



Blanche

"Don't you be afraid, for I am with you; don't be dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you"

- Isaiah 41:10

Forever In Our Hearts

The moment that you left us,
Our hearts were split in two;
One side was filled with memories,
The other side died with you.
We often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep;
And we take a walk down memory lane,
With tears running down our cheeks.
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day;
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
We hold you tightly within our hearts
And there you will remain.

You see life has to go on without you,
But will never be the same.

The love you shared with all of us and everyone
who ever knew you, will always be in
our hearts.

The legacy that you left us, we will cherish forever.

So long our Beloved, until we see you again.

In Gratitude

The family of Blanche Grice-Petty, thank you for caring and sharing during this difficult time. Mere words are inadequate to express our gratitude for all that you have done. We saw all of this as acts of God's

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Celebration Of Life



Blanche L **GRICE- PETTY**

JANUARY 8TH 1959 - MAY 1ST 2026

Thursday, May 21, 2026

2:00 PM

Gold Hill Baptist Church
7447 Old Plank Road
Stanley, North Carolina 28164

The Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Prelude

Receiving of Family & Family

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Call to Worship

Elder Sylvia B. Lowery, Pastor, Gold Hill Baptist Church

Selection—Spirit

Deacon Kay McCorkle

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Apostle Doran Johnson, Pastor, Friendly Hill Baptist Church

New Testament

Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Cannon, The Presbyterian USA

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Daimon Rawlinson, Pastor, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

Selection—I Hope You Dance

Elder Dena Brice

Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgements

Ms. Alicia McLean

Special Tribute—Jesus

Ms. Gabrielle (Gabbie) McCorkle

Instrumental Solo—Amazing Grace

Mr. Jorge Walton

Words of Comfort / Fulogy

Elder Joylette Hilliard
Associate Minister, Friendship Christian Center

Selection

Elder Dena Brice

Benediction

Recessional



She was a loving daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her love, kindness, and strength touched many lives, and will continue to live on in our hearts forever.



Alpha

January 8, 1959

Life Legacy

Blanche Lavern Grice Petty

Omega

May 1, 2026

Blanche Lavern Grice Petty was born January 8, 1959, to the late Raymond Leroy Sr. and Glayds Sherrill Grice.



In Addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, the love of her life, Freddie Lee Petty. Also, three sisters, Evelyn Grice, Julia Springs, and Theresa Fields; two brothers James Grice and Raymond Grice Jr.

Blanche was 1977 graduate of East Gaston High School, Central Piedmont Community College and UNC-Charlotte. She worked for the Gaston County School System for 20 plus years. She also worked for The United States Postal Service for five years. She later went back to work for Gaston County School System until she

retired. Blanche graduated from Supreme Beauty College and owned her own hair salon for 15 plus years.

Blanche was member of New Providence Baptist Church. At New Providence, she was a youth advisor and several Girl Scout Troops Leader for 15 plus years. Later she joined Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where she was the church treasurer and sang on the choir. Recently she returned to New Providence until her death.

Blanche loved her family, she loved flowers, doing crafts, her 27 community where she was always bringing family and friends together for various occasions. She was always willing to help anyone in need. She had the biggest heart. Blanche was a faithful participant to "The Joy In The Morning Podcast". But most of all, she loved Christ and was often talking about her faith. She was praying woman.

To cherish her memories are her children: daughters, Josie Grice, Mount Holly, NC, Troy Morgan, of the home and Brianna Davis (Chris) of Wake Forest, NC; her sons, Frederick Petty (Quay Hall), Gastonia, NC, Tavis Morgan (son/ grandson) of Stanley, NC, Jamario Springs, Mt. Holly, NC; 12 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren; siblings, Wanda G. Moonie, Charlotte, NC, Lorie Ann Grice, Mt. Holly, NC. Ralanda Grice (Lynn) Charlotte, NC. A host of aunts, nieces and nephews and other family members. A special niece, Shajuana McCullough (aka Buggings) and a special nephew, Rodney Costner. She had two God daughters, Chela Sanders and Mariscia Livingston.

Remembering Our Mother

It's always been said that there are three words in the English language that are more solemn than all the words exist. They are: "Life, Death and Eternity". To live is more serious than to die. The object of Christ's death was life, and a Christian's death gives them a more abundant life. For "Our Mom" Death was only a messenger of peace, whose kind reached out and guided her into the gates of immortality and a peaceful rest she longed for with her Savior. Mom, we wanted to honor you by saying "Thanks" for your unconditional love. Thanks for your unique style in which you were able to love all of us. Now as we think back; that was a lot of love one woman had to distribute, but you did it. You did everything in your life with a lot of Class, Style, and Grace. Our Mom didn't have to speak. Her character and work spoke for her. Josie, Troy, Bre, Jappie and I will always remember all the lessons that you taught us. Having to say good-bye is hard for us right now right now. Mama, you were always our biggest supporter. You did so much for each of us. Now another day has come and gone, and nothing seems quite the same. We miss you so much. Our nights without you are lonely and with each day's passing the time seems to take so long. Mommy, my heart is aching with a sadness that's unbearable and the tears won't stop flowing. I don't even have words that can express what it meant to say that final good-bye to you. No one will ever know except God. He is the only one that can heal our fragile hearts now. We know you wouldn't want us to mourn your passing. You'd expect us to remember all the happy memories our family shared and even more than that all the happy times that life still has in store for us. Mom, all our hearts ache for you. We know this is only a void that God can fill. We know someday this grief will pass and our heavy hearts will heal. We're so grateful That God gave us such a wonderful mother. You were our "STAR" bright and shining. You had such a nurturing and kind heart. It was so much fun hanging out with you. Jo, Troy, Bre, Jappie and I have wonderful memories of all our adventurous ups and downs and turns arounds with you right in the middle of it all. You were and still are a treasure beyond words that can never be replaced. So, mommy, this is our tribute to you, our day to celebrate your life and say our goodbyes. It's not final because we will celebrate you somehow in how you shaped our lives. Your children whose lives you touched. We loved you then and love you now so very much. We know that we've been truly blessed to have had the absolute and incredible fortune of knowing you as our mother and friend. We'll Cherish your Memories forever and remember all you taught us, especially about staying connected. You'd always tell us, "to get connected and stay connected". You prepared us for this day; you said support and encourage each other. Be there to lend a helping hand, realize that you can't do everything, but when it comes to family, do whatever you can. Mom, we will remember your loving spirit always; using the lessons you taught us. We can't help but win. Thanks for being a great example. You raised us well and you've equipped us with necessary tools to continue this battle called life. We're okay now mom, we know it's up to us to fight a good fight so we can too receive an honorable discharge just like you did. We'll keep raising your grands, great-grands and great-great grandchildren with the same teachings you taught us. We promise to continue to take care of each other. (We know that you expect that). Mama, we know exactly what we must do to see you at the end of our days...So farewell Mommy, we're not going to say goodbye, we'll just say "See you later".

We love you Mama, Josie, Troy, Frederick, Bre, Ta, & Jappie

