



Life Reflections

Mrs. Willie Mae Griggs Patterson was born July 29th, 1936 in Cleveland County, North Carolina to the late Elbert Griggs and Aileen Borders Griggs. She went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

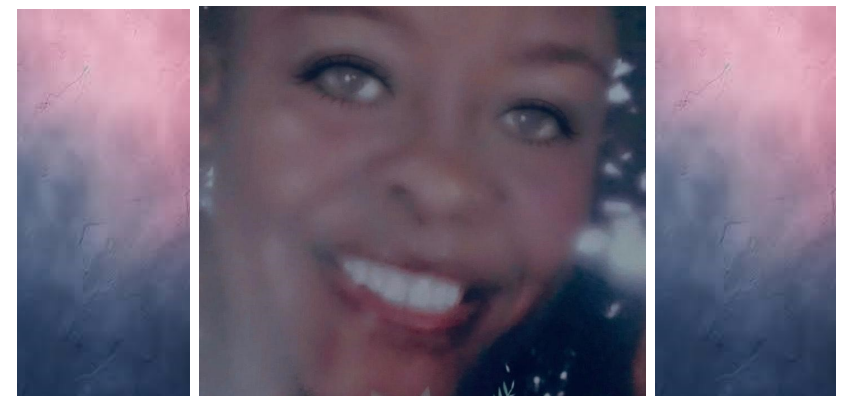
She attended John Chavis High School. She was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church of Cherryville, North Carolina. Willie Mae retired from Lincoln Nursing Center in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Sanders Patterson, one son, Joseph Dale Nichols, two grandsons; Michael McCluney, Chance Patterson, two sisters; Carolyn Hopper, Lolita Griggs, three brothers; Miles Griggs, Charlie Griggs and Randy Griggs.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories, three daughters; Willie Jean McCluney of Cherryville, North Carolina, Brenda Brown of Shelby, North Carolina, Vickey Ann Patterson of Cherryville, North Carolina, one son, Clarence Patterson (Debbie) of Fayetteville, North Carolina, two sisters; Curryline Merritt and Elizabeth Ann Wilson both of Hickory, North Carolina, two brothers; Austin Griggs of Shelby, North Carolina and William H. Griggs of Hickory, North Carolina, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, a special nephew, Lee Wilson of Catawba, North Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Willie Mae was loving, caring, outspoken, a lady who always had a smile. She loved to cook, sew and crochet. She loved collecting whatnots. Her favorite tv shows were Family Feud and Sanford and Sons. Willie Mae enjoyed listening to gospel music and reading her Bible. Her favorite bible verse, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." –Matthew 7:12

Willie Mae will be sorely missed by her family, church family and friends.



Order of Service

Officiating Minister, Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark

Prelude

Processional

Receiving of Family and Friends.....2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Call to Worship.....Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark

Selection..... Maurice Bush & ZHBC Choir

Old Testament Reading.....Rev. Gwen Cobb

New Testament Reading.....Minister Willie J. McCluney

Prayer of ComfortRev. Mary Clark

Selection.....Rozzie Fuller-Brooks

Obituary Reading..... Luann Hannah

Remarks..... Mary Bynum

Jan McCluney

Minister Willie Jean McCluney

Resolution.....Pam Harris

Selection.....Rev. Dr. Melvin Clark

Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Roger Fuller

Recessional

Committal/Interment
Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Cherryville, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Pallbearers

Grandsons & Nephews

I can't believe you're gone.
I love you mom!
Until we meet again.

Your son,
Clarence

Roses for Mom
If roses grow in heaven,
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.
place them in my mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

Love,
Vickey Ann



Acknowledgement

The family Willie Mae Griggs Patterson wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one. May God forever bless you.

Service of Comfort Provided by:
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR Willie Mae Griggs

Patterson



Monday, April 14, 2025
3:30 P.M.

Zion Hill Baptist Church
Cherryville, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Roger Fuller, Pastor