The Family Tribute

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

Mrs. Minnie Lee Miller Nelson, was born in Iredell County on June 23, 1935, and was the daughter of the late Jay Mattox and Bessie Rucker Mayberry. She passed away at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville on Thursday, February 27, 2020, following a brief illness.

She attended Happy Plains School and at an early age became a member of St. Joseph Baptist Church. In her later years she became a member of First Greater Living Missionary Baptist Church, and later a member of Pilgrim Baptist Church. She was employed by Duke University for fifteen years and worked for Governor James Holshouser. Affectionately known as "Ma Minnie", she was an avid cook and well known for her baking.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Willie Lee Miller, two brothers, Leroy Mattox and John David Mayberry, and a sister, Elizabeth Bostic.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, a son, James H. Miller of Jacksonville, NC; four daughters, Barbara Allison, Kathy (James) Simpson, Brenda (Rodney) Bennett and Pamela (Ryan) Turner, all of Statesville; two daughters-in-law, Mary Jane Miller and Josephine Miller, both of Statesville; one sister, Sally M. Howard; thirteen grandsons and one granddaughter, William Miller, Sanford Gaines, Jr., Patrick Miller, Milton Gaines, Janaun (LaShon) Gaines, Willie (Denetrious) Miller, Torrey Miller, Gary (Tracee) Miller, Kennen Miller, Duran (Tandra) Allison, Jamie (Coleman) Davidson, Keran Miller, Lelan Miller, Tiewon (Tylisa) Miller; fifty-three great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; many foster children; a special niece, Peggie Rucker; her godchildren, Sylvia Davis, Doretha (Tony) Quick, Dora Johnson, Brenda (Thomas) Simpson, Rosa (Todd) Steele, Toni Morrison, Beverly Barber, Shelia Wilson, Traci Tomlin, and Dora Johnson; special friends, Olean Williams and Mary Taydron; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, other relatives and dear friends.

It seems so unreal that you are gone,
When just the other day
You walked and talked and laughed with us
Then suddenly slipped away
Your peaceful smile, your joyful laugh,
Otow sweet the memory still.
Your parting left an aching void
This world will never fill.

The Celebration of Life for

Alrs. Alinnie Lee Aliller Welson

Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
The Mary B. Bigham Memorial Chapel
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Elder Christopher E. Daniels, Officiating
Reverend Bobby Laws, Associate Minister of
Pilgrim Baptist Church, Durham, NC, Eulogist

The Pamily Visitation 1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Order of Service 2:00 p.m.

The Invocation

The Selection	Choir
The Scripture	
Old Testament	
New Testament	
The Prayer of Comfort	Reverend John McDonald
The Selection	Choir
The Church Resolution	First Lady Sylvia Davis
	Pilgrim Baptist Church, Durham, NC
The Remarks (Limit two minutes please)	
The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation	
	Funeral Director
The Solo	James Simpson
The Eulogy	Reverend Bobby Laws
The Recessional Selection	Choir
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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 St. Joseph Baptist Church Cemetery
The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Ritual of Consignment
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure





Celebration Of A Blessed Live Minnie Lee Miller Melson



Ma Minnie 1935 - 2020

Our Mother taught us everything, except how to live without her!

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 Minnie Lee 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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Homegoing Services of Mrs. Minnie Lee Miller Nelson



Celebrating the Blessing of a Well Lived Life