

Order of Service

Officiating Minister  
Rev. W. Jerrell Leeper, Pastor  
Link’s Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church  
Iron Station, North Carolina

Prelude  
Processional.....Clergy & Family  
Receiving Family & Friends.....1:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M.

Song Selections During Family Visitation  
“Tell Heaven” Rev. Tony McClain  
“I Wanna Take A Ride” Rev. Donna Tolliver

Call to Worship..... Rev. W. Jerrell Leeper  
Hymn of Praise.....“ Precious Lord” (Choir)  
Scripture Readings  
Old Testament Reading.....Rev. Gloria Easter  
New Testament Reading.....Rev. Robert Hamilton  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. James E. Bullard Jr.  
Musical Selection.....“Spirit” Nicky Finger  
Remarks..... Please respect a 2 minutes time frame  
Derrick Artis, Hazeline Wilson  
Cynthia Allen, Rev. Reginald McClean

Family Reflections..... Denise Wright & Family  
Reading of Obituary.....Silently with Music  
Selection.....“Can’t Nobody Do Me Like Jesus”  
Rev. Donna Tolliver  
Eulogy.....Rev. Benny Thomas  
Recessional Selection..... “I Shall Wear A Crown”  
Nicky Finger

Committal/Interment  
Link’s Chapel A.M.E. Zion Cemetery  
Iron Station, North Carolina

Floral Bearers  
Her cherished Nieces

Pall Bearers  
Her beloved Nephews

When Tomorrow  
Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand.  
That an angel came and called me by name,  
He took me by the hand.  
I was told my place was ready in Heaven above,  
And that I’d have to leave behind, all those I dearly love.  
So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don’t think we are apart.  
For I am always with you, inside your heart.

Acknowledgements

The family of Doris Virginia “Dot” Tinsley  
wishes to express our deepest appreciation for your kind  
expressions of love, support and sympathy during  
this time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, calls,  
cards and every act of kindness have brought us  
comfort and strength.

A very special thank you to  
Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, North Carolina  
for the love and care you provided to our mother.

–The Family

Professional Services Entrusted To  
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Home Going  
Celebration for



Doris  
Tinsley

SUNRISE  
May 19, 1945

SUNSET  
September 26, 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025  
2:00 P.M.

Moore’s Chapel Baptist Church  
Lincolnton, North Carolina  
Rev. James E. Bullard, Jr., Pastor  
Rev. Benny Thomas, Eulogist



# Life Reflections

Doris Virginia “Dot” Wilkins Tinsley was born on May 19, 1945, in Chesnee, South Carolina, to the late C.B. Wilkins and Hazel Hamilton Wilkins. Early in the morning on September 26, 2025, she peacefully transitioned from this life at Levine & Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, North Carolina. At the time of her passing, she resided in Iron Station, North Carolina.

On September 18, 1964, Doris married the love of her life, the late David Lee Tinsley and to this union three children were born. Together they built a strong and loving family, raising their three children, Karen, Gregory and Chris. She was blessed with a legacy of grandchildren who brought her great pride and joy: C.J. Tinsley, Taylor Burris, Joshua Hill, Isaiah Tinsley, Elijah Tinsley, Jeremiah Villa, and Andrew Givens.

Doris was a proud 1962 graduate of Newbold High School. She later went on to enjoy a long and dedicated career as a Machine Operator at Technibilt in Newton, North Carolina where her work ethic and determination were admired.

She was a devoted Christian. Doris was a lifelong and faithful member of Links Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Iron Station, North Carolina. She served in many capacities throughout her life. She was President of the Deaconess Board, Sunday School Superintendent, Choir Leader, and a member of the Mass Choir. She faithfully served under the leadership of her current pastor, Rev. W. Jerrell Leeper. Her love for the church, her leadership, and her voice in the choir uplifted many.

Beyond her church and family, Doris found joy in sewing, flower arranging, and word puzzles. Her creativity and love of beauty could be seen in the many things she crafted and the smiles she shared.

In addition to her parents, C.B. and Hazel Hamilton Wilkins; she was preceded in death by her devoted husband, David Lee Tinsley, her brothers, Harold Wilkins, twins Joseph and John Wilkins; her sister, Maryann Keaton; her nephew, Bernard Gibbs.

Those left to celebrate her life and legacy are her children, Karen Tinsley Hill (Joe) of Charlotte, NC; Gregory Tinsley of Salisbury, NC; Chris Tinsley (Towanda) of Charlotte, NC; three sisters, Margaret Phelps of Maiden, NC; Brynda Lattimore (Frankie) of Lincolnton, NC; Sandra Wright (Roosevelt) of Lincolnton, NC; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Roberts of Lincolnton, NC; Geneva Tinsley of Denver, NC; .treasured grandchildren: C.J., Taylor, Joshua, Isaiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, and Andrew, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

Doris “Dot” Wilkins Tinsley lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service. She was a woman of strength, love, and grace whose presence touched everyone she met. Her laughter, kindness, and unwavering devotion will continue to inspire all who knew her.