

Reflections of Tracey's Life

Tracey Gillespie Ormsby departed this life at Atrium Health in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

She was born to the late Lawrence Benjamin Gillespie, Sr. and Grace Helen McClain Gillespie on January 30, 1963, in Catawba County, North Carolina.

Tracey was a graduate of Lincolnton High School, Class of 1981 and Gaston College where she received her Associates Degree. She dedicated more than thirty years of service to the Gaston County Clerk of Superior Court, where she worked in the Criminal Department. A true professional, Tracey took immense pride in her work and was known for her dedication and strong work ethic. She made it a priority to complete the task at hand before leaving for the day and was always willing to assist others whenever there was a need.

Tracey was a devoted member of Moore's Chapel Baptist Church, a church family she dearly loved. Tracey believed and trusted God, and her faith remained an important part of her life. Her giving spirit was evident both inside and outside of the church. She participated in Missionary work, generously supported others, and enjoyed preparing and giving gift baskets as an expression of her love for people. She also remained active in her community and took an interest in supporting the election of individuals she believed would serve others well.

Tracey embraced life and found joy in many things. She enjoyed shopping, dining at different restaurants, playing bingo, completing puzzles, and watching Lifetime. She had a special appreciation for flowers, nature, and the outdoors. She could spend hours working in her yard and planting flowers, rarely wanting to stop for a break. Each new season brought her excitement and another opportunity to prepare and enjoy the beauty around her.

Above all, Tracey cherished people. She loved her family deeply and treasured the time she shared with her children, brother, grandchildren, goddaughters, chosen sisters, and extended family. She never met a stranger and possessed a generous heart. If someone was in need, Tracey would do her very best to help. She was also known for her honesty and would lovingly tell you the truth whether you wanted to hear it or not.

Tracey treasured every moment she was given and lived with determination, generosity, and love. She was a warrior until the end, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her family gives thanks to God for the precious time they were blessed to share with her and will forever carry her memory in their hearts. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Dewane Gillespie of

Las Vegas; daughter and son-in-law, Dominique Ormsby and Kevin Zheng; brother, Lawrence Gillespie of Lincolnton; bonus daughter, First Lady Sherry Miles; bonus son-in-law, Pastor Brandon Miles; bonus son, Stevie Morrison; goddaughters, Jasmine McSwain-Farley, Darra McSwain, Brianna Forney Esposito, Aaliyah McCleave, and MaShawna Morrison; grandchildren, Kaileigh Linder, Gabriel Linder, Noah Linder, Luna Esposito, Gianna Miles, Zurianna Morrison, and Ja'ziyen Smyre; chosen sisters, Monica Dillard, Melinda Smith, and Pamela McClain Lynch; and a host of other relatives, church family, co-workers, and friends who will forever cherish her memory.



Processional Ministers and Family
Receiving of Family and Friends 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M

Order of Service

Rev. James Bullard, Officiating Pastor

Call to Worship Rev. James Bullard

Selection “O Lord I Just Want To Say Thank You”
Mr. Lee Kincaid

Old Testament Scripture Rev. Tony McClain

New Testament Scripture Rev. Tony McClain

Prayer of Comfort Elder Richard Dillard

Selection MCBC Choir

Cards/Church Resolution Minister Darnell Reinhardt

Remarks Ms. Pamela McClain Lynch
Mr. Herbert Finger
Rev. Tony McClain

Selection “I Won’t Complain”
Mr. Lee Kincaid

Eulogy Rev. Brandon Miles, Pastor
Philadelphia United Methodist Church
Lawndale, North Carolina

Durham United Methodist Church
Shelby, North Carolina

Recessional MCBC Choir

Committal/Interment
Poplar Springs AME Zion Church Cemetery
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers Cousins

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 would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for your kind words and support during this difficult time.

Services of Comfort Were Entrusted to:
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Celebrating the Life of Tracey Gillespie Ormsby



**Saturday, August 29, 2026
1:00 PM**

Moore's Chapel Baptist Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Reverend James Bullard, Pastor

Pastor Brandon Miles, Eulogist