

# Order of Service



Prelude  
Processional  
Officiating Minister  
Receiving of Friends  
Selection  
Scripture Reading  
    Old Testament  
    New Testament  
Prayer of Comfort  
Selection  
Poem/Reflections  
Selection  
Remarks (two minutes)

Acknowledgements  
Reading of Obituary  
Selection  
Eulogy  
Recessional Selection

## Interment

Cleveland Memorial Park Cemetery  
Shelby, North Carolina

## Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Women of Hoppers Chapel

## Pall Bearers

Grandsons

## Honorary Pall Bearers

Men of Hoppers Chapel

# Mama

*Even though we're grieving and we hate to let you go  
We know you're watching over us, smiling with a glow  
You lived a life of excellence and touched so many souls  
You instilled Christ in all of us and taught us the Godly way to go  
You left us with so many memories, and how love is the guide  
You're gently whispering to all of us, never ever forget,  
I'm always by your side.*

*Wear your crown Mama, and walk those streets of gold  
God knows you deserve it, as you slip on that beautiful white robe.  
Mama, we want to say thank you, for every sacrifice you made  
What a job well done, as we celebrate you today.  
You left us a legacy to be humble and always stay at peace  
God give us strength, as we try to fulfill your wish.  
Your life has spoken volumes, and there's nothing more to say  
Take your rest Mama, until we meet again one day.*

Carolyn Linder



## Acknowledgement

The family of Mother Ruthleen Norris Linder wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.

May God forever bless you.



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*Celebrating the Life and  
Honoring the Legacy of*

*Mother*  
**Ruthleen Norris Linder**



**RUTHLEEN NORRIS LINDER**

FEBRUARY 20, 1936 — AUGUST 20, 2025

Wednesday, August 27, 2025  
12:30 p.m.

Hoppers Chapel Baptist Church  
415 West Graham Street  
Shelby, North Carolina 28150  
Rev. Robert Coleman, Pastor

## A Life Well Lived

Ruthleen Norris Linder, also known as "Mother Linder", was a virtuous woman who fearlessly loved the Lord. She was born on February 20, 1936, in Chesnee, SC, to the late Nathaniel Norris and Elizabeth Gidney Norris.



After the loss of her parents at an early age, Ruthleen was lovingly raised by her grandmother, Nora Gidney, who played a significant role in nurturing her into the strong woman she became. She was educated in the Cherokee and Cleveland County School systems. Before becoming a homemaker, she was employed by Cone Mills.

Ruthleen was an integral part of Hoppers Chapel Baptist Church ministries; where she passionately served as a Prayer Intercessor, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School teacher, member of the choir, Women's Missionary, Pastor Aid, and outreach worker. She also served as a delegate to the Ebenezer Baptist Association. Her deep love for Christ was evident in all her interactions and she earned the affectionate nickname of 'Mother Linder'. This name was given to her for her unwavering dedication to the spiritual needs of others. She shared the Good News with everyone she met, touching countless lives with her evangelistic spirit.

In accordance with the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31:10-31, Ruthleen's life was marked by strength, dignity, and a steadfast commitment to her faith and family. As it is written, 'Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her' (Proverbs 31:28). Ruthleen's unwavering dedication to her family and her role as a devoted wife and mother was evident to all who knew her.

Ruthleen was preceded in death by her husband, James William Linder; son, Larry Linder; sisters, Nora Norris and Mae Catherine Linder; brothers, Raymond Norris, Ezra "June" Linder, and Walther Linder; nephews, Tim and Nathaniel Norris.

Ruthleen leaves behind a legacy of fond memories to her family to cherish including sons, Terry Linder (Tammy), Michael Linder (Carolyn), James Glenn Linder, all of Shelby; Stephen Linder (Dora) of Fort Mill, SC, and Chad Linder (Victoria) of Gastonia, NC; daughters, Cathy Linder Davis (Lawrence) of Shelby, NC, Loretta Canton (Mark) of Gastonia, NC, and Shawna Linder Johnson (Vincent) of Boiling Springs, NC. Her legacy extends to her grandchildren whom she warmly reared in love – Lakeshia Linder, Chastity Mitchell Minister Tyrez Linder (Marquita), Kadija Linder, Kayonna Linder, all of Shelby, NC, and Kaeleigha Linder of Winston Salem, NC and Khased Linder of Maiden, NC. She also leaves 40 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren; special cousin, Emma Norris; friends, Pastor Robert E. Coleman, Ronda Coleman, Ethel Shell, Annie Hickman, Mary Marable, and Rosa Williams; many nieces, nephews, and friends, who will carry her love and faith in Jesus' name throughout their lives.

Her passing leaves a profound void in the hearts of those who loved her. Yet, we take comfort in knowing that she has joined the heavenly choir, and her legacy of love and faith will continue to inspire us all. As we celebrate Ruthleen Norris Linder's remarkable life, we give thanks for the radiant light she has cast upon us all. Her unwavering faith, unfailing love, and commitment to serving others, has left an indelible mark on our hearts. Her legacy as a virtuous woman of God will live on, shining brightly in the lives of those who were privileged to know her.

