

Dessie Mae Moore Sheppard

Dessie Mae Moore Sheppard, 83, peacefully entered eternal life on March 15, 2026, at her residence surrounded by her loved ones, leaving behind a lifetime of love, memories, and laughter.

Born on August 29, 1942, in Polk County, NC, Dessie was the daughter of the late Ralph Moore and Dovie “Ganny” Miller Moore. She was raised with strong family values, a deep respect for hard work, and a gift for making others laugh and feel her warmth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Sheppard, Sr.; her daughter, Dorothy Sheppard; and her siblings, Clarence Moore, Cathrine Moore, Pauline Moore, Betty-Jean Moore, and Ralph “June” Moore Jr.

She is survived by her sister, Dorothy Moore; her children Kathy Sheppard Martin, Bobby Sheppard, Adam W. Sheppard (Catherine) and Robert L. Sheppard, Jr. and a bonus daughter in law Tenisha Sheppard grandchildren Sterling Sheppard (Shatara), Michael Sheppard, Adam D. Sheppard “Trey”, Earl Bates Jr., Krystal Bates El-amin (Bayan), Ashley Bates, Charlene Sheppard, Shaniqua Sheppard, Robert Sheppard, Lacie Boykins; and 18 great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.



Order of Service

Rev. Phil Forney, Officiating

Prelude
Processional
Scripture Reading
Old Testament.....Becky Nesbitt
New Testament.....Latay Hannon-Stripling
Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Sarah Taylor
Remarks(Respectfully under 2 minutes)
PoemGloria Whiteside
Obituary.....Silent Reading
Musical SelectionRev. Arnie Twitty
Eulogy.....Rev. Arnie Twitty
Closing Prayer..... Rev. Arnie Twitty
Committal
Musical Selection.....The Church of The Living God
Recessional

Interment

Wheat Creek Baptist Church
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Repast

Wheat Creek Baptist Church

Pallbearers

Sterling Sheppard, Michael Sheppard, Shawn Moore,
Tyquan Bates, Robert L. Sheppard, Jakias Austin

Floral Bearers

Connie Massey, Krystal Bates, Ashley Bates
Charlene Sheppard, Shaniqua Sheppard, Khia Sheppard,
Paris Sheppard, Shatara Sheppard,
Latay Hannon-Stripling, Lacie Boykins



Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room—
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long,
And not with your head bowed low;
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me—but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone;
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds—
Miss me but let me go.

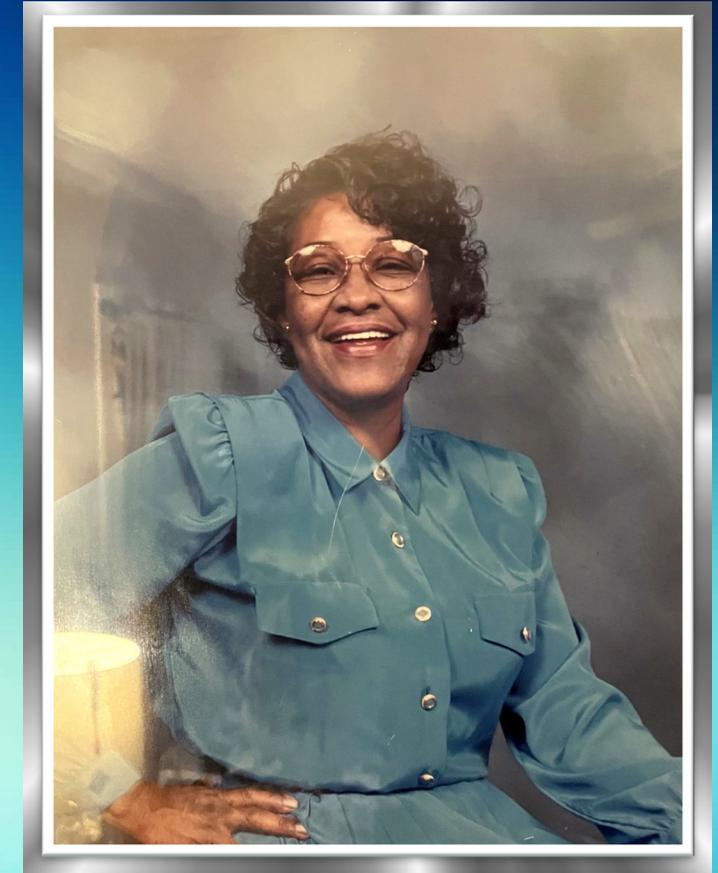


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Celebrating the Life of Dessie Mae Moore Sheppard

August 29, 1942 – March 15, 2026



Saturday March 21, 2026
2:00 pm

Ulysses D. Miller Funeral Chapel
485 Poors Ford Road
Rutherfordton, North Carolina, 28139

Rev. Phil Forney, Officiating