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Loved*



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Remember Me

*Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter,
We've shared throughout the years.
Now I am contented.
That my life it was worthwhile,
Knowing that I passed along the way
I made somebody smile.
When you are walking down the street
And you got me on your mind,
I'm walking in your footsteps
Only half a step behind.
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I'm out of sight,
Remember that I'm with you
Each morning, noon and night.*

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*Celebrating The Life
of
Erlene Smith Howard*



March 1, 1956 – February 14, 2024

Saturday, February 24, 2024
1:00 P.M.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
Denver, North Carolina
Rev. Betty Brown, Pastor
Elder Mildred Maddox, Eulogist

ORDER OF SERVICE

Rev. Betty Brown, Officiating



Prelude	
Processional	Clergy & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	12:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Words of Grace	Rev. Betty Brown
Greetings	Rev. Betty Brown
Hymn of Praise	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus” #526
Old Testament Reading	Psalm 23 Minister Shawn Forney
New Testament Reading	John 14:1-7 Rev. Roberta Coulter
Selection	Sister Kathy Brooks
Prayer of Comfort	Elder Michelle Forney
Selection	Brother Larry Pope
Remarks	Brother Eric Torrence
Obituary Reading	<i>Silently with soft music</i>
Selection	Mrs. Daphne Ingram
Eulogy	Elder Mildred Maddox
Call To Discipleship	Rev. Betty Brown
Recessional Selection	“I’ll Fly Away”

Committal/Interment
Beatties Ford Memorial Garden
Charlotte, North Carolina



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Life Reflections

Erlene Smith Howard entered the world on March 1, 1956. She was born in Iredell County, North Carolina to the late Robert Smith and Ruby Sherrill Smith. She departed this life on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

Erlene graduated from West Charlotte High School. She was a life member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. She served faithfully with the United Methodist Women, the Usher Board and volunteered in the Kitchen. Erlene would lend a hand wherever needed. She worked at Christian Ministry as a Retail Clerk in Cherryville, North Carolina for many years.

Erlene was humble, loving and kind. She was very family oriented and devoted. Her home was always open to those in need. Evidence of her kindness were the many deeds she did to assist her family, friends and neighbors. She will be sorely missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Howard and four siblings, Robert Smith, Jr., Earnest Smith, Brenda K. Smith and Betty Jean Smith.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of her sons, Brandon Howard and Corey Howard both of Denver, North Carolina; one brother, Edward Smith of Charlotte, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Jalyn Howard, Kayla Howard, Amara Howard, Jamaal Howard, a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

