

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.*

*I took His hand when I heard His call*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day*

*To laugh, to love, to work, or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way*

*I found the peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void*

*Then fill it with remembered joys*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss*

*Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much,*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart, and peace to thee-*

*God wanted me now; He has set me free.*

## *Pallbearers*

Nephews

## *Floral Bearers*

Nieces

## *Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mrs. Helen Crawford Tyler, wish to extend our gratitude for your inspiration, prayers, and acts of kindness shown to us, during this time of bereavement. A special appreciation is extended to: Dr. Gwenda Greene, Sister Leila Brown, Ms. Martu Tomze, Mrs. Sonya L. Lawson, and many of the area churches: Rome Baptist, Sunshine Baptist, and St. John Baptist. May God continue to bless each of you. We thank God for His kindness and mercy toward us.

## *Repast*

St. John Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

## **Services Entrusted To:**

**Taylor Street Chapel**  
1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803)771-7799

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# *In Loving Memory*

*of  
Mrs. Helen Crawford Tyler*



*Saturday, October 23, 2021*

*11:00 a.m.*

*St. John Baptist Church  
204 Weimer Street  
Bamberg, South Carolina*

*Obituary*

**Mrs. Helen Crawford Tyler**, the daughter of the late Simeon and Kathleen Riley Crawford, was born October 16, 1930, in Denmark, South Carolina. She was the widow of the late Reverend Willie James Tyler. From this union, they were blessed with one child, Wiltress K. Tyler. Mrs. Tyler resided in Bamberg, South Carolina. She passed on to eternal rest on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in Columbia, South Carolina, just three days before her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

At an early age, she joined the Rome Baptist Church, along with her sisters, who preceded her in death: Louise Richardson, Thelma Thomas, Anna Spears, Dorothea White, Marcell Lewis, and Ida Williams. After marriage, she became a member of the St. John Baptist Church, where she served faithfully with the Music Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Missionary Ministry, and Vacation Bible School. She was an active attendant of Sunday School and Bible Study. She was also active with the Mount Calvary Sunday School and BTU Convention, the Mount Calvary Baptist Association, and the Lovely Hill Association, where her husband was an affiliate pastor. She always honored her relationship with Christ, even when she resided with her daughter in Columbia, by attending services at the Brookland Baptist Church, Northeast.

**Mrs. Tyler** matriculated through the Denmark School System to complete her secondary education. After graduating from high school, she attended Voorhees College for two years. She went on to South Carolina State College (currently South Carolina State University), having earned in 1956 her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She then earned in 1959 her Master of Education degree from South Carolina State College. The acquisition of her teaching certification commenced Mrs. Tyler's 38-year teaching career in the Barnwell County School District 45, and primarily Bamberg County School District II.

Not only was she noted for her teaching career, but she was also infamous for her continued professional and community engagement. She was an active member of the South Carolina Education Association of Retired Teachers, past Secretary of the Denmark School District II Retired Teachers Association, and a member of the Voorhees College Alumni Association. Her community affiliations also included membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Eta Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated.

**Mrs. Helen Crawford Tyler** leaves to cherish her precious memory: her daughter, Wiltress T. Felder, of Columbia, SC; one grandchild, Tenell D. Felder; 17 nieces and nephews, 26 grandnieces and grandnephews; 63 great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, 2 great-great-grandnieces and great-great-grandnephews; other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will forever hold fond memories of her sophisticated hats, soft smile, and her tenacity to travel.

*Well done, thou good and faithful servant... You have been wonderful.  
Your work here is done.  
We love and will miss you, but your soul is resting in a better place.*

*Memories*



*Service of Remembrance*

Reverend Ethan Rowe, Presiding  
Sunshine Baptist Church, Blackville, SC

- Prelude.....Mr. Edward Generette
- Processional
- Hymn of Praise..... “Amazing Grace”
- Old Testament.....Reverend Sanka Davis  
Psalm 37
- New Testament .....Minister  
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
- Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Bennie Wiggins, Jr. Nephew  
Happy Home Baptist Church, Barnwell, SC
- Solo.....“It Is Well”.....Mr. Terry Wright
- Reflections.....Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Former Superintendent  
Bamberg School District II  
Ms. Deborah Carter, Niece
- Selection..... “May the Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Nate Brown, Nephew  
Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, North, SC
- Recessional..... “I’ll Fly Away”
- Postlude



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

**Bamberg County Memory Gardens**  
14836 Heritage Highway  
Bamberg, South Carolina