

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating Minister, Rev. Chadrick Roseboro, Sr.

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Friends
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Call to Worship
Rev. Chadrick Roseboro Sr.

Selection
Mountain View Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Reading

Old Testament
Rev. Dr. Titus Hopper

New Testament
Rev. James Littlejohn

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Esther Littlejohn

Remarks
Life Enrichment Center Shelby, NC

Reading of Obituary
Rev. Dr. Titus Hopper

Acknowledgements
Dr. Chavis Gash

Selection
Mountain View Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort
Rev. Chadrick Roseboro Sr.

Recessional Selection
“I’ll Fly Away”

Interment

Philadelphia United Methodist Church Cemetery



FLORAL BEARERS

Nieces

PALL BEARERS

Nephews

Weep Not For Me

*Weep not for me though I have gone into that gentle night.
Grieve if you will, but not for long.
Upon my soul’s sweet flight.*

*I am at peace, my soul’s at rest.
There is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed.
For all those many years.*

*There is no pain, I suffer not.
The fear is now all gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I live on.*

*Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife.
Please do not dwell upon my death.
But celebrate my life.*

Acknowledgements

The family of Jessie Lee Hopper wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness shown during this difficult time.

And special thanks to his caregiver, Gregory Miller, who provided exceptional care for him during the highs and lows during the last two years of his life.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



JESSIE LEE
Hopper

MAY 7, 1933 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
11:00 AM

LAWNDALE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
129 DOUGLAS STREET
LAWNDALE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. CHADRICK ROSEBORO, SR.
PASTOR



JESSIE LEE HOPPER

Jessie Lee Hopper was the fourth child born to David and Dennie Hopper on May 7, 1933. Jessie departed this life on September 10, 2026 at his home.

He would often talk about plowing the fields with a mule and getting water from the creek on the Spangler Farm located in Double Shoals area, where he grew up and attended the nearby Ramseur School during that time. Jessie was always an achiever. In his later school years, he attended Douglas High, where he met his high school sweetheart Vernie Mae Hoyle.

Jessie left high before he graduated and enlisted in the US Army where he served in the Korean War from 1953-1955. Shortly after he returned home from the military, Jessie went back to school and got his high school diploma and married his high school sweetheart. Jessie worked on the farm and they later moved into a one bedroom house on Cline Farm off Philadelphia Road.

Jessie and Vernie produced two children, a boy and a girl. Later, Jessie applied for better paying jobs and he was hired by PPG Industries due to his military background. He used his military bill to build a house for his family in the Philadelphia Community. For over 25 years Jessie's hard work and dedication at PPG Industries resulted in him becoming the first black security guard at the plant. Afterwards he would work in the warehouse for Doran Textiles until their closing.

Jessie always enjoyed vacationing with his family during the summertime where he loved to drive his cars to visit family members in other states and after the kids left home, he and his wife continued the tradition of vacationing. Later he bought the Hamilton farm where he raised pigs and cows and farmed the land. Jessie was not ready to retire when he reached retirement age and was later hired by TACC as a transport driver where he was employed for nearly six years. Jessie wanted to stay busy and his daughter helped him apply for a short term government program, so he was hired as a part-time custodial attendant at the Life Enrichment Center which would be his last job.

Jessie received several awards during his lifetime for his outstanding performance. He was also musically inclined and self taught. He enjoyed playing his guitar, singing, and playing the piano, often playing a mixture of gospel and blues tunes. He sang in the Men's choir at Philadelphia Methodist Church and also played the piano at the former Emmanuel AME Church in Lawndale, NC. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in his earlier years.

Shortly after his wife passed in 2016, Jessie was so distorted and filled with grief that his son and daughter enrolled him in the Daycare Program at the Life Enrichment Center where he continued playing his music. They became his new family for over 10 years until his passing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of over 60 years Vernie Mae Hopper; son Jesse Gralin Hopper; seven brothers, Nathaniel Hopper, Benjamin Hopper, William Hopper, David Hezekiah Hopper, Earnest Hopper, Leonard Hopper, and Verlie Hopper; sister Dorothy Walls; and son-in-law Charles Gash.

Left to mourn are daughters Teresa Charlene Gash of Lawndale, NC and Joyce (Johnny Lee) Ruff of Morganton NC; sister Edahlia Schenck of Shelby NC; three grandchildren, Calandra McKnight (Curtis) of Lawndale, NC; Calvin Gash (Crystal) and Chavis Gash of Shelby, NC; six great grandchildren, Hassem and Johari McKnight of Lawndale, NC; Colasha Smith of Gastonia, NC and Rasilyn Smith of Kings Mountain NC; Jasmine Starnes (Dorien) of Cherryville, NC, and Calvin Charles Gash of Shelby NC; three great grandchildren, Cerain Glen of Gastonia, NC; Londyn Starnes of Cherryville, NC, and Khei'ori McKnight of Lawndale, NC; sisters-in-law; Marilyn Littlejohn of Lawndale, NC and Thelma Hoyle of Gastonia, NC; special friend, Maggie Carson of Shelby, NC; and a host of family and friends.

LASTING MEMORIES

