

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE
Reverend Barbara Ann Clark Farley

Order of Service



Pastor Anthony Crowder, Officiating
New Saint Paul Holiness Church
Mount Holly, North Carolina

Processional	Clergy and Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	11:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Call to Worship	Pastor Anthony Crowder
Hymn of Praise	“When I Think Of The Goodness of Jesus” Congregation
Old Testament Scripture	Psalms 23 Rev. Richard Johnson
New Testament Scripture	Minister Leslie Williamson
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Paul Burch, Jr.
Selection	“Spirit” Minister Rolonda McCleave
Obituary Reading	First Lady Yolanda Crowder
Church Resolutions	Sister Velinia Danner Deaconess Glenda Adams
Family Reflections	Children

WORDS OF ADORATION
(Please respect a 2 minute time frame)

	Pastor Tracey Daniels
	Pastor Jacqueline Elliott
	Elder Verlon Pompey
Selection	Mrs. Joanna Lawrence
Eulogy	Rev. Dr. Rayfield Hamrick, Jr.
Recessional Selection	“Marching Up To Zion” Congregation

Committal/Interment
Maiden Municipal Cemetery
Maiden, North Carolina

Floral Bearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Pall Bearers

Grandsons and Nephews



The Acknowledgments

In everything both great and small, we see the hand of God through various expressions of sympathy you have extended to us. It is with deepest gratitude that we thank each of you during this most difficult time.

A special thank you to her devoted and loving caregivers for the past few years, Teresa Corvin, Beverly (Denise) Loritts, and Rana Woods.

Also, thank you to the staff of Carolina Caring and mom’s nurse Lisha Nicholson who prayed, sang and loved on her throughout her years in hospice.

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On Earth
January 16, 1948

In Heaven
August 17, 2025

Monday, August 25, 2025
12: 00 Noon

Living Word Church
Maiden, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Rayfield Hamrick, Jr., Pastor
Green Bethel Baptist Church
Spartanburg, South Carolina

From your Children:

A Tribute to Our Mother

What you did for us goes beyond words and far beyond anything we could ever thank you enough for. From the very beginning, you were our first Bible teacher—placing the family Bible before us, reading its sacred words aloud, and planting seeds of faith that continue to grow in us today.

You showed us what it truly means to love others. Our home was never just ours—it was a refuge for family members in need, a place of warmth and welcome. Through your actions, we witnessed the difference between being a Sunday Christian and living as an everyday follower of Christ.

You were our voice teacher, too—always singing, always filling our home with the beauty of your spirit. Your voice wasn't just music; it was ministry. And through it, we learned to listen not just with our ears, but with our hearts.

You taught us to see people for who they are inside—to look past appearances and choices, and to meet others with compassion. You taught us that when we face mistakes, problems, or traumas, we shouldn't run from them. Instead, we should face them, give them to the Lord, ask for His forgiveness, and leave them at His feet.

As we continue to live our lives, we will carry forward your legacy of faith, charity, and unconditional love—the love you and Dad instilled in us. We will pass it down to our children, and they will pass it to theirs.

Just know this: as you were there to witness our first breath, it was our deepest honor and privilege to be with you as you took your last. We will carry you forever in our hearts and rejoice—not only that your suffering is over, but that you are now present with the Lord.



Her Life Story

Reverend Barbara Ann Clark Farley, a God-fearing woman of grace, strength, and quiet dignity, went home to be with the Lord on August 17, 2025.

Born on January 16, 1949, in Concord, North Carolina, Barbara was the sixth child of the late June and Reverend Corene Hamrick Clark. She received her early education at the Fulton Fire Baptized School in Greenville, South Carolina, and later graduated from Central High School in Newton, NC.

Barbara met her first love, Willie, at a young age. Their union blossomed into a devoted marriage and the blessing of five children. While nurturing her family, Barbara pursued higher education at what was then known as Catawba Valley Technical College, earning two Associate degrees—one in Accounting and the other in Business Administration. Her professional journey led her to Conover City Offices, where she worked in Accounts Payable for over 20 years. Remarkably, she balanced this career with her calling as a pastor and her role as a foster mother, retiring in 2010 to focus fully on ministry and community service.



A lifelong member of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas, Barbara served faithfully in many capacities. Her spiritual journey began at Newton New Jerusalem FBH Church, where she sang in the choir with a voice that stirred souls. She was later called to pastor several congregations: Rose Chapel in Marion, NC (8 years), New Jerusalem Holiness Church in Newton, NC (12 years), and Danner's Chapel in North Wilkesboro, NC (nearly 3 years). She remained a faithful soldier to the call and the congregations even when there were sometimes only one or two members in attendance. She traveled over an hour to Marion and later North Wilkesboro every Sunday and some weekdays. Her family never heard her complain once, even when they did in concern for her.

Barbara's ministry extended far beyond the pulpit. She visited the sick and elderly in rehabilitation homes, offering comfort through prayer, song, and even braiding hair. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels, delivering nourishment and kindness to housebound neighbors. One of her most impactful roles was as a foster parent—opening her heart and home to eight children over the span of five to seven years.

Barbara was known for her booming tenor voice—when she sang, few eyes remained dry. Her tambourine playing was legendary, when the service got really good, she could beat a hole in one and has on several occasions. Her talents were abundant: she was the neighborhood seamstress, hemming and tailoring garments as well as making clothes; the go-to tax preparer during filing season; family hair dresser and a masterful baker whose Pound Cake, Hummingbird Cake, Sweet Potato Pies and cornbread remain unmatched—second only to her beloved mother, Corene.

To know Barbara was to be blessed. She was a woman truly after God's own heart. Her life was a testament to selfless love, unwavering faith, and service to others. In honoring her legacy, may we all be inspired to spread the love of the Father by feeding the hungry, uplifting and praying for the weary, helping those in need and loving without condition—just as she did.

Proceeding her in eternal rest: her sisters, Dr. Willie Mae Clark Butler, Margaret Cecelia Clark; brothers, Kenneth Edward Clark, John Walter Clark, Reginald Clark; grandson, Devin Rishaun Farley and granddaughter, Kamdyn Farley.

Left to cherish her memory, husband Willie James Farley of the home; her children Rodney D. Farley (Tonya), Charlotte, NC, Paulita Farley-Reinhardt (Stephen), Marvin, NC, Byron Todd Farley, Gastonia, NC, Bryan Lee Farley (Marsha), Clearwater, FL, Willie Gerard Farley and Alvona Suina, Charlotte, NC; a devoted step-daughter, Rana Lavonne Woods, Maiden, NC; twenty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; brothers: James Benjamin Clark, Baltimore, MD, David Lewis Clark, Newton, NC, and Kenneth Roshard Clark, Hickory, NC; sisters: Mary Alice Huitt, Catawba, NC and Emma Jean Clark, Laurel, MD; her baby doll, Dorcas Petrina Clark-Bey, Pikesville, MD, and a host of sisters and brothers in love, nieces, nephews and dear friends.



I have completed my race, I have finished my course.

Do not shed tears of sorrow for me, for I am rejoicing and praising God at His Throne, I am in the arms of our Lord. May my legacy of righteousness, love for family, and love for people live on through all of you. I am absent from this mortal body and now present with the Lord.