

# Order of Service

Officiating Minister, Rev. Michael Stokes

Processional	Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends	12:30 P.M.-1:00 P.M.
Call to Worship	Rev. Michael Stokes
Selection	Angie Charles & Kelly Ross
Old Testament Reading	Evangelist Gail Edwards
New Testament Reading	Minister James Setzer, Jr.
Prayer of Comfort	Apostle James Setzer
Selection	Angie Charles & Kelly Ross Mrs. Monica Lynch Mr. Horace Reeves
Remarks	Mr. Robert Nixon
Selection	Angie Charles & Kelly Ross
Eulogy	Apostle Delphine Moore
Recessional Selection	Combined Choirs

Committal/Internment  
Hollybrook Cemetery  
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Repast  
1201 Catawba Street  
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Floral Bearers  
Tamika McGill, Brandie Evans, Taisa Cureton  
Monica Lynch, Moriah Ross , Kelly Ross  
Kennephine McGill

Pall Bearers  
Isaiah Lewis, Xavier Lewis, Ahijah Burris,  
Eddie Baker, Andre Nixon, Christian Nixon



## Life Reflections

Elder Mary Jo “Penny” Nixon Burris of Lincolnton was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on December 2, 1947, to the late Kemp Battle Nixon and Dorothy Lee Glover Nixon. In her quiet manner she transitioned peacefully on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, North Carolina.

Mary received her formal education at Newbold High School and Gaston College receiving her GED. She retired from the Timken Company in 2017 after forty years of service. Elder Burris was a charter and dedicated member of Tabernacle of Blessings under the leadership of Apostle Delphine Moore. She served on the Mother Board, Intercessory Prayer Team, Church Executive and Board Member. She also was a Bible Study Teacher.

Mary was affectionately called Penny by her family and friends. She was a quiet and loving woman of God. She will be sorely missed by her family, church family, the community and her friends. She was active as a Silver Sneakers Member at Rock Fitness in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Mary married the love of her life, Burben Lee Burris, Jr. on December 10, 1978 and to this union four children were born.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Regina Burris, her brothers, David Lee Nixon, Danny Nixon, Edward Nixon; three grandchildren, Ariana Roberts, Kambrien Eaves and Treasure Burris.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of her husband, Burben Lee Burris, Jr. of the home; one son, Timothy Burris of Lincolnton, NC; three daughters, Ishma Alexander (Gregory) of Salisbury, NC; Teresa N. Burris of Lincolnton, NC; Shereka Brinkley of Westport, NC; thirteen grandchildren; eight great grandchildren, one brother, Kenneth Battle Nixon, Jr. of Lincolnton, NC; three sisters, Marilyn Brinkley, Dottie Nixon both of Lincolnton, NC; Kathy Williams of Atlanta, GA; sister-in-law, Sandra Nixon of Lincolnton, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.





## *Our Departure Poem*

*God looked around His Garden,  
And found an empty space.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.*

*He put his arm around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
For he only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew you never would get well,  
Upon this earth again.  
He saw the roads were getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So, he closed your weary eyes,  
And whispered "Peace be Thine"*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

Love Always,  
Your Family



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## *Celebration of a Beautiful Life*

*Elder*

**Mary Jo Nixon Burris**



**"Penny"**

**Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
1:00 P.M.**

**Providence Missionary Baptist Church  
Lincolnton, North Carolina  
Rev. Michael Hill, Pastor**

**Apostle Delphine Moore, Eulogist  
Pastor of Tabernacle of Blessings  
Lincolnton, North Carolina**