

THE FINAL FLIGHT

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.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

IN GRATITUDE

The family of Ricky Bowden would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your kind words and support during this difficult time.

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IN LOVING *Memory* OF **RICKY BOWDEN**

Thursday, July 2, 2026
5:00 PM

White's Family Chapel
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Rev. Ronald Harbinson, Pastor
Christ Community Baptist Church
Gastonia, North Carolina



MOMENTS OF SHARING

Prelude
Processional
Receiving of Family & Friends

Ministers & Family
4:30 PM -5:00 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Bishop Thomas Thompson, Jr. Officiating Pastor
Victory Temple
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Call to Worship	Bishop Thomas Thompson
Selection	Victory Temple Choir
Old Testament Reading	Minister
New Testament Reading	Minister
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Nellie Kirkland
Selection	Victory Temple Choir
Remarks (Please respect a 2 minute time frame)	
Selection	Victory Temple Choir
Eulogy	Rev. Ronald Harbinson
Recessional	



RICKY'S LIFE

Ricky Bowden was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina, on November 16, 1953, to Betty J. Bowden Whitworth and the late Will Henry Gray. He entered eternal rest on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Atrium Health-Lincoln in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Ricky was a self-employed truck driver and served his country in the United States Army.

Ricky wore many hats throughout his life. He was a truck driver, always on the go, a cook, a huge Lakers fan, and the best comedian. Ricky accepted Jesus Christ into his life, adding believer to the long list of important titles he held.

Your memories are in our keepsake, and with that, we will never part. God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts.

Rest easy, Ricky.

In addition to his father, Ricky was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Lamont Houser, and two brothers, Kelly Whitworth and Boyce Whitworth.

Ricky leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of his daughter, Thalisha (Victor) Stewart of Vale, North Carolina; his mother, Betty J. Whitworth of Lincolnton, North Carolina; one brother, Wesley Whitworth of Lincolnton, North Carolina; six sisters, Spring (Bobby) McAfee of Crouse, North Carolina; April Melker, May Monday Zeledon, Winter (Teron) Wilson all of Cherryville, North Carolina; June Bracey of Lincolnton, North Carolina; Ann Boykins of Spindale, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Kelondre Hill and T.J. Leach; four aunts, Petronia Abbott and Mary Lois Smith both of Lincolnton, North Carolina; Phyllis (Cliff) Foster of Denver, North Carolina, and Celeste (Karl) Wasser of Forest City, North Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

