

Order of Service

Pastor Antwonn Lynch, Officiating
Greater Mount Hebron Baptist Church

Prelude Music.....Frank Williams

Processional

Moments of Sharing with Family.....1:30 pm-2:00 pm

Call to Worship.....Pastor Antwonn Lynch

Selection....."I'm A Soldier in The Army of The Lord"
Mass Choir/Gospel Chorus

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Psalm 116 1:19.....Rev. Larry Presley

New Testament.....Philippians 4:4-9,13,19,20
Minister Kimberli Timmons
Greater Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Thomas Gillespie
Hebron The Church of Jesus Christ, Lowell, NC

Reflections (limit to 3 minutes) Oque Boyce, Jr.
Deacon, Greater Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Patricia Lawry (Friend)
Donald Jones (Friend)
Mattie Floyd-Porte (Friend)
Cynthia N. Miller (Cousin)

Acknowledgements\Resolution.....Minister Shamika Hill
Greater Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Selection....."All of My Help"
Gospel Chorus\Mass Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Tim Hope
Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Stanley, NC

Selection....."Lord I want to Thank You"
Gospel Chorus/Mass Choir

Recessional

~Interment ~
Salisbury National Cemetery
Salisbury, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Audrey Duke, Marilyn Johnson, Mattie Floyd, Patricia Lawry,
Beverly Lbert, Cynthia N. Miller

Pall Bearers

Edro Wingo, Donald Jones, Anthony Crawford, Kevin Crawford,
Aaron Davenport, Yusuf-Ali Johnson, King Floyd

IN MEMORY

God knew that she was tired, and a cure was not to so
He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come to me"
A golden heart stopped beating
Her working ands is laid to rest
He broke our hearts to prove that
He only takes the best.

SMILE WITH ME

Smile, for I am smiling
Sing, for I am singing a new song
Please shout, for I am shouting for joy
Keep the faith, and pray for your love ones all day
Most of all, speak life into their souls
Do not cry for me
I have made it in
Hold on to God, and let Jesus save you from yourself
One day you will transition just like me, and
I will see you again in heaven.

Composed By: Cheryl Crawford Horton

Special Note: This is the original Celebration of Life program prepared and composed by Cheryl in 2019. Minor updates were made to keep the program information current after Cheryl's Passing.

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Cheryl Marie Crawford Horton is deeply appreciative of the many acts of kindness, expressions of love, support and prayers given during this most difficult time.

We would like to thank the Greater Mount Hebron Baptist Church family, Costner Funeral Home, and all that participated in the program per Cheryl's final wishes. May God continue to richly bless you all!

~Arrangements Entrusted to ~
COSTNER FUNERAL HOME
Gastonia, North Carolina

Celebration of Life for Cheryl Marie Crawford

Horton



**Wednesday
January 28, 2026
2:00 pm**

**Greater Mount Hebron Baptist Church
732 Mt. Hebron Church Road
Gastonia, North Carolina**

**Pastor Antwonn Lynch, Officiating
Pastor Tim Hope, Eulogist**



Sunrise: 8/22/1957

Sunset: 12/18/2026

REMEMBERING HER LIFE Ms. Cheryl Marie Crawford Horton

Cheryl Marie Crawford Horton was born on August 22, 1957 in Gastonia North Carolina and departed this world on January 18, 2026. She was the daughter of the late Neal F. Crawford Jr. and the late Dorothy Louise Tillman Crawford of Lowell, N.C.

She is preceded in death by her father, Neal F. Crawford, Jr., her mother Dorothy Louise Tillman Crawford and her brother, Todd F. Crawford

As a faithful member of Greater Mount Hebron Baptist Church, Cheryl sung on the Musical Choir and the Gospel Chorus. Cheryl was a First Vice President of the Missionary Department, Women Ministry, GMHBC Woman On The Move committee member. She was also on the Decorating Committee, GMHBC Soft Ball Team, a Vacation Bible School Teacher and she worked on the Kitchen Committee under her mother, Louise Crawford.

Cheryl received her formal education at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, NC where she was a member of the 1975-1976 Letter Girl Squad and was the Flight Commander in Air Force ROTC. She received many medals from the Daughter of The American Revolution for her courage, leadership, honor, and patriotism. Cheryl was a graduate of Ashbrook High School, Class of 1976. Cheryl also attended Gaston College, CPCC, and the North Carolina Vocational College in Belmont, NC.



Cheryl joined the North Carolina National Guard in 1976. She was one of the first women to become a soldier in the North Carolina National Guard, and she was the first woman of color to join the 105th Engineer Group in Gastonia, NC. Cheryl transferred to the Head Quarter Company 30th Engineer Brigade out of Charlotte, NC. She was the first women to receive sergeant stripes in her unit.

Cheryl held numerous positions (MOS) such as Radio Operator, Sergeant over the Teletype Operators and Staff Sergeant over the Communication Section. She retired with 20 years of service in the military where she was awarded the North Carolina National Guard Achievement medal and she was a proud veteran. Cheryl was also a member of NABVETS the National Association of Black Veterans Faith Chapter, #0065, and one of the first members of the Charlotte Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers.

Cheryl worked for Rex Mills, Smyre Mills, Burlington Mills and she worked for Cramerton Automotive Division where she was a Customer Service Representative for 22 years.

Cheryl's hobbies were sewing, decorating, making flower arrangements, watching old westerns, and doing puzzles of all kinds. She was a Dallas Cowboy fan. Cheryl loved God, her family, and her church family.

Cheryl leaves to cherish memories of her beautiful life, her son Darrick L. Horton, Sr. of Charlotte, NC; her brother, Freddie D. Crawford (Glenda); her sisters, Gloria D. Crawford, Delores P. Wellman, Dora "Fabby" Crawford Patton (David) all of Gastonia NC, Patrice "Teacy" Crawford Davenport of Columbus, OH, Rosalind Crawford Graham (Eric) of Belmont, NC; a foster son, Yusuf-Ali Johnson (Jasmine) of Fayetteville, NC, eight grandchildren, Sincere Carter, Za'Riya Haggan, Darrick L. Horton Jr., Nevaeh Horton, Kalani Horton all of Charlotte, NC, Tarena Lucas of Charleston, SC and Savannah and Xavier Johnson of Fayetteville, NC; an aunt, Mary Howard of Chicago, IL, ten nieces, six nephews, ten great-nieces, six great-nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cheryl's family and friends will fondly remember her for being a strong willed, faithful, outspoken woman that loved life and fought for it with all she had to give.



YOU HAVE LEFT OUR LIVES,
BUT YOU WILL NEVER
LEAVE OUR HEARTS.