

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard Him 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 that place at the close of day.

If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish 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 share with me  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author unknown



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Mac Arthur Ussery would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the many acts of love, kindness, and support shown to us during this difficult time.

A special thank you is sent to Elder Tim Austin and the Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church family for all your care and support.



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HOME GOING  
*Celebration*  
— FOR —  
MINISTER  
*Mac Arthur Ussery*

*Sunrise*  
JULY 12, 1954

*Sunset*  
APRIL 24, 2026

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026 AT 2 PM

PINE GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
833 WARLICK ROAD  
LAWNDALE, NORTH CAROLINA

ELDER TIM AUSTIN, PASTOR  
REV. CHARLES WEBBER, OFFICIATING  
MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

# LIFE'S JOURNEY

## MOMENTS OF SHARING

Prelude  
Processional  
Receiving of Friends 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister, Rev. Charles Webber

Selection	Congregation
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Rev. Dr. James Williams
New Testament	Rev. Dr. James Williams
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark
Selection	Congregation
Remarks (2 Minutes)	Dea. Paul Lawrence, Jr. Mrs. Linda Ruth Ussery Mr. Ray Ussery Evan. Annie Ussery Scott
Acknowledgements/Reading of Obituary	Evan. Annie Ussery Scott
Selection	Mr. Rahn Devin Scott
Words of Comfort	Rev. Charles Webber
Recessional Selection	Congregation

## INTERMENT

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery  
Lawndale, North Carolina



# LIFE'S JOURNEY



You have left our lives, but you will never leave our hearts.



## HIS JOURNEY

Mr. Mac Arthur Ussery, 71 of Shelby, NC, passed away on April 24, 2026 at White Oak Manor. He was the son of Annie Mae Ussery and the late Arthur Lee Ussery. He was born on July 12, 1954 in Cleveland County, NC.

A graduate of Burns High School, he was employed by many different companies, including at PPG as a machine operator; Lawndale Mills as a dolpher, City of Shelby as a maintenance worker, keeping the city looking beautiful; and at Comfort Chair as a manager of Shipping and Receiving. Mac also was a bus driver for the Cleveland County Girls' Club for many years. He completed his last 23 year employment track at Dixie Industrial as a truck driver. His work ethic was one of awesome proportions.

Mac Arthur was known to be an all around great person. He was a wonderful husband and father; always taking care of his family and making sure they were provided for. He protected the family from any insecurity, a trait he took from his father. He was fun loving, a jokester, who would always make you laugh. He was the Fred Sanford comedian, quoting the famous line, "I'm coming to join you Elizabeth". Even as the funny man of the family, he was a strict disciplinarian and stern father.

Mac Arthur was a "fly" dresser, being dressed from head to toe. His shoes were spit shined and clean. He loved washing cars, keeping them clean as a button. He was a lover of the Lord—reading his Bible every day. He studied his Bible day and night, asking his family to provide him with index cards and highlighters to help him study. He started his Christian journey at Walls Memorial Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. While there God called him into the ministry and he served as a minister at Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church until his health declined. He also served in ministry at New Covenant for a period of time. Even after his service to the church, he continued his ministry from the phone, calling others to minister to their spirits and to save souls, and speaking with his best friend Sonny Lawrence daily.

He was a Dallas Cowboy fan and he loved his dogs – Colossha, Poppy, and Dusty. The dogs constantly followed him around the house, even napping with him. He loved playing gospel music on his guitar and visiting his brother in law to sing songs of praise. His favorite musicians were Lee Williams and the Mighty Clouds of Joy. He was known as Barry White and was nicknamed DJ Smooth for the Tom Foolery Gameroom. He was a master pool shark and loved playing polka with his family and friends.

In addition to his father, Arthur Lee Ussery, he was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Sam and Hannah Clark; paternal grandparents, Earnest and Elizabeth Ussery; brother, Carl Franklin Ussery; and special friend, Sonny Lawrence.

He leaves to cherish precious memories to his wife of 51 years, Shirley Brewton Ussery of the home; mother, Annie Mae Ussery of Lawndale, NC; children, Mack Jr. and Elbony Brewton Peeler (Lamar), both of Shelby, NC, and Constanza Shondelmeyer (Bill) of Cranberry, PA ; sister, Evangelist Annie Ussery Scott of Spartanburg, SC; grandchildren, Avion Pressley and Zariah Pressley; special uncles, Ray Ussery , Roy Ussery (Sarah), and EJ Ussery; aunts, Lilly Ruth Clark, Julia C. Smith, Lilly Sanford Clark, and Martha Clark; brother in law Steve Brewton; special cousins, Reid Lawrence, George Washington Clark, and Linda Ruth Ussery; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## LOVING MEMORIES

