

## ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL                      Clergy/Family

SELECTION            *"Say Yes"*                      Choir

SCRIPTURES                      Old Testament  
New Testament

### PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION    *"Going Up Yonder"*                      Choir

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Kelly Olive Matin

SELECTION    *"I Shall Wear a Crown"*                      Choir

TRIBUTES                      Wendy Carter  
Patrick Land

SELECTION            *"I'm Free"*                      Choir

EULOGY                      Rev. Johnnie F. Taylor,  
Rising Star Baptist Church

### RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT  
Collins Cemetery  
Madison, North Carolina

## FLOWER BEARERS

Relatives & Friend

## CASKET BEARERS

Relatives & Friend

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family would like to thank everyone for  
all acts of kindness during their time of  
sorrow. Your love for us was appreciated and  
will not be forgotten.

May God continue to bless each of you.

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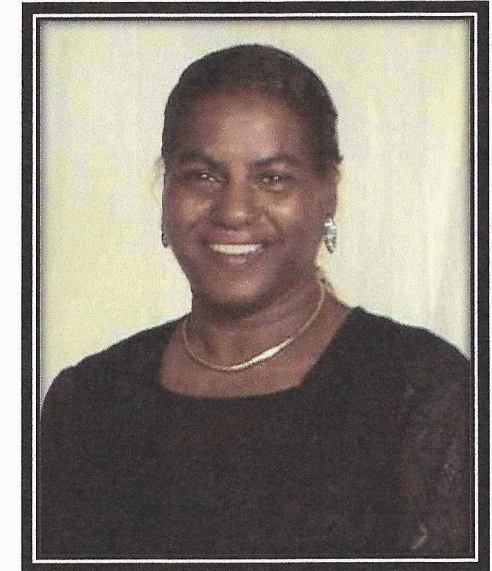
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## IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

**Pinkey Vanessa Oliver Lathrop**



**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

**Visitation: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Service: 11:00 a.m.**

**Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church**

146 Fisher Hill Rd.  
Eden, North Carolina

**Rev. Johnnie F. Taylor, Pastor/Eulogy**

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Pinkey Vanessa Oliver Lathrop, known to her family and friends as "Sweetie", was born in Rockingham County, July 2, 1954, to the late Dennis Scales and Thelma Oliver Pratt. She departed this life on June 22, 2026, at Ancora Compassionate Care, Wentworth, NC.

She received her education at the former Charles Drew and Bethany High School. She was employed with Spray Cotton Mills for many, many years. Later became a cook at Eden Estates, Britthaven and Moyer's Rest Home before retiring, which was what she loved to do.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dudley Lathrop, sisters; Maydell Oliver, Peggy Brim, Gladys Herbin, Nellie Herbin, Marie Webster and brothers; Walter Oliver, George Thomas, James Scales, Junior Scales, Leroy Scales.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughters; Tynesha Pratt (Dubi) of Greensboro, NC, Angela Lester, Wendy Carter (Jvon) both of Eden, NC. Sisters; Ann Young of VA, Dorothy Wilson (Mike) of GA, Sharon Oliver (Hugh) of Greensboro, NC, Linda Walden (Bud) of High Point, NC, Mildred Brown, Robin Martin both of Madison, NC. Brothers; Billy Oliver, John Malloy both of Madison, NC, Albert Oliver of Stoneville, NC, David Oliver (Debbie) of NY, William Scales and Dennis Ray Martin of Madison, NC. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, 13 grandchildren and 20 great

grandchildren, with other other relatives and friends, two special friends; Anthony Florence and Judy Sharpe.



### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I am following the path God laid for me.  
I took His Hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play....  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
I shared friendships, a laugh, a kiss-  
Oh yes, these things too, I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish to you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much-  
Good friends, good times,  
a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee  
God wanted me now, HE SET ME FREE!

