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Pallbearers

Sons of Allen Pine Grove A.M.E. Church

Honorary Floral Bearers

Maxine Sumpter Mary F.H. Wilson Nancy Dreher Linda A. Wright Princetta P. White

Floral Bearers

The Stewardess of Pine Grove A.M.E. Church

“A Taste of Love”

In the arms of sorrow, we bid farewell,
To a soul so cherished, whose laughter did swell.
A mother, a wife, a grandmother, a sister, a friend,
Whose love knew no bounds, to the very end.

With a heart forever young, she danced with glee,
Embracing life's moments, wild and free.

In kitchen's warmth, her culinary art,
A taste of her love, straight to the heart.

By the water's edge, her spirit would soar,
Casting lines with joy, longing for more.
In each catch, a memory, in each laugh, a song,
Her love for the outdoors, forever strong.

Though tears may fall like raindrops from above,
Her light shines on in the memories we'll love.

For she taught us to fish, to cook, to dance,
To embrace every moment, to take a chance.

In the tapestry of life, she wove her part,
Leaving behind footprints on every heart.
Though she's gone from sight, her spirit lives on,
In the laughter, the love, in each breaking dawn.

So let us remember, with joy not with sorrow,
The vibrant soul we'll cherish tomorrow.
For in her love, we find our solace deep,
In the memories we'll forever keep.

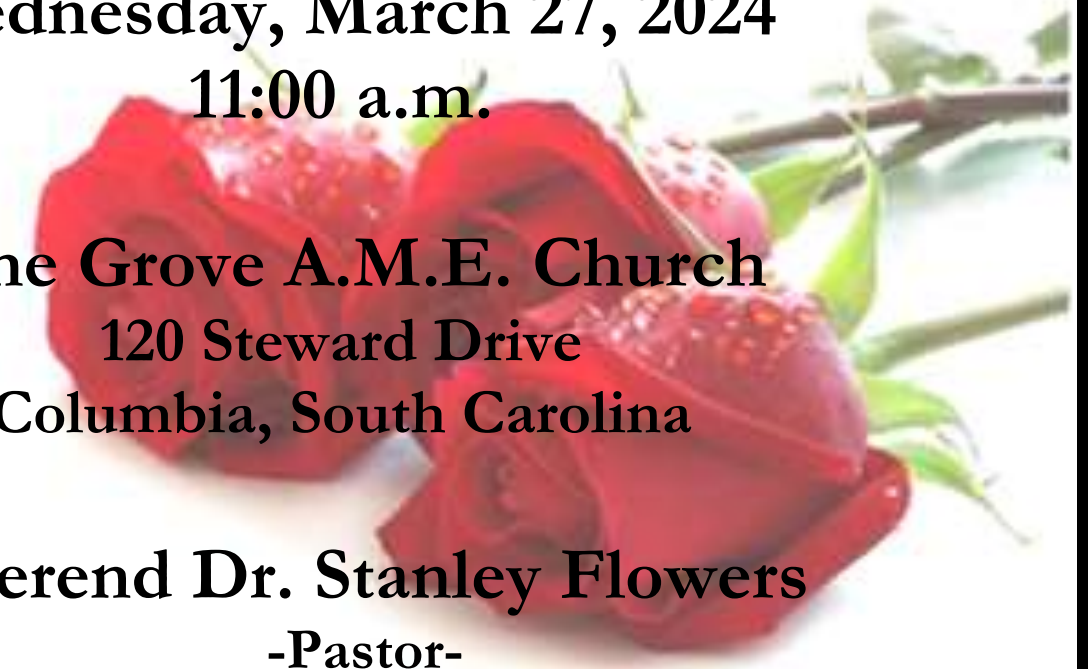
A Service of Victory Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Linda Gail Nixon Butler



Wednesday, March 27, 2024
11:00 a.m.

