



She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone
Or you can smile because she has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember her and only that she is gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what she would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



The family acknowledges with deep gratitude, all expressions of love and comfort in the form of cards, phone calls, visits and most of all, your prayers during this tremendous time of sadness.

May the Lord's blessings be upon you.

The Family of Ms. Tracey Killian Farley

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A Celebration of Life for Ms. Tracey Renee Killian *Farley*



A Legacy of Love

**Providence Missionary Baptist Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina**

**August 4, 2023
12:00 Noon**

Celebration of Life for Ms. Tracey Renee Killian Farley

Order of Service

Rev. Tabitha Stanback, Officiant

Rev. Tamara Hardin, Eulogist

Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship

Rev. Tabitha Stanback

Choral Selection "Lord, Keep Me Day By Day"

Rev. Lenora Golden

Old Testament Scripture

Rev. Michael Hill

New Testament Scripture

Rev. Nellie Kirkland

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Joey Williams

Choral Selection

Combined Choir

Acknowledgements and Remarks (Three Minutes Please)

Mr. Gary Ford, Georgetown Community

Mr. James Herndon, Herndon Chapel AME Zion Church

Nita Grace, Friend

Jim Poston, Friend

Kimberly Ramseur, Friend

Choral Selection

"I'll Press On"

Min. Debra Ransom

Eulogy

Rev. Tamara Hardin, Niece

Choral Selection

"What Are they doing up in Heaven"

Recessional

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery

Honorary Flower Girls - Jackie Herndon, Kimberley Ramseur, Renee Friday

Flower Girls - Selma McClain, Malesha Dixon, Monique Alexander, Shanna Ramseur, Rita Thompson, Betty Patterson, Althena Friday, Marlene Dillard

Honorary Pall Bearers-James Herndon, Jim Poston, Todd Farley

Pall Bearers - Trey Finger, Corey Nixon, Cheron Farley, Reco Friday, Tlesia Mims, Demitric Wilson



Life Reflections

1 Peter 5:11 declares that "after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you".

The "Death Angel" spread its wings and took flight to Carolina Caring on Friday, July 28, 2023. The angel saw a servant who was tired and perhaps growing weary. So, the Death Angel said to this servant, "the Lord has sent for you". Eternity not permitting farewells to loved ones, this faithful servant whispered, "Lord I am ready". So, Tracey Farley was confirmed, strengthened, and established above the heavens in her new home in glory!

Tracey was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on April 12, 1962, to the late Haywood and Karah Covington Killian. She was the middle child of the Killian bunch and the most outspoken one of them all! Tracey was a dedicated worker and friend to all those that she encountered. She was a former detention officer with the Lincoln County Sheriff Department for many years and worked for the State of North Carolina for over 18 years within various juvenile detention centers as a juvenile counselor. Like her mother, she loved cutting grass and always loved a good piece of candy, for she always had a stash of Red Hots, Hot Tamales, Reese Cups, Circus Peanuts, Air Heads and Cherry Gumballs!

As a Christian and devoted member of Herndon Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, she served in any capacity that was needed. Unlike the other woman in her family, Tracey was not the Betty Crocker, but was a meticulous cleaner and hoarder of cleaning supplies. Whatever toiletries you needed, all you had to do was stop by Tracey's Home store and she would hook you right on up!

From an early start as a Lincolnton High School alumnus, Tracey is fondly known for her radiant smile, direct personality, and determination as she was never wavered or bothered. She was a cheerleader, teacher's aide, and played basketball in junior and senior high. She mirrored those same qualities throughout her life and became a mother to many workers and juveniles that needed to hear the truth no matter how it made you feel! On any given day, you could hear the melodious echoes of Barry White, Tina Turner, Tony! Toni! Toné, Luther Vandross, and the Gap Band playing for she was a lover of old school music. Being very loquacious, she would call anyone and everyone 100 times just to see what you were doing and would end every conversation with the word "WELL"!

She leaves behind a legacy of love for all who knew and loved her. Those left to cherish those memories are two sons; Marcus Farley of Denver, NC, and Anthony "Jamel" Farley (Tamikka) of Lawndale, NC; Four Brothers: Rick Killian of Asheville, NC, Mark "Pete" Killian (Anita), Christopher Killian (Danielle) and Thomas Phelps, all of Lincolnton, NC, a sister; Robin Little (Melvin) of Cherryville, NC aunts; Johnnie Mae Covington of Denver, NC, and Rev. Lenora Golden of Lincolnton, NC, three grandchildren; Marcus Farley Jr., Traegen Middlebrooks, and Mariah Farley; a goddaughter, Shanna Ramseur, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and very special friends, Jim Poston, Kimberly Ramseur, Nita Grace, Malisha Dixon, Renata Towles, Selma McClain, and all her co-workers in the NC Juvenile Justice System. She also leaves behind her beloved fur baby, Domino Farley.