



Flower Bearers

Nieces and Friends

Honorary Flower Bearers

Deaconesses and Missionaries
of Waddell Chapel
A.M.E Zion Church

Pall Bearers

Phillip Watson
Carlos Deal
Nephews

Honorary Pall Bearers

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*God saw the road was getting rough
The hills so hard to climb
He gently closed her loving eyes
And whispered "Peace Be Thine"*

*Her days of toil, her nights of pain
The weary hours are past
Her ever patient, worn out frame
Has found peace at last*

Acknowledgements

The family of Ms. Lallage McConnell Carouthers,
thank you for caring and sharing during this
difficult time. Mere words are inadequate
to express our gratitude for all that you have done.

May God bless you, one and all.

In lieu of flowers,
memorial donations may be made to
Waddell Chapel A.M.E Church
in her memory.

CELEBRATION OF *Life* FOR

Ms. Lallage Mc Connell Carouthers



December 28, 1936 - August 5, 2026

Friday, August 14, 2026
12 O'clock Noon

Waddell Chapel A.M.E Zion Church

314 Buffalo Street
Shelby, North Carolina

Reverend A. Jamel Farley, Pastor

Her Journey Lallage McConnell Carouthers



Lallage McConnell Carouthers, born December 28, 1936 in Cleveland County, North Carolina, was the daughter of the late John Henry and Ollie Mae McConnell. Raised in Grover and Shelby's Shoal Creek community, she often remembered picking cotton beside her mother and praying that God would deliver her from the cotton patch. She was called to her heavenly home on August 5, 2026.

A gifted student, she graduated valedictorian of Camp High School in 1953 and went on to attend Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Charlotte. She began her nursing career at segregated Shelby Hospital, where, at age 21, she became head nurse of the Drew Wing.

In 1968, Mrs. Carouthers became the first Black nursing instructor at what is now Cleveland Community College. Known for her high standards, compassion, and no nonsense approach to teaching, she helped prepare generations of nurses. She later earned her BSN from UNC Charlotte in 1986.

Her lifelong commitment to service included volunteer nursing and board leadership with Hospice of Cleveland County, service with the Council on Aging, and later volunteering with Via Health Partners.

A woman of deep faith, she was a devoted member of Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church, serving in numerous leadership and ministry roles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Ollie Mae McConnell; her husband, Bill Carouthers; her sister, Velma Nance; and other beloved family members.

She will be deeply missed by her devoted daughter, Stephanie Kelly of Waxhaw, North Carolina; special friends, Frances Jackson, Rev. Dennis and Mrs. Belle McCleave, Jamie Cicali, and Sandra Ross; along with nieces, nephews, extended family, former students, friends, and the many lives she touched through a lifetime of service.

Her life was centered on God, family, and community, and she gave generously to all three.

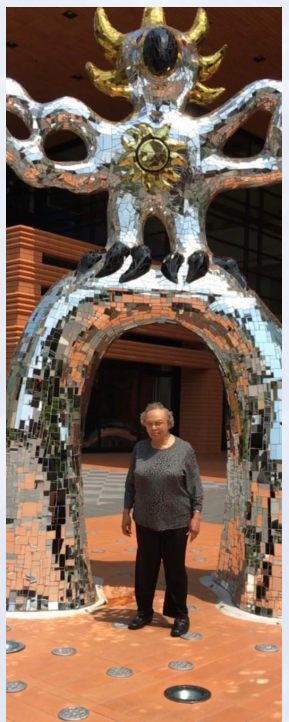
Well done, good and faithful servant.

Matthew 25:23



FOREVER IN OUR
HEARTS





Order of Service

Officiant - Rev. Nellie Kirkland

Prelude

Minister Tony Gillion

Processional

Clergy and Family

Call to Order

Rev. Jamal Farley

Congregational Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Old Testament Scripture

Rev. Stephen Wingate
Psalm 23
Mount Vernon AME Zion Church, Statesville, NC

New Testament Scripture

Rev. Dennis McCleave, Retired
John 14:1-3, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, and
1 Corinthians 13:13

Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. D. Scott Cunningham
Marvin AME Zion Church, Marvin NC

Choral Selection

"What Are They Doing Up in Heaven Today"

Reading of her Story

"From the Cotton Patch to Glory" by SK
Ms. Betty Marrow-Taylor

Remarks (3 minutes each)

Mr. Robert Miller (Church)
Ms. Myra McGinnis (Community)
Mrs. C'Andra Deal (Friend)

Acknowledgements

Ms. Betty Marrow-Taylor

Solo

Ms. Trina Kimble
"Trust in God"

Eulogy

Rev. A. Jamel Farley, Pastor
Waddell Chapel AME Zion Church

Nightingale Tribute

Atrium Health Nurses Honor Guard

Recessional

"Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah

Interment

Webb Memorial Lawns

Repast after interment at the church

THE BEGINNING



TREASURED MEMORIES

