



## **Psalms 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk  
through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparast a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest  
my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life and I will dwell in  
the house of the Lord forever.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The family of Rev. Robert Whitworth, Sr. wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.



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# Celebration of Life for Rev. Robert Whitworth, Sr.



February 2, 1952 – June 12, 2025

Thursday, June 19, 2025  
11:30 AM

Release Baptist Church  
1616 Kings Road  
Shelby, North Carolina

# ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude  
Processional  
Officiating Minister.....Rev. Albert Hillman  
Receiving of Friends.....10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Selection .....Mrs. Mae Dawkins  
Scripture Reading  
Old Testament.....Ms. Madison Marshall, Granddaughter  
New Testament.....Mr. T.J. Autry, Grandson  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Gabriel Ramseur  
Selection .....Mrs. Mae Dawkins  
Remarks.....4 Minutes.....Mr. Warren Spikes  
Mr. Forrest Whitworth  
Mr. JR Whitworth  
Acknowledgements  
Reading of Obituary..... Ms. Renee Whitworth  
Selection ..... Whitworth Family  
Words of Comfort.....Rev. Albert Hillman  
Recessional Selection .....Release Choir Worship Team

Repass at Release Baptist Church

Flower Bearers and Pall Bearers  
Family

# THE OBITUARY

Rev. Robert Lee Whitworth Sr., age 73, of Newton, North Carolina, passed away peacefully at his residence on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Born on February 2, 1952, in Shelby, NC, Robert was the son of the late J.B. Whitworth and Minnie Ovedia Spikes Whitworth. He spent 16 years as a dedicated Production Manager before answering his spiritual calling in 1979. He was ordained as a minister at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, now Release Church, and went on to serve faithfully as Pastor of New Life Christian Fellowship until his retirement in 2018.

Robert had a deep love for singing gospel music, playing his guitar, restoring old school cars, studying and teaching the Word of God, and most importantly, cherishing time with his family and friends. His gentle spirit, strong faith, and devotion to service left a lasting impact on all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Whitworth, Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife, Maria C. Whitworth; his children: four sons, Robert Lee Whitworth Jr., Robert Danyel Whitworth, Spencer Whitworth (Alyssa), all of Hickory, NC; and JR Whitworth (Jessica) of Denver, NC; three daughters, Jennifer Whitworth, Shavon Whitworth both of Charlotte, NC, and Renee Whitworth of Houston, TX.

He also leaves behind two brothers: Forrest Whitworth (Louise) of Shelby, NC, and Larry Whitworth (Terry) of Cherryville, NC; two sisters: Rachel Whitworth of Shelby, NC, Nita Surratt (Joe) of Kings Mountain, NC; and one sister-in-law, Allison Whitworth of Shelby, NC.

Robert's legacy continues through his fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; several beloved aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his generous heart, and the love he poured into his family, church, and community. His life was a testament to grace, strength, and service. He will be deeply missed and forever cherished. His final wish was to be cremated following the service. *As Ecclesiastes 3:20 states, "All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."*