
Westview Cemetery
Bessemer City, North Carolina
Monday, June 9, 2025 at 10:00 am

Obituary

A woman who embodied the true meaning of love, faith and service, Mary Rogerline Brooks, exchanged her earthly body for her heavenly crown on June 2, 2025. The eldest of five children of the late Fred Douglas Spencer and Thelma Brooks Spencer, Mary was born on August 22, 1942, in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Mary was a graduate of Lincoln High School in Bessemer City, North Carolina and her love for children and teaching led her to Sacred Heart College where she studied education. She taught, nurtured and shaped the minds of hundreds of children over the span of her 35-year career. Mary was known for providing school supplies, snacks, encouragement and warm hugs to any child in need. Over the years there were countless bins and containers at her home filled with things that any child might need at any given moment. Many children often asked to come home and live with her, which showed how much she meant to them. Her “no nonsense” nature and caring spirit molded many children into the productive adults they are today.

On September 24, 1961, she married the love of her life, Roosevelt Brooks. They became the proud parents of five children Wanda, Glynis, Regina, and twins, Deondra and Lee whom she nurtured and loved. Over the course of their 63-year marriage, they built a legacy of love, family, tradition, commitment and dedication. Together they shared a love for the beach and spent many summers vacationing there with family and dear friends. It was only fitting that when Mary took her last breath, Roosevelt was by her side.

As a noted lover of cooking, Mary’s food was second to none. Her biscuits, cakes, spaghetti, sweet potato soufflé and famous chowchow were family favorites. She was even featured in the Kings Mountain News-paper for her notorious chili beans. No matter what she cooked, leftovers did not exist.

Mary gave her life to Christ at an early age and was a faithful and active member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Kings Mountain, North Carolina until her health prevented her from doing so. There she unselfishly gave her time, talents and dedication to many ministries. She served as Deacon, chairwoman of the Women’s Fellowship, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Hospitality Team Member and so much more. Mary loved her church family dearly and they loved her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Fred Douglas Spencer and Thelma Brooks Spencer along with a beloved brother, Fred Brooks Spencer (Bud).

Mary leaves behind to cherish her memories, her devoted husband of 63 years, Roosevelt and their children Wanda Brooks Reid (son-in-love Duane) of Gastonia, NC, Glynis K. Brooks of Charlotte, NC, Regina Brooks Artis of Whitsett, NC, Deondra L. Brooks of Greensboro, NC and Lee Brooks (daughter-in-love Lisa) of Gastonia, NC.; grandchildren Mary Kathryn Reid, Wilbert C. Artis, III (Trey), D. Alexander Reid (Lustra), Evan D. Reid, Brooks N. Artis, Landon H. Brooks and Leah Rose Brooks; special “Sister Friend” Linda Tate; sisters Janice Eury (Frank) and Stephanie Tresvant; brother Ronald Spencer (Peggy) and a host of extended family and friends.

We are eternally grateful to God for blessing us with her life and find peace knowing that she is resting safely in his arms.