

The Family Tribute

*Weeping may endure for a night,
but joy comes in the morning*

Mary Lois Griffin Dalton, was born in Iredell County on July 1, 1926, was the daughter of the late John Henry Griffin and Willie Mae Holmes Griffin. She departed this life on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville following an extended illness.

She was a graduate of Morningside High School and was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by two children, William Griffin and Kay Frances Dalton.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, three children, Betty Dalton Moore, Sarah Dalton Russell and James Leonard (Sarah Elaine) Dalton, all of Statesville; a brother-in-law, Ed Holbrook of Statesville; an honorary daughter, Barbara Eckles of Statesville; grandchildren, Michelle Murdock, Nicole Ferguson, Phillip Lee Jones, Jr., Bryant Jones, Theodore Dalton, Rashida Russell, Gene Russell, Jr., Marcus Dalton, Christopher Dalton, William Griffin, II, Kenneth Dalton and Eric Dalton; a host of great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, the First Baptist Church Family, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.

*In tears we saw you sinking
And watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken
We wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping,
So peacefully and free from pain
How could we wish you back with us
To suffer that again.
It breaks our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*



The Celebration of Life for Mrs. Mary Lois Griffin Dalton

Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

The First Baptist Church

Statesville, North Carolina

Reverend J. W. Brunson, Pastor, Officiating

The Family Visitation

12:30 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Processional Ministers and Family
Moments of Sharing: (Friends may visit with the family)

The Order of Worship

Reverend J. W. Brunson, Pastor

Officiating

1:00 p.m.

The Invocation

The Hymn of Praise

The Scripture

Old Testament

Minister

New Testament

Minister

The Prayer of Comfort

Minister

The Selection

The Remarks: (limit two minutes please)

- Community
- Church
- Michelle Murdock, Family

The Selection

The Eulogy

Reverend J. W. Brunson

The Recessional Selection

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections, and fasten your seatbelts for safety.

At The Belmont Cemetery

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Ritual of Consignment

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure





With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Mary Lois and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

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MARY LOIS GRIFFIN DALTON
JULY 1, 1926 — AUGUST 15, 2019

