



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





*A beautiful soul
is never forgotten*
Mary Lois Griffin Dalton



May *Love* 1926 - 2019
be what you
remember most



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***

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"
Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.
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MARY LOIS GRIFFIN DALTON

JULY 1, 1926 — AUGUST 15, 2019