

Life Reflections

Hazel Lee Tipps Craig was born on August 10, 1942, in Catawba County, North Carolina, to the late Guy and Odessa Tipps. She was raised on Pea Ridge Road, where she spent her childhood surrounded by family and the values that would guide her throughout her life. On the early morning of Friday, July 17, 2026, Hazel peacefully entered eternal rest at her residence, surrounded by the love of those who cherished her.

Affectionately known as "Haze," Hazel was loved by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her. She attended Rhoney School and, from an early age, learned the value of hard work while helping around the family homestead. She later married the love of her life, the late Silas Craig, Sr., affectionately known as "Foot." Together they built a home filled with love, hospitality, and unwavering devotion to family. Their home became a welcoming place for their children, extended family, neighbors, and friends.

Hazel found great joy in serving others. She loved to cook and entertain her family, often staying up all night preparing meals just to make sure everyone had plenty to eat. Whether for a holiday gathering or an ordinary day, her kitchen was always filled with delicious food, laughter, fellowship, and love.

Professionally, Hazel worked alongside her husband at MDI for nearly 40 years as a selector. She was known for her dedication, dependability, and strong work ethic.

Most importantly, Hazel was a woman of faith. She was a faithful and devoted member of Edwards Chapel Baptist Church, where she served the Lord with humility and dedication. She faithfully worked on the Kitchen Committee, served as a member of the Usher Board and Missionary Board, and at one time lifted her voice in praise as a member of the church choir. Her quiet service and commitment reflected her love for God and her church family.

In her spare time, Hazel enjoyed planting flowers and tending her garden. She took great pride in beautifying her yard, often spending countless hours—and gladly investing in whatever was needed—to cultivate colorful flowers and abundant gardens that blessed her family with fresh vegetables year after year.

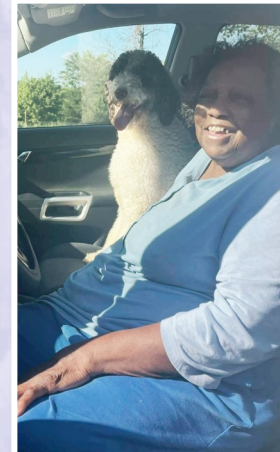
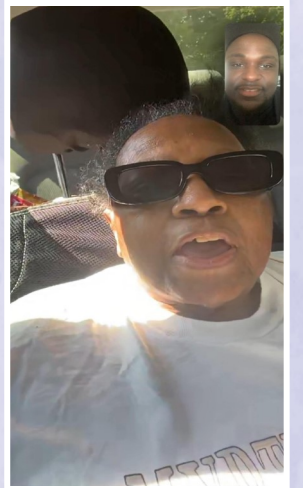


As her family grew, Hazel became affectionately known as "Maw," a title she treasured deeply. She lovingly helped raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, showering them with endless love, wisdom, and affection. Everyone wanted to visit Maw's House, because there they would always find a warm meal, joyful laughter, heartfelt conversations, and, above all, unconditional love. Her home was more than a place—it was a refuge where everyone felt welcomed and cared for.

Hazel was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years; her daughter, Barbara Ann; her son, Robert Jean; her five brothers, John, Clayton, Joe, Gene, and Efford; and her great-great-grandchild, Kayden.

Hazel leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, kindness, and devotion that will continue to live on for generations to come. Cherishing her precious memories are her two sons, Anthony and Silas, Jr. (Paula); her two daughters, Debbie (Derwin) and Jo Ann; her four sisters, Vera Caldwell, Gladys Reynolds, Louise Dixon, and Mary Lawrence; seven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, dear friends, and all who were blessed to know and love her.

Though our hearts grieve her absence, we rejoice in the beautiful legacy she leaves behind—a life faithfully lived, a family deeply loved, and a testimony that will never be forgotten.



Processional
Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends 1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M

Order of Service

Rev. Tabatha Stanback, Officiating Pastor
Herndon Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Call to Worship	Rev. Tabatha Stanback
Choral Selection	Combined Choir
Old Testament Scripture	Minister Tanika Wright
New Testament Scripture	Rev. Nathaniel Craig
Prayer of Comfort	Rev. Tamara Hardin
Choral Selection	Pastor Sharon Collins
Eulogy	Rev. Michael Hill
Choral Selection	
Recessional	

Committal/Interment
Edwards Chapel Baptist Church
Lawndale, North Carolina

Floral Bearers
Granddaughters & Nieces

Pall Bearers
Grandsons & Nephews

I am home in Heaven dear ones;
Oh, so *happy and bright!*
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.
All pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at
peace forever.
Safely home in Heaven at last.
There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now, while life remaineth -
You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

In Gratitude

The family of Hazel Lee Tipps Craig would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your kind words and support during this difficult time.

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Well done
GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.
Matthew 25:23