



Flower Bearers - Granddaughters and Nieces
Pall Bearers - Grandsons and Nephews

'God Saw You Getting Tired'

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be
So he put His arms around you
And He whispered, 'Come to me'.

With tearful eyes we watched you,
As you slowly slipped away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Frances & Kathleen Ceolho

Acknowledgement

The family of Mrs. Ossie Mae Oates appreciates all who joined us in honoring a beautiful life and helping our family feel less alone through shared compassion and understandings. Your presence and heartfelt words, kindness and sympathy have brought warmth and reassurance to our family when we needed it most. Thank you and may God bless you.



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Moments of Sharing

Prelude
 Processional
 Receiving of Friends.....10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Order of Service

Officiating Minister, Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark

SelectionMs. Sharetta Key

Scripture Reading
 Old Testament.....Pastor David Webber
 New Way Missionary Baptist Church

New Testament.....Pastor Tim Wilson
 Emmanuel Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Gregory Floyd
 Vestibule AME Zion Church

SelectionCongregation

Remarks.....Mr. Marquis Oates

Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary.....Silently

SelectionCongregation

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Frank Robbs
 Focus Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

Interment
 Washington MBC Cemetery
 Shelby, North Carolina

A Life Well Lived



Mrs. Ossie Mae Oates, 87, of Waco, NC, departed this life on April 30, 2026, at Peak Resources of Cherryville, NC. She was born July 20, 1938 in Cleveland County, NC and was the eldest daughter of the late James Bruce Parker and Frances Hosch Parker Grier.

Ossie graduated in 1957 from Washington High School in Waco, NC. Ossie worked for Carlton Yarn and for Doran Mills until she retired to become a full time grandmother. She was a member of Washington Missionary Baptist Church.

Ossie thoroughly enjoyed playing Bingo, scratching lottery tickets, and chatting on the phone. She never failed to make you laugh with her quick witted humor and she had a contagious laugh that could fill the room. She also enjoyed gardening and seeing the fruits of her labor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Max Gardner Oates; son, Duane Bouvier Oates; brother, James Everett Parker; and sisters, Vera Lillian Parker and Elizabeth Ann Reid.

Treasured memories live on through her remaining children, Marquis Oates (Cathy) of Charlotte, NC, Kevin Oates (Goldie) of Shelby, NC, Vanchon Oates (Sandra) of Charlotte, NC, Tracy Oates and Nikki Colley (Todd), both of Shelby, NC; five grandchildren; eight grandchildren; and a multitude of family and friends.