Pine Grove A.M.E. Church
120 Steward Drive
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Stanley Flowers
-Pastor-



Taylor Street Chapel

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Columbia, SC 29201
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-General Manager-

Reflections of the Life of Mrs. Linda Gail Nixon Butler

June 24, 1952 – March 22, 2024

On the afternoon of Friday, March 22, 2024, at Prisma Heart Center, God called to His heavenly home of one of his loving faithful servants, Linda Gail Nixon Butler.

Linda ~ The Life of Our Life

Fun, funny, loving, outspoken, caring, and faithful are just a few attributes that describe a loving wife, a faithful daughter, a caring mother, a doting grandmother, a dependable sister, aunt, and friend. Linda was always the life of the party.

Linda ~ The Rock

Tasty pies, cakes, cookies, and chewy squares were just a few of Linda's culinary delights. She was the dedicated cook for the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Independence Day, family events, and any other occasion chosen by family to celebrate. Her baby back ribs, chicken, and mouthwatering piping hot fish were to die for.

Linda ~ The Outdoorsman

Linda followed in the footsteps of her father for her love of fishing, from whom she learned most of her angular skills. Many would say that fish hated to see Linda coming. She loved planting and harvesting flowers and vegetables, especially sweet potatoes, collards, mustard greens, and okra, which she shared with everyone.

Linda ~ The Good & Faithful Servant

Linda joined Pine Grove A.M.E. Church at an early age, where she served faithfully until her untimely death. She sang on the jubilee and musical choirs, worked tirelessly on the trustee board, and held membership within Class 13. Linda spent her career working for the South Carolina Commission on Aging. Upon retirement, she re-entered the workforce as a secretary for Heyward Career and Technology Center. Additionally, she was a Custodian at Pine Grove A.M.E. Church and the Law Offices of Michael Witherspoon. Linda received her high school diploma from Columbia High School in 1970. She continued her education at Columbia Commercial in 1971 and earned a degree in secretarial science.

Linda ~ Life & Legacy

Linda was born on June 24, 1952, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was the third of eight children. She was preceded in death by her father, Lester Nixon; and sister, Lessie Nixon.

Mrs. Linda Gail Nixon Butler is survived by: her husband, Howard C. Butler; two children, Amanda Butler, of Charlotte, North Carolina and Richard N. Butler, of Columbia, South Carolina; five sisters, Mary Nixon Richardson, of Charlotte, North Carolina, Christine Nixon Hiller, of Columbia, South Carolina, Thomasina Nixon Thompson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Miranda Nixon (Rex) Blocker, of Columbia, South Carolina, and Lorraine Nixon (Steve) Wise, of Havelock, North Carolina; one brother, Leevester (Veronica) Nixon, of Charlotte, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Reagan Butler and Kennedi Brown; three dear friends, Beverly Brown, Diane Nimons, and Cynthia Freeman; a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and dear friends, all of whom join the family in sharing their grief and pain caused by her departure.

A Service of Remembrance

Prelude.....	Mr. Brian Mack, Musician
Processional	
Viewing.....	Funeral Directors
Hymn of Praise.....	“Oh How I Love Jesus”
Prayer of Comfort.....	Elder Dr. Charles Young
Old Testament.....	Psalm 24.....Reverend Leverne Witherspoon
New Testament.....	I Corinthians 15:50-58.....Elder James S. Cooper
Intrusmental Duet.....	Messrs. J. Seldric and Nicholas D. Blocker, Nephews
Remarks.....	Mrs. Lorraine Wise, Sister Minister Princetta P. White, Cousin Mrs. Beverly Brown, Best Friend Reverend Joseph Perrin, Family Friend Mrs. Ella Davis and Mrs. Wanda Pearson, Class Leaders
Solo.....	Mrs. Cynthia Obioha
Words of Comfort.....	Reverend Dr. Stanley Flowers
Selection.....	“Lead Me Guide Me”
Recessional	
Postlude	

Committal, Benediction and Interment

Pine Grove Cemetery
433 Piney Grove Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Linda Gail Nixon Butler, wish to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness rendered to us during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to the Prisma Heart Center Staff for your unwavering dedication and commitment. May God continue to bless each of you with his love.