



**Mr. Thomas Ervin Ross**, 69, departed this life on May 7, 2026 at Atrium Health Cleveland in Shelby, NC. He was born on April 29, 1957 in Cleveland County, NC and was the eldest child of the late Robert and Melvina Wilson Ross.

“Ervin”, as he was known to most, grew up in the Waco community surrounded by lots of extended family. He was a member of Washington Missionary Baptist Church where he joined as a youth and was currently serving as a Trustee and Usher.

He was a graduate of Burns High School and excelled in football and basketball. His love for sports continued into adulthood with participation with several area industrial basketball leagues and becoming a youth football coach.

Upon graduation from high school, Ervin left the familiar surroundings of Waco after his decision to enlist in the military. He served honorably in the Army and continued to serve in the National Guard. After his active duty, he remained in Rhode Island, for several years before relocating back to N.C. Ervin would eventually obtain his Commercial Driver’s License (C.D.L.) and work with Dedmon Trucking for a time before working with his father in the family business, Ross and Sons. Later, he became engaged in the concrete business and was employed with Shelby Concrete, until retiring.

Ervin was a caring person but could be stubborn at the same time. He was known as a “straight shooter” who had a big heart and was always willing to help and assist those who needed it. His pastimes included being a diehard San Francisco 49’ers fan, cutting grass, planting flowers, and playing cards.

In addition to his parents, Robert and Melvina Wilson Ross, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Melvin Ross and Charles Ross and a niece, Faith Webber.

Left to cherish fond memories of him are his wife, Levonda Glenn Ross; a son, Timothy Ervin Ross of Providence, RI; a grandson, Joseph Malone also of Providence, RI; a sister, Audrey Webber (Rev. Dr. Charles Webber) of Shelby, NC; brothers, Ronald Ross (Brenda) of Shelby, Douglas Ross (Linda) of Charlotte, NC and Pastor Vincent Ross (Lakita) of Gastonia, NC; bonus children, Ron Odom of Shelby, Lanisha Odom and Darryl Woods, Jr. all of Shelby, Atalie Ager of Charlotte, NC, Brandy Smith (Quantrel) of Belmont, NC and Calvin Stroud of the home; aunts, Evelyn Haynes, Annie Sue Wilson and Josephine Hunt; uncles, Robert Wilson, Jersey Wilson and Joseph Ross (Jessie); two great-aunts, Ruby Mackey and Carolyn Wilson; fathers and mother-in-law, Donald and Lillian Glenn and James Weaver; sisters-in-law, Mary Ross, Tonya Glenn Hall (Jimmy), Donyelle Glenn, Shatina Watkins and Yolanda Gaston; a brother-in-law, Steve Fuller; sister/cousin, Bendatra McDowell; and a host of bonus grandchildren and great-grandchildren nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



# MOMENTS OF SHARING

Prelude  
Processional  
Receiving of Friends.....10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Selection .....Mr. Cory Ross  
"Come On in the Room"

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament.....Rev. Vincent Ross  
New Testament.....Rev. Denorris Byers  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Billy Houze  
Selection .....Mr. Devin McLaughlin  
"I'll Make It"

Remarks (Two Minutes).....Mr. Scottie Webber  
Mr. Reginald Ward  
Mr. Robert Williams  
Mr. Douglas Ross

Acknowledgements  
Solo .....Minister Kristie Littlejohn  
"God Is"

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark, Sr.  
Recessional Selection

## INTERMENT

Washington MBC Cemetery  
Shelby, North Carolina

## FLOWER BEARERS

Nieces

## PALL BEARERS

Nephews

## 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 family, 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*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Thomas "Ervin" Ross wishes to express our sincere thanks 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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