

“A Garden That Still Blooms”

She was a garden in full bloom,
Planted in love, rooted in grace,
Tended by faith through every season of life.

Her hands sowed kindness,
Her words watered weary hearts,
And her presence brought light wherever she stood.

Generations grew beneath her shade,
Strengthened by her wisdom,
Nurtured by her unwavering love.

Though God has called her home,
The seeds she planted still bloom
In every life she touched,
In every heart she lifted.

She rests now in eternal peace,
But her love...
Will blossom forever.

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me.”

Pallbearers

Grandsons

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Deaconesses

Acknowledgements

The family of Ollie Love Patton sincerely thanks each of you for your prayers, love, and support during this time. The outpouring of kindness from family, friends, church family, and the community is a testament to the life she lived and the love she shared. We are forever grateful. May God bless you all.

-The Patton Family

Interment

Gaston Memorial Park
Gastonia, North Carolina

Arrangements Entrusted To

Costner Funeral Home
Gastonia, North Carolina

*Celebrating
the Life and Legacy of*



Ollie Love Patton

August 31, 1934 - April 10, 2026

Saturday, April 18, 2026 @ 12 pm

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1282 Bradford Heights Road

Gastonia, North Carolina

Dr. William M. Bessent,
Assistant Pastor, Officiating



Order of Service

Processional

Receiving of Family and Friends

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Officiating

Dr. William M. Bessent

Assistant Pastor, St. John's Missionary Baptist Church

Invocation

Minister Howard Nickles

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church

Selection (Solo)

Erica Taylor

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

Dr. Melvin Clark

Pastor, Washington Baptist Church, Waco, North Carolina

Moderator, Ebenezer Baptist Association

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:1–5

Reverend Dana Ijames

St. James Baptist Church, Bessemer City

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Dr. Theodore Armstrong Jr.

Pastor, Springfield Memorial Baptist Church, Stanley, North Carolina

Selection

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church Praise Team

Reflections (2 minutes each)

Deacon Greg Thompson (Church Family)

Carolyn Adams (Patton Family)

Beverly Neal (Love Family)

Dr. Desmond Patton & Asha Patton (Grandchildren)

David Patton (Children)

Resolutions

Church Secretary Rose Armstrong

Selection

St. John's Missionary Baptist Church Praise Team

Eulogy

Dr. Darial A. Jackson

Recessional



The Life and Legacy of Ollie Love Patton

Tributes

YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN



Frances Accor

Mom Ollie was an extraordinary individual who had a profound impact on my life. Her wisdom, kindness, and support provided me with guidance, encouragement, and love. The bond we shared was particularly special, as she reminded me of my own mother. I will always treasure the memories of our time together, including our visits to the farmer's market and the joy she gained from the meals I prepared for her. Her gentle spirit and loving heart will remain with me forever.

Frances Accor



CJ Owens

As her great-great nephew, I never expected our relationship to become so rich and meaningful. Visiting her faithfully since 2022 gave me moments I'll always treasure, filled with love, honesty, and wisdom especially her reminder that "they don't sell common sense, you're born with it." Being one she called on meant more than words could ever express.

C.J. Owens

Our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ollie Love Patton, entered eternal rest on April 10, 2026. She was born on August 31, 1934, in York, South Carolina.

Ollie was united in holy matrimony to her beloved husband, Haskel, with whom she shared 48 wonderful years of marriage until his passing. Together, they built a legacy rooted in love, strength, and devotion to family.

She was the seventh of ten children, the fifth daughter of six and was blessed with four brothers. Ollie received her formal education in the York County School System.

Ollie was a faithful and devoted member of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church for many years. She served diligently in several ministries, including Chairperson of the Deaconess Ministry, President of the Pastor's Aid, and Treasurer of the Missionary Ministry. In 2021, she was honored as the oldest member of the church, a testament to her lifelong commitment and faith.

A devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Ollie loved her family deeply. She had a special gift, an instinctive sense of when something was not quite right, and she was always there to offer wisdom, comfort, and guidance. She found joy in tending to her flowers and took great pride in caring for them. Known for her wisdom and resourcefulness, she was truly one of a kind.

Ollie also had a servant's heart. She found fulfillment in preparing meals and desserts for families during times of loss, offering comfort through her acts of kindness. Her presence, love, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her favorite words of encouragement were:

"Always keep God first in your life, and other things will be added unto you. Know that God is always in charge of your life." These words reflect the faith that guided her life and legacy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Haskel Patton, Sr.; her parents, John and Lola Love; her brothers, Leon Love, Grady Love, Spencer Love, and John Monroe Love; and her sisters, Parthenia Patton, Juanita Love, Helen Moss, Corene Adams, and Ola Dixon.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: her daughters, Sandra Womack (Michael) of Gastonia and Lisa James (Tyrone) of Gastonia; her sons, Rev. Alvin Wayne Love (Audrey) of Dallas, Haskel Jr. (Shirley) of Charlotte, David Patton (Dora) of Gastonia and Dr. Scottie B. Patton of New Orleans; a special son, Brent Moss (Katrilla) of Tamarac; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Ollie Love Patton's legacy of love, faith, wisdom, and service will forever live on in the hearts of those she touched.

Tributes



Joyce Paul

"Precious Memories"

Aunt Ollie's steadfast faith, quiet strength, and deep well of wisdom touched everyone blessed to know her. Her love for family, friends, and the Bradford Heights community was unwavering. I never left her home without a gift—her last to me was an umbrella in April 2025, a simple reminder of her constant thoughtfulness. She often reminded me of my own mother, especially in the little things, like the way she held her elbows. Her quick wit, gentle humor, and the encouragement she shared so freely will remain with me always. Aunt Ollie was truly one in a million.

Joyce Paul



The memories that I have left to cherish from a very special person at heart who was my dear aunt, best friend and like a mother! Aunt Ollie will truly be missed in my life always and forever. Prayers for the entire family. We love you all!

Tim & Rose Byers



Tim and Rose Byers



I truly cherished the time I spent talking with Aunt Ollie. Every conversation with her lifted my spirit, and I'm grateful that I could do the same for her. After my mom passed, our bond grew deeper and more meaningful—what we built together was something special that I will always hold close to my heart. She had such a caring soul, always asking about everyone else and wanting to know how the family was doing. That was just who she was—thoughtful, loving, and genuinely invested in the people she cared about. I will truly miss her presence, her warmth, and the connection we shared. Aunt Ollie will forever be a beautiful part of my life and my memories.



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Michael Womack

I hold dear many cherished memories of my mother-in-law, who made me feel like a beloved son, not just a son-in-law. I frequently assured her, "If you need anything, don't hesitate to call," and she would take me up on that offer, knowing I was always happy to help. Her passing leaves a void in my life, and I will truly miss her. She was a remarkable woman whose kindness and love I will always treasure. With love, Your son-in-law.

Michael Womack



Janet Patton Norris

My fondest memory of Aunt Ollie is when her and Mom would sit back in the family room of her home and tell stories about the family and growing up together. I was always so fascinated by their resemblance in their looks and the similarities in their mannerisms. The two of them together were absolutely hilarious! Aunt Ollie always made us feel loved and special. I always felt like her house was my second home. That was one of the highlights of our trip!

Janet Patton Norris



Richard and Sandra Love

Our Aunt Ollie - we thought we could keep her forever. Every visit seemed like she had turned back the hands of time. She was wiser than her years. She could give you advice without hurting your feelings; however, she could hurt feelings in a kind, loving way if needed. She was always straight up, but oh so sweet, gentle, and loving. She loved us, and we loved her.

Richard and Sandra Love