

# *Memories of You*

*They say memories are golden  
well maybe that is true.  
We never wanted memories,  
We only wanted you.  
A million times we needed you,  
a million times we've cried.  
If love alone could have saved you  
you never would have died.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we love you still.  
In our hearts you hold a place  
no one can ever fill.  
If tears could build a stairway  
and heartache make a lane,  
We'd walk the path to heaven  
to bring you back again.  
Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.*

## Acknowledgement

The Family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during their hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

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# *A Celebration of Life*



## Joan Petty Slade

**Saturday, June 22, 2024  
12:00 pm**

**Ulysess D. Miller Funeral Chapel  
485 Poors Ford Road  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina  
Rev. Carol Davis, Officiating**

# Joan Petty Slade

Joan Slade of Woodbridge, Virginia transitioned from this earthly life on June 5, 2024. Joan was born December 10, 1947 in Rutherford County, North Carolina to James Richmond Petty and Lillian Myrtle Boyce Petty.

Joan received an Associate Degree from Isothermal Community College and continued receiving achievement awards and certificates throughout her career.

Joan was employed by the US Government's National Weather Service (NWS) under National Oceanics Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where she led a team of technicians assigned to build weather station computer systems and traveled across the country deploying the systems at various Airports across the country. Joan enjoyed building and repairing computers and continued searches of genealogy articles. One of her cherished accomplishments was home-schooling her nephew.

Joan had a larger than life giving heart. She would have me stop traffic while she wrestled through her purse to find money to give to panhandlers.

Joan was deeply rooted in strong family ties where she would religiously discover and visit grave sites of family members in cemeteries throughout the Tri-city area.

Joan loved cross-country travel by road/vacations as she would always accompany me on business conferences across the US and Canada.

Joan is preceded in death by her parents, James Richmond Petty and Lillian Myrtle Boyce Petty; five brothers, James Petty, Jr., Rev. Joe Lee Petty, Eugene Petty, Boyce Petty, Joseph Louis Petty; two sisters, Anna Petty Packnett, Kathy Mae Petty; grandparents, George Fletcher Boyce, Loretta Scott Boyce, and James Petty and Mamie Camp; great-grandparent, Thomas Scott, Clara Michael Scott, William Boyce and Charlotte Boyce,

She leaves behind to celebrate her life, her husband, Billy Slade; one son, Clifton Simpson, of Pelham, NC, two granddaughters, Trinity Simmons of Greensboro, NC and Candi Simpson of Charlotte, NC; two brothers, Melvine Petty, David Petty (Chona); two nieces, and a host of other relatives and friends.



## Order of Service

Processional.....	Family and Clergy
Congregational Song	
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Deacon Omar Turner
New Testament .....	Reverend Arnie Twitty
Prayer of Comfort .....	Apostle Beverly Gray
Solo.....	Jewanda Turner
Poem .....	Dezirae Petty
Obituary.....	Silently
Remarks .....	2 minute please
Solo.....	Jewanda Turner
Eulogy .....	Reverend Carol Davis
	Well Spring UMC , Forest City, NC
Recessional	

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