

Moment of Sharing

Processional - Pastor Byron McIlwain

Visitation - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Musical Selections – Macedonia Baptist Church

Combined Choir

Order of Service

Invocation – Pastor Byron McIlwain

Scripture Reading

Old Testament – Minister

New Testament – Minister

Musical Selection – Mt. Holly QC's

Prayer of Comfort -- Dr. A. T. Pearson

Musical Selection – La'Keon Abernathy & Reverence

Memory Tributes

Anne Crump, Friend

Mary Miller Sallah, Friend

Maggie McDowell, Friend & Lucia Community

Daisey Grandberry, Friend

Rodney Abernathy, Son

Church Declaration & Reading of the Obituary

Musical Selection - Mt. Holly QC's

Eulogy – Reverend Dr. Theodore Armstrong, Jr.

Recessional

Interment

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery
Mt. Holly, North Carolina

Floral and Pall Bearers

Family and Friends

I Never Left You

I never left you

I watch you every day, I am always very near.

I know deep in your heart, you realize I am here.

I watch you while you sleep, in your bed at home.

I hear you when you speak to me, when you are on your own.

You cannot understand the reason why I've gone.

But I will never leave you, I am there to keep you strong.

Talk to me, I hear you, though you may not see.

We share an unbroken bond that will always be.

Death will not keep us apart, for our love is forever.

Just remember me in your heart,
and one day we will be together.

Live your life and live it full, don't waste a single day.
Remember I am always with you every step of the way.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep gratitude all expressions of love and kindness shown during this time of loss. Your love and support bring us great comfort and strength and may God bless each of you.

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Costner Funeral Home, Inc.

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Celebration Of A Life Well Lived

Mrs. Rosie Lee Pope Abernathy



**Saturday
November 22, 2025
1:00 PM**

**Macedonia Baptist Church
1951 Stanley Lucia Road
Mt. Holly, North Carolina 28120**

**Reverend Byron McIlwain, Sr., Pastor
Officiant**

Reflections on the Life of Our Matriarch

Mrs. Rosie Lee Pope Abernathy

Mrs. Rosie Lee Pope Abernathy, 86, of Mt. Holly, NC. was born on June 14, 1939, in Gaston County to the late Craig and Estelle Pope. She peacefully entered her eternal home on Friday, November 14, 2025.

She was a phenomenal woman rooted in faith, rich in love, and devoted to serving others. A lifelong member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Rosie Lee began her journey in the Young Adult Choir, later singing with the Morning Glory Chorus and the Senior Choir. For many years she was the coordinator of the Kitchen Committee and served as the assistant director of the Youth Choir alongside the late Barbara Brooks.

Rosie Lee was truly one of a kind. Her warm spirit and shining smile would light up any room. She loved cooking, baking, going to the grocery store, and spending time with her family and friends. These pastimes brought her joy and was her way of spreading love throughout the community. Rosie Lee was a dedicated caregiver at Stanley Total Living Center and to many families throughout the area. She was blessed to share 48 years of marriage with the late J.T. Abernathy.

Her legacy of kindness, strength, and joy continues through her family and through all who were touched by her life. She will truly be missed by many.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Cynthia Abernathy, son, James T. Abernathy Jr., grandson, Jadarian Moore, siblings, Lucille Pope, Allene Henderson, James Pope, and Clyde Pope.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories to her children: Brenda Moore, Marcell Abernathy, Rodney Abernathy (Themesa), and Tawana Abernathy all of Mt. Holly, NC; two sisters, Shirley Springs (Melvin) and Nancy Graham of Charlotte, NC; three brothers, Craig Pope Jr. (Dorothy) of Charlotte, NC, Larry Pope and Odell Pope (Patricia) of Mt. Holly, NC; sister-in-law, Velma Conner of Charlotte, NC, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and special friends.



Life on this side has ended, but life on the other side in eternity has just begun.