

## *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 God's call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To love, to laugh,, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I am at peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then please fill it with remembered joys!  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much:  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch..  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now, and I am Happy with He!*

## *In Gratitude*

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.

## *Service of Comfort Provided by:*

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## Home Going Celebration for *Nellie Hunter Lofton*



Saturday  
March 7, 2026  
12:00 Noon

Tucker's Grove Church  
Iron Station, North Carolina  
Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Caldwell, Pastor

## Her Journey

Nellie Hunter Lofton departed this life in the comfort of her home on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

She was the eleventh child born to Ulysses Hunter and Bessie Smith Hunter on December 9, 1935 in Iron Station, North Carolina.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by five brothers, Robert, Horace, James, Johnson and Alfred; five sisters, Mattie, Beulah, Sarah, Mary and Ethel.

Nellie was educated in the Lincoln County Public School System, graduating from Newbold High School in May 1953. She attended Winston -Salem State Teacher's College graduating in May 1957, (now Winston- Salem State University). She taught school in North Carolina, Washington, DC and Pensacola, Florida. She retired in 1990 in Florida and returned to North Carolina in 1996.

She was a faithful member of Tucker's Grove church and served as the organist for many years.

Nellie leaves fond and loving memories in the hearts of her children, Claire D. Mims of Iron Station, North Carolina; Selwyn L. Mims of Pensacola, Florida; three grandchildren, Jamie Wint of Norfolk, VA; Terrell Mims of Las Vegas, NV; Kyra Ross of Denham Springs LA; nine great grandchildren, eight nieces, eighteen nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

### Family Memories

Mom was the Matriarch of our family. During our early years she worked two jobs in order to provide for us. She always went the extra yard to ensure there was food on the table and clothes to wear. Her goal was to get both of her children into college, whether we wanted to attend or not. She enjoyed traveling during her lifetime, whether it was road trips or going on cruises. That is the part that made her happy. The second part was family, church, friends and camp meeting. Lord, we know how special Tucker's Grove Camp Meeting was to her. All of these she cared deeply about. Her presence and spirit will be missed. Nellie Artist Hunter, "We love You".

## Order of Service

Processional		Clergy & Family
Moments of Sharing		11:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
Invocation		Minister
Hymn	" O How I Love Jesus"	Tucker's Grove Choir
Old Testament Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11	Minister
New Testament Scripture	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Minister
Prayer of Comfort		Minister
Selection		Tucker's Grove Choir
Obituary		Silently with soft music
Remarks		
Selection		Tucker's Grove Choir
Eulogy		Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Caldwell
Recessional	"Soon And Very Soon"	Tucker's Grove Choir

Committal & interment  
Tucker's Grove Church Cemetery  
Iron Station, North Carolina

*Floral Bearers*

Women In Action of Tucker's Grove

*Pall Bearers*

Men of Faith

