

Reflections Of Life

Carolyn Janet Gillespie Woods, the daughter of the late James Eaves and Mary Helen Gillespie was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on November 16, 1948. She entered eternal rest on Thursday, June 5, 2025 at Atrium Health-Pineville, Charlotte, North Carolina.

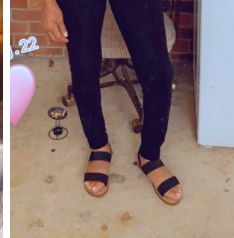
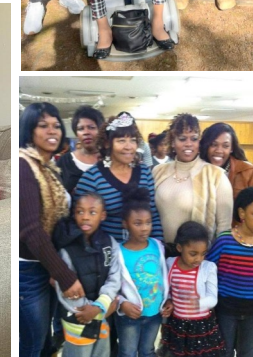
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Woods and four siblings, Essie Baxter, Joyce Evans, L.B. Gillespie and Howard Gillespie.

Carolyn received her education in the Lincoln County School System at Newbold High School. She retired from Catawba Socks. She was a member of Walls Memorial Baptist Church.

Those left to cherish fond and loving memories are her son, Tommy (Lorena) Gillespie of Dallas, TX; four daughters, Karen Duncan (James) Brown, Mary (Calvin) Patterson, Carolyn Janese Duncan, all of Lincolnton, NC; Kathryn Duncan Hush of Kings Mountain, NC; one sister, Valerie Talbert of Gastonia, NC; seventeen grandchildren, twenty three great grandchildren, a host of great great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Carolyn was a warrior until the end. She didn't allow her sickness to keep her down. She had a humble spirit. She was a sweet and loving person. She was strong willed in believed in family bonds. Carolyn was humorous, she loved to dance and always kept you laughing. She was playful and you knew when she was serious. She never met a stranger. Her favorite times were watching the soap operas and action movies.

She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and her extended family. Carolyn will be sorely missed.



Order of Service

Prelude	
Processional	Ministers & Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Call to Worship	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Musical Selection	Walls Memorial Choir
Old Testament Reading	Apostle Rosalind Bynum
New Testament Reading	Bishop Donald Charles
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Gwendolyn Degree
Musical Selection	Sharon Wingo
Praise Dance	Jekera Friday
Special Remarks	James Davis/Elder Donna Charles
Musical Selection	Kingdom Embassy International
Eulogy	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Recessional	

Committal/Interment
Forest Lawn Cemetery
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters

Pall Bearers
Grandsons

I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh, so *happy and bright!*

There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at
peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

Acknowledgement

The family of Carolyn Gillespie Woods wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many comfortable acts of kindness and sympathy shown during the passing of our loved one.

Service of Comfort Provided by:

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Honoring The Life and Legacy of Carolyn Gillespie Woods



Friday, June 13, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Walls Memorial Baptist Church

Shelby, North Carolina

Rev. Nathaniel Craig, Pastor