

Celebration of Life Service

Officiant: Reverend Larry Dixon
Visitation: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Order of Service

Processional

Prelude

Invocation
Reverend Larry Dixon

Opening Hymn
"Take Me to the King"

Scripture Readings
Old Testament:
Bishop John A. McCullough II
Friendship Christian Church

New Testament:
Pastor Cyril Howell
Ambassador of Life in Christ Church

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Amaris Ross-Hillard
Friendship Christian Church

Musical Selection
Simone Smith

Remarks
(Please limit to two minutes)

Resolutions

Solo
Simone Smith

Words of Comfort
Reverend Larry Dixon

Recessional
"What Are They Doing in Heaven Today"

Interment

Long Branch First Baptist Church
Grover, North Carolina

Pall Bearers

Cameron Hawk, Travis Bess, Sterling Bess, Tyliek Lomick, Landon Love

Floral Bearers

Brandy Ross, Shakira Love, Alexis Smith, Shantrice Johnson-Artis
Keyunna Byrd Love

A Mother's Love, Forever Missed

How do we say goodbye to the one who gave us life,
The one who soothed our every strife?
You were our rock, our guiding light,
Now we're lost in this endless night.

Your hands once held us, soft and strong,
Your voice was our first, sweetest song.
In your embrace, we found our home,
Now we wander, feeling so alone.

The world feels empty without you here,
Each day a battle, each moment unclear.
We miss your smile, your tender care,
The way you loved us, always there.

The days are cold, the nights so long,
Without you, everything feels wrong.
But in our hearts, your love remains,
A beacon in life's stormy rains.

You taught us kindness, you taught us grace,
Your wisdom lives in every space.
And though you're gone, you still reside,
In every tear, in every tide.

We'll carry on, though hearts are torn,
With the strength you gave, the love you've worn.
In every step, in every prayer,
We'll honor you, with love and care.

Rest now, dear mother, your journey done,
But know your love shines like the sun.
In every beat of our grieving hearts,
Your spirit lives, it never departs.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express a special thanks to Friendship Christian Church, Reverend Larry Dixon, Pastor Justin Ross-Hillard, Pastor Amaris Ross-Hillard, Pastor Cyril Howell, and Pastor John A. McCullough II.

We would like to also extend our gratitude to friends and family for your prayers, love, and support during this time.



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Celebration of Life



Lucy Mae Johnson Gamble

Saturday
January 3, 2026
1pm

Long Branch First Baptist Church
1140 Long Branch Road
Grover, North Carolina 28073
Reverend Larry Dixon, Officiant

Honoring the Life of a Beautiful Soul

Lucy Mae Johnson Gamble peacefully gained her heavenly wings on Monday, December 29, 2025, surrounded by the love and legacy she spent a lifetime building.

Born on February 21, 1947, in South Carolina, Lucy lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother who poured her heart into raising her children and nurturing her family with strength, grace, and unwavering love.

Lucy was a lifelong member of Long Branch First Baptist Church. She faithfully served on the choir and the Mother's Board, where she uplifted others with both her voice and her presence. Her faith was not only spoken but lived daily through kindness, humility, and compassion.

A dedicated worker, she spent many years working in manufacturing before making the decision to further her education. With determination, Lucy earned her GED, became a Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Technician, and devoted 20 years to caring for residents at Covenant Village Retirement Community. She retired in February 2022, continuing to work part-time until her health no longer allowed in 2024.

Outside of her work and service, Lucy found joy in life's simple pleasures—spending cherished time with her family, enjoying meals out with her sister, and shopping. Family meant everything to her, and she made sure those she loved always felt it.

Lucy is lovingly survived by her sister, Polly J. Caldwell and her children: Kathy J. Howell (Paul Howell), Gunita J. Parker, Charlene G. Crawford (Alton Crawford), William Gamble (Lisa Gamble), Elizabeth A. Wilson, Sandra D. Gilmore (Ricky Gilmore), and Carlus D. Gamble

Lucy was a cherished grandmother to 18 grandchildren and a proud great-grandmother to 18 great-grandchildren, each one deeply loved. Lucy also leaves behind special friends who held a place in her heart: Tammy B. June and Joseph Davis and a host of deeply loved family members and friends.

Lucy was preceded in death by her parents, James "Jim" Johnson and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rainey Johnson; her daughter, Jackie Christina Wilson; her husband, Gene Arthur Gamble; and her siblings, Johnnie Johnson, James Johnson, Charles Johnson, Roosevelt Johnson, Mary Johnson, and Hayward Johnson.

Lucy was a friend to so many—always offering warmth, wisdom, and a listening ear. While she will be deeply missed, her love and light will continue to live on through all who were blessed to know her.

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

