

The Order Of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Family Processional & Visitation
- Selection.....Pastor Joshua E. Ellerbe, Sr.
- Reading Of The Holy Scriptures
- The Old Testament.....Elder Lizzie Lee
- The New Testament.....Pastor Sonya T. Ellerbe
- Prayer Of Comfort.....Dr. Cecil Raysor
- Selection.....Elder Randy Simon
- Remarks (2 Minutes, PLEASE).....Family/Friends
- Remarks/Selection.....First Baptist Junior Choir/Classmates
- Acknowledgments.....Harold C. Smith & Evadne K. Smith
- Selection.....Co-Pastor Mary Ellerbe Bennett
- Eulogy.....Bishop Walter R. Ellerbe
- Parting View
- Committal
- Benediction
- Recessional



Repast

VFW Post 6183

755 Pee Dee Avenue

Norwood, North Carolina

Interment

Monday, September 15, 2025

1:30 PM

Salisbury National Cemetery

Salisbury, North Carolina

Thank You

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love, and support you have extended to us during this time of loss. We thank you for all the calls, messages, visits, floral tributes, and so many memories you have shared with us. May God forever bless each of you.



The Obituary

On Monday, September 1, 2025, our beloved Joy Ann Ingram Ellerbe peacefully departed from her earthly body, surrounded by love and warmth. The day was filled with cherished moments of laughter, music, and an abundance of delicious food that Joy always loved to share with those around her.

Joyce was born on April 26, 1964, at Stanly Memorial Hospital in Albemarle, North Carolina, to Lillie B. Ingram and George M. Ingram.

She was a proud member of the Stanly County community, where she received her education in the local public schools and graduated from South Stanly High School. Her strong work ethic was evident throughout her life as she dedicated her time and energy as a manager at various establishments, including Hardees, Bojangles, and Family Dollar, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and customers alike.

Known for her generous spirit, Joyce was a woman who found joy in helping others. Although she was not someone who spoke often, she expressed her love in unique and profound ways, primarily through her exceptional cooking and her unwavering support for family and friends. Many considered her the glue that held the family together, always ensuring everyone felt cared for and included.

Joyce was preceded in death by her father, George M. Ingram, her grandparents: Ms. Pansy Ingram, Mrs. Nettie R. Huntley, Mrs. Lillie Lee, and Mr. James Lee. She also mourned the loss of her beloved aunt, Linda Huntley.

In a beautiful testament to love and partnership, Joyce was married to Anthony W. Ellerbe for an incredible 39 years. Their bond was a cornerstone of her life.

Joyce is survived by her devoted husband, Anthony W. Ellerbe, of the home; her loving daughters, Tiffany D. Little (James) of Harrisburg, NC, and Antonette R. Patterson of Norwood, NC; the lights of her life, her granddaughters, Jamaría Little, Tamira Little, Lazaiha Patterson, Journee McCauley, and grandson, Jabari Little. She held a special place in her heart for her goddaughter, Kamiya McCauley.

She also leaves her adoring mother, Lillie B. Ingram of Norwood, NC; two sisters, Loretta Hunter (Vicki) of Charlotte, NC, and Linda Davis of Charlotte, NC; and her brothers and sisters-in-law: Donnie Thompson of Pittsburgh, PA, Pastor Sonya T. Ellerbe of Charlotte, NC, William T. Ellerbe of Fayetteville, NC, Elder Charles B. Ellerbe (Beverly) of Gainesville, VA, and Bishop Walter R. Ellerbe (Pastor Sandra) of Wadesboro, NC; her aunts, Annie Melton, Fannie Watkins, and Annette Lloyd all of Norwood, NC; Jeanette Huntley of Baltimore, MD; and Carol Dukes (Rigby) of Glen Burnie, MD; and uncles, Robert Lee (Elder Lizzie) of Ansonville, NC, Walter Lee (Marshlyn) of Norwood, NC, Garrison Lee (Pastor Christine) of Albemarle, NC, David Huntley, Jerry Huntley, Joseph Huntley, and Jackie Huntley all of Baltimore, MD, and William Huntley of California. Joyce's life was further enriched by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever treasure their memories of her. Her warmth, kindness, and love will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who knew her.



Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning
 That God was going to call your name
 In life, we loved you dearly
 In death we do the same.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 You did not go alone;
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.
 You left us peaceful memories,
 Your love is still our guide
 And although we cannot see you,
 You are always at our side.
 Our family chain is broken
 And nothing seems the same,
 But as God calls us one by one
 The chain will link again.*

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Celebrating The Life Of



Mrs. Joyce Ann Ingram Ellerbe

*Sunrise ~ Sunset
 April 26, 1964 ~ September 1, 2025*

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Family Visitation: 12:30 -1:00 PM

Service: 1:00 PM

Smith's Memorial Chapel

*604 Salisbury Street
 Wadesboro, North Carolina*

*Pastor Joshua E. Ellerbe, Sr., Presiding
 Bishop Walter R. Ellerbe, Eulogist*