

Pallbearers
Nephews

Flower Bearers
Nieces

A repast will take place following the service, in the Fellowship Hall of St. John Missionary Baptist Church.



Together again

Thank You

The family extends heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support during this difficult time. Your care and compassion mean the world to us. Special thanks to Pastor Kelly and the St. John Missionary Baptist Church family.

Funeral Services Entrusted to:

Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Services, LLC
"We are the voice of comfort in your hour of grief."
485 Poors Ford Road, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

In Loving Memory



Velma Dianne Freeman McCurry

November 18, 1946 - May 19, 2025

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Viewing: 12 noon – Funeral Service: 1:00pm

Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Services
485 Poors Ford Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Rev. Edgar L. Waters, Jr., Presiding

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation

Rev. Edgar L. Waters, Jr.

Musical Selection

Because He Lives

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Michelle Gordon
Psalms 27: 1-14 / Psalm 139: 1-11

New Testament - Tyrone Freeman
Romans 8: 1-4, 24-28

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Theodore Kelly

Selection

Min. Sheila Francis

Reflections & Resolutions

Family & Friends
(2 min. per person)

Poetry Reading

Rhonda Gordon

Reading of Obituary

Silent Reading

Musical Selection

Anthony Jackson

Eulogy

Rev. Gary Montgomery

Benediction

Pastor Theodore Kelly

Recessional

Going Up Yonder

Committal

Rev. Gary Montgomery, Presiding Officer
St. John Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
194 St. Johns Church Rd, Lake Lure, NC 28746

Obituary

Velma Dianne Freeman McCurry was born on November 18, 1946 in Lake Lure, NC and transitioned from this life on Monday, May 19, 2025, leaving a sorrowful family to mourn her.

Dianne joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church after being baptized at an early age. She became a member of Mt. Pleasant CME Church when she married the late Edwin (Perrell) McCurry, and later returned to St. John where she eagerly participated in all areas of church life.

Dianne attended Carver High School in Spindale, NC and matriculated to Barber Scotia College in Concord, NC where she earned a bachelor's degree in History.

Dianne was employed at Aetna Life Insurance Company of Hartford, CT as a Contract Consultant from 1968 until retirement in 1992. Upon returning to Lake Lure, she was employed by A&E Products Company in Forest City as a Personnel Supervisor from 1992 until her second retirement in 2001.

Dianne's favorite pastimes included reading, gardening, traveling, listening to jazz and cooking for her family. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the VFW Post, volunteered regularly at the Mary B. Mullen Bible Camp, where she organized and prepared food for fundraising activities, and served as Treasurer of the Bills Creek Fire Department for over 15 years, where she was also a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. A philanthropist at heart, Dianne donated generously to various charities, such as the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She volunteered with Helping Hands, and also had a profound respect for veterans, putting flags on their graves in St. John's cemetery for Veterans Day and Memorial Day for over 30 years.

Dianne was married to the late Perrell McCurry and was preceded in death by her parents, Max and Hannah Freeman and two brothers, Stanley and Thurl. She leaves to mourn two sisters, Brenda and Yvonne (Richard) of Lake Lure; two brothers, Eric (Sharon) and Earl of Lake Lure; nieces and nephews, Tyrone, Arnold, Donald, Marcella, Edward, Eldon, Michelle, Rhonda, Richard (Christina), Kensha, Rachel, Kameron (Whitney) and Keith; grandnieces and grandnephews, Brianna, Hannah, Gabriel, Josh, Aaron, Kingston, Karson, Kannon, Kyree, Kyson, Khaliyah, Vivian, Grayson, Ellington and Ella; and numerous cousins, friends and loved ones.