

Moments of Sharing

Prelude
Processional
Receiving of Family & Friends

Clergy and Family
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Order of Service

Call to Worship
Selection
Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
Prayer of Comfort
Selection
Obituary
Remarks/Reflections
Women's Fellowship/Silver Mount Missionary Baptist Church
Sister Ada Wilson
Circle of Friends, Steele Creek A.M.E. Zion Church Family
Dialysis Healthcare Technicians
Tribute, Children

Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Wilson
Combined Hymn Choir
Deaconess Lestina Potts
Deacon Warren Turner
Dr. Monte Witherspoon
Read Silently
Minister Annie Fetterson

Selection "I'm Free" Combined Hymn Choir
Eulogy Rev. Dr. Johnny B. McDonald, Pastor
Miles and Howard Chapel CME Churches
Recessional Clergy & Family

Gloria gone in to Glory!



In Gratitude

It is with deepest gratitude that we would like to thank each of you for the overwhelming love, support, prayers, and kindness shown to us during this most difficult time. Your comforting words, thoughtful gestures, and presence have been a source of strength and peace as we navigate the loss of our beloved Gloria. Each act of compassion has wrapped us in warmth when we needed it most, reminding us that we are not alone. We are deeply thankful for every call, message, visit, and expression of care. Your support has meant more than words can truly capture, and it will always be remembered and cherished. Gloria's gone home to glory! She will be missed.

With sincere appreciation and love,
The Family of Gloria Alberta McLain Smith

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Celebration of Life for



Gloria Alberta McLain Smith

Friday
April 17, 2026
1:00 P.M.

Silver Mount Missionary Baptist Church
501 W. Arrowood Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Wilson, Interim Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnny B. McDonald, Eulogist

Reflecting the Life of Gloria

Gloria Alberta McLain Smith was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina to the late Robert Alexander McLain, Sr. and Elizabeth Morrison McLain on November 25, 1950. She entered eternal rest in the comfort of her home on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Gloria affectionately called "Putt" by family and friends graduated from Newbold High School and attended Gaston College.

Gloria loved being from Lincolnton and had some good memories from her hometown where she was affectionately known as "Putt."

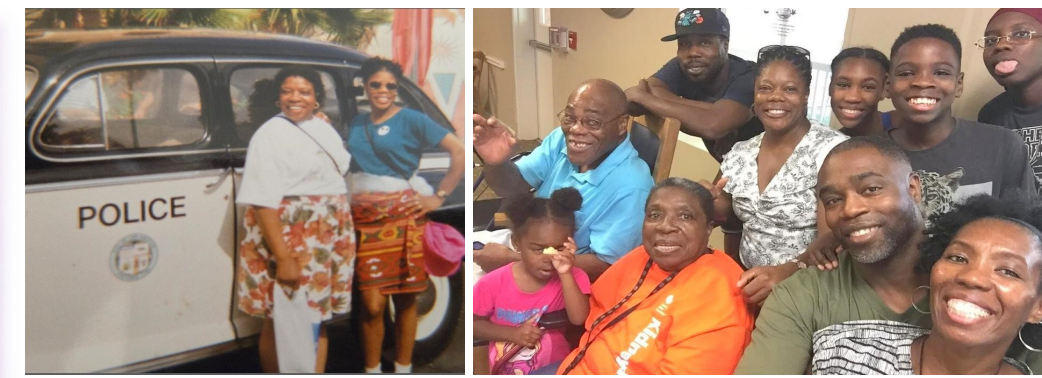
She moved to Charlotte, married and started her family. She enjoyed being a wife and mother. She began her work career at (Hoechst) Celanese Corporation, chemical and fiber manufacture. She started out working in the mailroom but was diligent about working her way up after holding several positions throughout the company during her 20 plus year career. The last position she held was chemical lab technician. After the company's restructuring and relocating Gloria was able to retire and go into business for herself and start an in-home child daycare which she named "Ms. Glo's Daycare". Gloria loved caring for her daycare kids and the kids loved Ms. Glo. She had many that came to her as newborns and stayed with her until going off to school and still keep in touch with many after more than 30years. After closing out with her daycare, she had various jobs, all involving caring for people. She later took a position at Residential Support Services as a group home manager for individuals with developmental disabilities. She worked this position until she started having health issues. She began her kidney dialysis journey in 2008 and endured and preserved for 18 years.

Gloria loved the Lord. She grew up in Poplar Springs AME Zion and accepted Christ at an early age. After moving to Charlotte, she joined Steele Creek AME Zion church where she raised her children and later in life joined Silver Mount Missionary Baptist church. Throughout her life she was always involved in some activities with the church. She served as a Sunday and bible school teacher, Choir member, Pastor's Aide Committee, Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout den mother. She was an integral part in starting up the Wise Women fellowship at Steele Creek, and was a part of the Women's fellowship at Silvermount. One of her favorite groups was her monthly senior group, Circle of Friends. She always looked forward to the fellowship. She loved to sing and she loved bible trivia. She had a very tight knit friend group that consisted of classmates, cousins, coworkers and neighbors. Never missing a class reunion if her health permitted. She grew close to her dialysis family both staff and patients. She was such a vibrant spirit and always maintained a positive attitude during dialysis that she was recruited to encourage other patients to join her at the monthly kidney support group she attended.

She loved being active and staying on the go. She did not let her disabilities hold her down. Gloria was a social butterfly and never met a stranger. She loved helping people. She was a servant at heart.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by six siblings, Albert Jerry McClain, Bobby Joe Huff, Faye Alice Lindsey, Robert Alexander McLain, Jr., David McLain, Sr. and Willie McLain.

Those left to cherish fond and loving memories, her children, Harold Kenneth Smith II of Fort Mill, NC; Malcolm Jurrard Smith of Cherryville, NC; Tonya Suzette Smith of Charlotte, NC; a sister, Carol (Robert) Gibson of Lincolnton, NC; four grandchildren, Kenitra Smith, Darius Wilson, Deanna Smith, Harold Kenneth Smith, III; her daughter-in-law, Lorraine C. Burnett Smith; one sister-in-law, Rosemary Little; faithful friends, Shirley, Cheryl, Diane, Judy and cousin Geneva; her fur babies, Gizmo, Camnewton and Mars; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



Reinhardt, Mammie Sowell, Joyce Love, co-Geneva McClain.

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Lasting Memories



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