

Pastor Eddie L. Ponder, Officiating Minister

Prelude

Receiving of Friends and Family

Call To Worship Pastor Eddie Ponder

Hymn "Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Rev. Daris Curry, Nephew
New Testament Apostle Bryan Curry, Nephew
Prayer of Comfort Rev. Thomas Gillespie, Nephew
Selection "When He Calls Me"

Remarks

Shady Grove Baptist Church Mrs. Faye Ponder
Long Time Friend Mrs. Brenda Brown
Family, Son Mr. Charles Curry

Other Friends and Family

Selection "If It Wasn't For The Lord" Pastor Eddie L. Ponder

Obituary (Sweet, Sweet, Spirit - played softly) Read Silently

Selection "I Won't Complain"

Mrs. Shannon Curry Roberts, Niece

Words of Comfort Rev. Artie Kilgore, Nephew

Recessional "Last Mile of The Way"

Interment

Mountain Rest Cemetery Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain, NC

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters

Pall Bearers
Grandsons



Mawmaw Our Beautiful Rose

The Lord beckoned and she had to depart. We'll forever hold her close to our hearts. A woman of God, beauty, and grace. Her legacy leaves every enduring trace. She taught us to always put God first. For His righteousness to hunger and thirst. She stood powerful and her light shone bright. To tell you all our awesome memories would take all night. So, we'll just tell you a few favorite highlights. All the places we went in that camper, NASCAR races, the beach, fishing at Santee. The October family beach trip at the Water's Edge Resort. Christmas Eve parties at her house. She'd have it so hot, we felt like the chestnuts roasting on the open fire! Depending on its color a rose represents Love, beauty, loyalty, sweetness, admiration and joy. Our Maw Maw represents all those things to us!

The Grandchildren



Eternally Together Again

In Gratitude

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 shown during our greatest time of sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and it will always be remembered.

The Family



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Junrise
September 22, 1931

Junset
July 20, 2025

A Life Well Lived

Saturday, July 26, 2025 1:00 pm Shady Grove Baptist Church 339 Shady Grove Road Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086 Rev. Eddie L. Ponder, Senior Pastor



Rebecca Kilgore Curry

A Godly Woman Who Loved Deeply and Lived Fully

Rebecca Kilgore Curry, a devoted woman of faith who cherished the Lord, her family, and her many friends, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 20, 2025—just two months shy of her 94th birthday.

Born on September 22, 1931, Rebecca was the sixth of eight children born to the late Rev. Robert Fulton Kilgore (affectionately known as Rev. Kilgore) and Venia Kilgore. From a young age, Rebecca was nurtured by a strong family foundation, a deep love for God, and the example of her father, a dedicated pastor, self-taught entrepreneur, and landowner who valued education and hard work—principles that would shape her own remarkable life.

Rebecca was educated in the Cleveland County School System and attended Compact High School, where she shined on the women's basketball team, often creating exciting plays with her sister, Emma. Her compassion and desire to help others led her to pursue nursing at Cleveland Community College, following a brief period of work at Mauney Hosiery.

Rebecca went on to serve her community with grace and skill through a 35-year career at Kings Mountain Hospital, where she worked in every nursing department, from the Neonatal Unit to the Intensive Care/Critical Care Unit. Even after her retirement, Rebecca's caring heart would not rest. At 70 years old, she continued her calling as a private nurse for the Mauney and McGill families, fully retiring at the age of 85.

On December 10, 1949, Rebecca married the love of her life, the late Lewis Junior "Babe" Curry. Together, they built a life full of love and faith, raising six children—Sarah, Charles, Rebecca Jean, Laura Jane, Robert, and Henry. Their marriage, which lasted 59 years until Lewis's passing, was a testimony of enduring love, faithfulness, and family values.

A lifelong and faithful member of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Rebecca's love for God was unwavering. She served as a Deaconess, Sunday School Teacher, and Church Nurse, raising her children in the church and setting an example of faith and service. Though her health in later years limited her attendance, her heart remained fully committed to worship and fellowship.

Rebecca embraced life with joy and adventure. She loved traveling with family, friends, and members of her social club, as well as fishing—especially in Charleston. NASCAR races were another passion, with their RV parked on the infield of the Charlotte Motor Speedway, where she, family and friends made countless memories. She also loved hosting large gatherings for holidays, birthdays, and milestones, ensuring everyone felt the warmth of her hospitality.

A true sports fan, Rebecca enjoyed watching games on television, continuing her lifelong love of athletics. She was her children's, grandchildren's, and greatgrandchildren's biggest cheerleader—attending games, graduations, and recognition ceremonies across the country, even traveling as far as Texas to show her support.

Rebecca was also a proud member of the Eastern Star Heroine of Jericho. A lifelong learner, she was an avid reader, continuing her daily reading habit until just days before her passing. She was also a skilled seamstress and self-taught fashion designer, creating beautiful, hand-sewn clothing for her daughters.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lewis, her parents, and her siblings Effie Kilgore, Lillie Kilgore, Thomas Kilgore, James Kilgore, and John Kilgore.

She leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and strength as the matriarch of five generations. She is survived by her six children: Sarah Roberts (son-in-love, Howard), Charles Curry (daughter-in-love, Naomi), Rebecca Jean Curry, Laura Jane Curry, Robert Jeffery Curry, and Henry Curry; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Emma Gillespie and Mary Jane Curry (Eugene); sister-in-love, Mattie Adams; Jessie Moore; brother-in-love, Raymond Curry; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She will be especially remembered by her special friends Curtis Hickman, Brenda Brown, her godniece Sherry Randall, and her "special family daughter," Angela Bozeman.

Rebecca Kilgore Curry's life was one of grace, strength, and love—a shining example of a woman who served God and others with all her heart. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.





























