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Pall Bearers
 Nephews

WHY GOD CREATED GRANDMOTHERS

God created grandmothers so grandchildren could see an extra depth of caring running through the family.

He gave grandmothers kindness they in turn would give away through things they do, both big and small, and also things they say.

He made them warm and comforting, and, yet, the nicest part is all the special love He placed within a grandmother's heart.

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Camellia Wilfong Norris wishes to express our deepest gratitude for every act of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.



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In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Camellia Wilfong
Norris

April 8, 1940 - March 15, 2026

Saturday
 March 21, 2026
 4:00 p.m.

Palmer Grove Baptist Church
 Kingstown, North Carolina

Visitation

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Friends
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Donnie Thurman, Jr., Officiating

Congregational Hymn
"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

Scripture Reading
Matthew 5:3-20
Brianna Nicole Burrus

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. James L. Smith,
Palmer Grove Baptist Church
Pastor Emeritus, M.Div.

Selection
"Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"
Rev. James L. Smith

Funeral Sermon
Minister Ellysia Danielle Burrus

Recessional Selection
Interment

Palmer Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
Kingstown, North Carolina

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Her Journey

According to Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a, there is an appointed time for everything... a time to be born and a time to die...

Mrs. Camellia Wilfong Norris was born in Hickory, NC on April 8, 1940 to the late James Leroy and Lucille Linda Wilfong. On March 15, 2026, she took her last breath at the age of 85 in Rutherfordton, NC.

Camellia, known lovingly as 'Cam' by family and friends, was born and raised in Catawba County. Cam received her high school diploma from Central High School in Newton, NC. She relocated to Polkville, NC, after marrying her husband, the late Oscar Ted Norris. They raised a daughter, the late Angela Amelia Norris, whom they cherished and loved. After moving to what is now known as Kingstown, NC, in 1971, she turned what was just a house into a home filled with good food, hugs, laughter, love, style, and sweet tea.

Cam did domestic work before making a career at PPG. She demonstrated an outstanding work ethic earning perfect attendance awards for years! After retiring from PPG, Cam enjoyed her time attending Bible Study and Sunday service at Palmer Grove, *chatting* on the phone, planting flowers, **shopping**, spending time with **family** in Hickory, visiting with friends and neighbors, watching TV- her favorites being: shopping networks- HSN and QVC, WBTB-3 stories (soap operas); classic game shows, and Lifetime.

She was a woman who carried herself with class and style with an eye for accessorizing, decorating, and staying current in trends. She was caring, disciplined, hard-working, kind, resilient, strong, thoughtful, and would do anything to help her family and people she cared about.

Mrs. Camellia Wilfong Norris' gentle hugs, laugh, and "extended goodbyes" will be missed most by her eldest granddaughter. If you've ever been in conversation with Ms. Cam on the phone, or in person, you know most conversations ended with "bye-bye"; "call me when you make it home and let the phone ring twice so I know you made it"; "I'll call you back after while"; "I'll holler at you later"; "I'll see you later"; and "talk to you later"; various salutations all used in the same conversation because she always had one more thing to say or genuinely did not want the conversation or visit to end.

Every summer Cam and Ted kept their granddaughters as their daughter taught summer school. She always made sure there were Charms Blow Pops in stock that were enjoyed during their stay and were "passed out" as the girls were leaving; this also applied to holiday stays and/or weekend visits. Cam kept this tradition even for her great grands.

There is not enough space to say all one could say about Camellia Wilfong Norris. May her legacy of care, love, sense of importance and thoughtfulness she had for her family-which she showed and extended to everyone she knew-be remembered today and always!

Camellia was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Ted; six brothers, three sisters, and her daughter Angie.

She is survived by three sisters, Bettye Procope, Bertha Angel (Melvin), Shirley Nixon (Thomas), a special niece she always said was like a sister, Mary Frances Covington, all of Hickory, NC; three granddaughters, Ellysia Danielle Burrus of Kingstown, NC, Calinda Leigh Burrus of Gastonia, NC, and Brianna Nicole Burrus of Graham, NC; two great granddaughters, Cammie Abigail Burrus and Joy Valor Anderson of Gastonia, NC; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, beloved friends, in-laws, and neighbors whom she cared about dearly.

Lasting Memories

