## MOMENT OF SHARING

Prelude	Mr. Devin McLaughin
Processional	Clergy and Family
Receiving of Family & Friends	2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

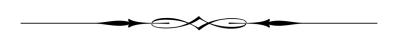
#### ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation	Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Clark, Sr. Rev. Charles Webber Washington Missionary Baptist Church Choir
Old Testament Scripture	Isaiah 40:28-29 Rev. DeNorris Byers
New Testament Scripture .	Matthew 25:23 Bishop Oliver T. McCray
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Nellie P. Kirkland
Poem	It's In Your Hands"Rev. Donna TolliverMs. Jorie ThomasChurch Clerk

### **REFLECTIONS**

Rev. Mary Clark Rev. Frances Webber Mr. Fred Meeks Mike and Susan Borders Sister Doris Kilgore Grandsons

> Committal/Interment Washington Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery Shelby, North Carolina



**Honorary Floral Bearers** 

Deaconess

Floral Bearers
Nieces

Honorary Pall Bearers
Deacons

**Pall Bearers**Family and Friends

## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard him call, I turned my back and left it all I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of day If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I've savored much, Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch If my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief Lift up your heart, rejoice with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.



# Acknowledgement

The family of Deacon Warren Steve Borders wishes to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the many comforting acts of kindness and sympathy shown during this time of bereavement.

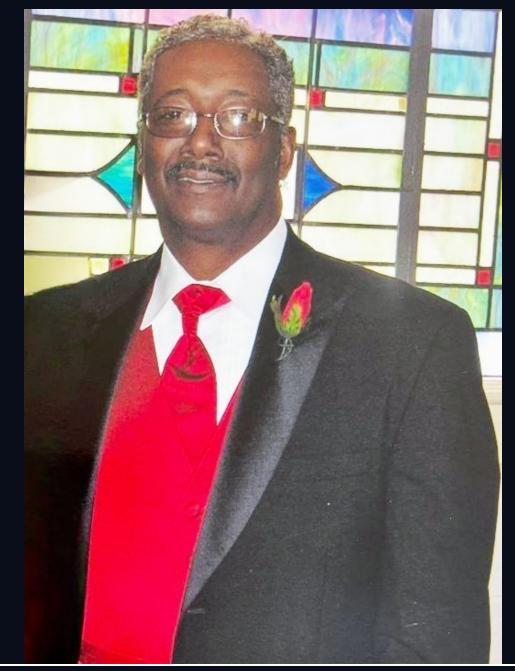
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# CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DEACON WARREN STEVE BORDERS



ARRIVAL September 28<sup>th</sup>, 1951 **DEPARTURE** 

November 1st, 2025

Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 3 pm

Washington Missionary Baptist Church Shelby, North Carolina Rev. Dr. Melvin L. Clark, Sr. Pastor











# **His Life Story**

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Hebrews 6:10

Deacon Steve Borders was a man of unwavering faith, integrity, and purpose whose life reflected the biblical principles he lived by. Born on September 28, 1951 in Cleveland County, North Carolina to the late Weldon David Borders and Jennie B. Roberts. He dedicated his life to serving God, his family, and his community with humility and steadfast devotion.

Steve was educated at Cleveland Community College in Shelby, where he earned a diploma in Auto Mechanics in 1972. His natural mechanical ability became evident early in life—he could fix nearly anything with his hands, especially cars, which he repaired with skill and patience. Over the years, he worked as a machine operator and production assembly technician for several companies, including Freightliner, BMW Manufacturing Corp., Universal Company, and Carolina Freight Carriers. Known for his strong work ethic and dependability, he retired after a long and dedicated career in manufacturing and industrial operations.

He married the love of his life, Betty Doris Phelps on February 16, 1974, and to this union two sons were born, Kenya and Chesley Borders.

Beyond his career, Deacon Borders lived a life of service. He was a faithful member of Washington Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon and later as Chairman of the Deacon Board. He also served as Christian Education Superintendent, Assistant Youth Director, Church Trustee, and a member of the Laymen's League. Additionally, he served Christ by supporting the Cleveland County Prison Outreach Ministry and a Food Pantry Ministry for 30 years, providing food to those in need. He embodied the biblical qualifications of a deacon—blameless, temperate, faithful, and grounded in the Word. He provided biblically based counseling, instruction, and guidance not only to his family but to all those he encountered in ministry.

Steve's faith was matched by his love for family and fellowship. He cherished watching his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandson play sports, always their loudest supporter in the stands. He found joy in coaching, encouraging his family to strive for excellence both on and off the basketball court, football field, track, or soccer pitch. In his leisure time, he enjoyed hunting rabbits, bowling, fishing, and playing horseshoes, pastimes that reflected his love of the outdoors and his friendly, competitive nature. A lifelong learner, he took great delight in reading and studying the Bible, finding wisdom and peace in God's Word.

Deacon Borders will be remembered for his leadership, wisdom, and unwavering integrity. He led by example—through hard work, honesty, and devotion to his faith and family. His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and the enduring lessons he instilled in those who had the blessing of knowing him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Clay Borders.

Steve leaves to cherish loving memories in the hearts of his wife, Betty Doris Borders of the home; two sons, Kenya (Nikki) Borders of Kannapolis, NC; Chesley (Yolanda Whiteside Borders) of Mt. Holly, NC; two brothers, Albert (Deloris) Borders of Waco, NC; Sherwood Roberts of Thomasville, NC; three sisters, Jolane McCain of High Point, NC; Gilda (George) Borders-Clark of Shelby, NC; Vickie Borders-Kee of Gastonia, NC; four grandchildren, Jayden Borders, Caleb Borders, Isaiah Borders, Jeremiah Borders; one great grandson, Jacobi Borders, one aunt, Mattie Borders, sister-in-law, Rev. Nellie P. (Frank) Kirkland, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.













