

The Order Of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Presiding.....Pastor Sharon Lockhart
New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Polkton, NC

Solo.....“You Know My Name”Overseer Sylvia McLendon
Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries, Wadesboro, NC

Old Testament Scripture.....Psalm 23..... Rev. Terry Little
West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Wadesboro, NC

New Testament Scripture.....John 14: 1-6.....Rev. Dr. Jerry Tyson
Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Wadesboro, NC

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Jeffrey Adams
Chambers Grove Missionary Baptist Church Marshville, NC

Selection.....James, Calvin, James, and Derek Taylor

Remarks.....(1 minute)

Rev Terry Little- West Deep Creek MBC

Rev. Dr. Jerry Tyson-Flat Rock MBC

Rev. Jeffrey Adams-Chambers Grove MBC

Deacon William Sturdivant New Grove MBC

Selection.....“Change Me”New Grove MBC Choir

Acknowledgements.....H. C. Smith

Selection.....“God Has Kept Me”New Grove MBC Choir

Eulogy.....Rev. J. Warren Parsons
Parsons Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Lilesville, NC

Committal

Benediction

Recessional



Interment

New Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Polkton, North Carolina

Acknowledgment

The Taylor family wishes to thank you for all acts of love and kindness shown during the passing of our beloved. A special thanks to the staff of Smith Funeral Home.



The Obituary

Mrs. Elma Kate (Harris) Taylor was born on January 30, 1936, in Anson County NC, daughter of the late Hillard Harris and Roxanna Harris Ratliff. She departed this life on July 16, 2025, at her residence surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Elma joined New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Polkton NC at an early age. She served on many ministries and held many positions in NGMBC, including usher board, church clerk, Sunday school teacher, deaconess, missionary president, and choir of NGMBC of Anson County NC. She was also the 3rd Vice president of the Women’s Home & Foreign Mission of ZA under Moderator Leak. She attended Ansonville School part-time but went on to earn her GED at age 52 from South Piedmont Community College with the help of her grandson, James. She also worked as a teacher’s assistant at West Deep Creek School.

Elma worked for years at Armor Poultry Plant in Marshville NC, until she decided to move on. She retired from Anson County Hospital where she worked in housekeeping. She enjoyed it because it allowed her to meet, greet, and serve many individuals, whose lives Elma touched with her words of encouragement.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hillard and Roxanna; children, Lucy Ann, Walter David, and Clarence William Taylor; siblings, George Ratliff and Betty McDowan.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Clarence of the home; one daughter, Katie (Kenneth) of Wadesboro NC, two sons, Calvin (Linda) of Indian Trail NC, James of Albuquerque NM, and one daughter-in-law, Barbara Taylor; fifteen grandchildren: Derek (Vickie) of Wadesboro NC, James (Ebony) of Wadesboro NC, Calvin (Nefertia) of Wadesboro NC, Kenneth (India) of Piscataway, NJ, Michaela of Durham NC, Derek (Sharitie) of Wadesboro NC, Terrance (Marquita) of Wadesboro NC, Tameka and Zondra of Charolette NC, Clarence (Karen) of Monroe NC, Ebony and Tichina of Charlotte, Timothy of Morven NC, Jemeshia of Rockingham NC, and Shuntae of Albuquerque NM; 24 great grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren; one sister, Hazel Tillman of Charlotte, NC; two sisters-in-law, Mary T. Wilcox of Wadesboro NC, and Pauline Willoughby Ratliff of Wadesboro NC; two special cousins, Gloria Jean Woodard and Diane Watkins of Norwood, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.



*Floral Bearers & Pallbearers
Family and Friends*



God's Garden

*God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So, He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*



*Smith's Funeral Directors
"Small Enough To Know You - Large Enough To Serve You"
604 Salisbury Street, Wadesboro, NC; Telephone: 704-694-4121*

*The Homegoing Celebration
For
Mrs. Elma Kate Taylor*



*Sunrise ~ Sunset
January 30, 1936 ~ July 16, 2025*

*Saturday, July 26, 2025
1:00 PM*

*New Grove Missionary Baptist Church
1782 Poplar Hill Church Road
Polkton, North Carolina*

*Rev. Sharon Lockhart, Pastor, Presiding
Rev. J. Warren Parsons, Eulogist*