Order of Service

Moments of Sharing

Processional ..... Minister and Family

Receiving of Family and Friends
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Clinton A. Feemster, Officiating Pastor

Call to Worship ..... Rev. Dr. Clinton A. Feemster

Selection ..... ***"I Know The Lord's Been Good"***
(Mom's Favorite Song)

Old Testament Reading ..... Minister Vivian Lawrence

New Testament Reading ..... Rev. Tony McClain

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Tony Little

Selection ..... Mrs. Michelle Derr

Obituary Reading ..... Rachel Little-Sadler/Nicky G. Finger

Remarks ..... Mrs. Elvira Hunter
Ms. Ada Derr
Mr. Gilbert Hunter

Family Reflections for the grandchildren ..... Mr. Antone Little

Selection ..... Ms. Courtney Chay

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Terry Cline, Pastor
Pine Street Presbyterian Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Recessional Selection ..... Choir

Committal/Interment

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery
Bessemer City, North Carolina

Floral Bearers and Pall Bearers

Granddaughters and Grandsons

Celebrating the Life of

Gladiola

Gladiola was blessed with 97 beautiful years of life filled with faith, family, love, and laughter. She was the proud mother of 12 children and was blessed to be a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Family meant everything to Gladiola, and her home and heart were always open to those she loved. Her family will forever cherish the many stories she shared about her childhood and the loved ones who went on before her.

Gladiola took great pride in her appearance and loved to **"dress to impress,"** often wearing a beautiful suit with a hat to match. She enjoyed spending time with family, going out to eat fish, watching Tyler Perry movies, and watching two of her favorite TV shows, ***Martin and Sanford and Son.*** She was also ***LeBron James's number one fan—whatever NBA team LeBron played for, that was Gladiola's team!*** Her family will especially smile remembering how she might say she couldn't see well enough to read a birthday card, yet somehow she could always see well enough to count the money inside!

Gladiola also loved to sing, and one of her favorite songs was ***"The Lord's Been Good to Me."*** Those words were a beautiful reflection of the faith and gratitude she carried throughout her 97 years.

Gladiola leaves behind a beautiful legacy that reaches across generations. Her love, laughter, strength, and precious memories will forever remain in the hearts of her family. After 97 blessed years, we find peace in knowing that Gladiola is now resting in the arms of the Lord, reunited with the loved ones she spoke of and missed so dearly.

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CELEBRATION OF A

Life Well Lived

MRS. GLADIOLA MARJORIE IJAMES LITTLE

AUGUST 30, 1929 - OCTOBER 16, 2026

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026
2:00 PM

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
BESSEMER CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. DR. CLINTON A. FEEMSTER
PASTOR

REV. DR. TERRY CLINE
EULOGIST













Gladiola's Life Journey

Gladiola Marjorie Ijames Little was born in Gaston County, North Carolina on August 30, 1929 to the late Reverend Hubert Ijames and Mattie Wilson Ijames.

On Friday, October 16, 2026 she peacefully transitioned from this earthly life and entered eternal rest.

She attended public school in Gaston County, North Carolina. She was a member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, where her father, the late Reverend Hubert Ijames, formerly served as pastor. Throughout her life, she worked as a housekeeper.

From an early age, Gladiola was known for her kindness, strength, generosity, sense of humor, and loving spirit. Family was one of the greatest joys of her life, and she cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Avery Little; five children, Priscilla Mills, Ernest Little, Alma Jean Camp, Eric Little, and Edith Little; five siblings, Hubert Ijames, Herbert Ijames, Ruby Carson Wilson, Willie Mae Ijames Hunter, and Alma Ijames Holland.

Those left to cherish her loving memory are two sons, Buford Little of Crouse, NC, and Alvin (Jennifer) Little of Cherryville, NC; five daughters, Judy Kay (George) Davis of Catawba, NC, Linda (Nathan) Geter and Denise Little, both of Shelby, NC, Michelle (Laphonza) Derr of Lincolnton, NC, and Sherry Little of Cherryville, NC; thirty-six grand-children; sixty-two great-grandchildren; a host of great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.







