



Ms. Elven “Evelyn” Crawford was born February 4, 1947 in Shelby, NC, to the late Mr. Gussie Henry Crawford and Mrs. Willie Jewel Tory Crawford. She left this life July 31, 2025, at Atrium Cleveland Pines Nursing Home.

She was a native of Cleveland County and a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Shelby, NC. She graduated from Cleveland High School in 1965. She was very dedicated while working in the hospitality industry providing catering services to establishments such as Gardner Webb University, Cleveland County Country Club, Riverbend, and Vauxhall Venue. She obtained an AAS degree in Accounting and Business Administration at Cleveland Community College. She attended GWU, which prepared her to help people with their taxes. People were often referred to her as being a genius because of her outstanding mathematical skills. She loved to read and learn about politics.

She became ill later in her life and resided at Atrium Health Cleveland Pines Nursing Home. During the time at the Center, she showed a graceful sense of humor. She loved wheeling around the Center enjoying activities and eating chocolate ice cream. She loved interacting with the other residents.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mr. Gussie Henry Crawford and Mrs. Willie Jewel Tory Crawford; two sisters, Gussie Jewel Crawford Walton and Helen Louise Crawford Mintz; brother, Robert Crawford; and special nephew, Lamar Hyde.

She leaves to cherish her beloved daughter, Dorothy J. Crawford (Nathan) of Shelby, NC and son, Graylin J. Crawford (Michelle) of Marietta, GA; sisters, Dorothy A. Crawford Mintz (Raymond) and Lois Crawford, both of Shelby, NC; her eight adorable grandchildren, Darvarius A. Crawford, Da-Jshun L. Thompson, Da'Marquez J. Crawford, all of Shelby, NC, Laquanda R. Roberts of Kings Mountain, NC, Graylin Crawford (Megan) of Marietta GA, Timothy Crawford (Sadie) of Auburn, AL, Tyrece Crawford (Ana) of Tuscon, AZ, Kendra Crawford (Kyle) of Douglasville, GA; eight great grandchildren; special niece, Melissa Crawford; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; several special friends, Jackie Hoey, Cheryl Foster Wilson, Carolyn Maddox, and all of her "Big 8 Sisterhood Group" - Sonda S. Kennedy, Dorethia S. Miller, Iva B. Wilson, Stephany E. Ledbetter, Anganette H. Homsley, and Elaine M. Williamson.

**“ I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT; I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE AND I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.” 2 TIMOTHY 4:7**





Order of Service

Prelude  
Processional  
Officiating Minister.....Dr. Lamont Littlejohn  
Receiving of Friends.....2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Selection .....Family/Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Minister Rosalyn Sinkler  
New Testament.....Pastor James Lee Willis

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Randy Thurman  
Selection .....Family/Choir

Remarks (Two Minutes Please)

Big “8” Sister-Iva Wilson  
Mrs. Bonnie Culbreth Stevenson, Cousin  
Mr. Tony Hyde, Nephew  
Ms. Gloria Price, Hospice Chaplain  
Mr. Ronald Harrill, Family Friend

Selection .....Family/Choir  
Words of Comfort.....Pastor Dr. John Wray  
Recessional Selection .....Family/Choir

Interment  
Sunset Cemetery  
Shelby, North Carolina

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I've taken the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned back and left it all.  
Things left undone must stay that way,  
I've found peace at the close of the day.  
A friendship shared, a smile, a kiss,  
These things too, I truly will miss.  
I know you're sad that I'm gone,  
Just remember God carried me Home.  
Lift up your hearts and share with me,  
God called for me, He Set Me Free.

Floral Bearers  
Nieces and Honorary Big '8" Sisterhood

Pall Bearers  
Nephews

Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge and thank each of you for the many comforting and kind thoughts and deeds that were shown to us during the illness and passing of our loved one, May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family of Ms. Elven 'Evelyn' Crawford



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Homegoing Celebration of  
Mrs. Elven 'Evelyn' Crawford

February 4, 1947 – July 31, 2025



Thursday  
August 7, 2025  
3:00 p.m.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
422 Carolina Avenue, Shelby, North Carolina  
Dr. M. Lamont Littlejohn, Pastor