

# The Family Tribute

*A smile for all, a heart of gold; one of the finest this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind, these are the memories she leaves behind...*

**Dorothy Mae Grimes Sturghill**, Dorothy Mae Grimes Sturghill, beloved daughter of Grover and Carrie Sherrill Grimes, was born in Iredell County on July 12, 1935. She transitioned this life peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the Gordon Hospice House of Statesville following an extended illness.



She was a graduate of Unity High School and was employed with Iredell Statesville Schools as a custodian and Mitchell Community College as the hospitality coordinator until her retirement. At an early age, she was a member of Clark's Chapel Baptist Church. At the time of her death, she was a dedicated member of Holsey Memorial CME Church where she served faithfully, as a Missionary. She was actively involved in the Kitchen Committee which she had a great passion of decorating the Fellowship Hall for various events. She was also a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

She was united in marriage to Cordell Sturghill, who preceded her in death. In addition to her husband, Cordell and her parents, Grover and Carrie Grimes, she was also preceded in death by two daughters, Constance "Conkie" Parker and Donna Sturghill; two sons-in-law, Reginald Tatum and Reginald Parker; three sisters, Helen Murdock, Mary Murdock, and Maggie Parker; six brothers, Bill Grimes, Will Murdock, Bobby Grimes, Roy Murdock, Jimmie Murdock, who was reared in the home, and Joe Grimes; four brothers-in-law, Herb McMahan, Charlie Parker, Shane Rosby and Jimmy Summers; five sisters-in-law, Lucille Grimes, Virginia Grimes, Connie S. Rosby, Lizzie S. McMahan, and Lovenia S. Summers.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, three daughters, Kathy Grimes, Sheila Tatum and Robin Sturghill; two sons, Gary (Abigail) Sturghill and Todd (Kim Dalton) Sturghill; one brother, Jay (Geraldine) Grimes; eight grandchildren, Carlos C. Sturghill, Shannon Grimes, Carmal Sturghill, Monique Dalton, Tony Peet, Todd Sturghill, Jr., Larry Rivers and Octavia Rivers; great grandchildren, Daisyah Sturghill, Camiel Sturghill, Za'vion Torrence, Ja'veon Jones, Dailen Woods, Drew Woods, Chattney Dalton, Kamari Dalton, Mariah Peet, Tyler Rivers, Marlee Rivers, Ji'sire Rivers, Justice Sturghill, Tajah Sturghill and Trace Sturghill; special nephews, Leonard Kinney and Freddie Sturghill; special friends, Patty and Richard Cassell, Emmaline Bellamy, Margaret McNeeley, Velva Stevenson, Frankie Freeze, and Dr. Laurel Eason; a special Goddaughter, LaFreda McLelland; her caregivers, Irma Abraham and Geraldine Grimes; a special granddaughter and caregiver, Carmal Sturghill; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, church family and friends.

*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.*

## A Service of Love and Remembrance For *Mrs. Dorothy Mae Grimes Sturghill*

**Tuesday, March 22, 2022**  
**Christian Outreach of the Piedmont**  
*Statesville, North Carolina*  
**Pastor Glenn Usry, Pastor**  
**Reverend Jeffery L. Daniels, Officiating**  
**Reverend Barbara T. McCollum, Eulogist**

### *The Visitation*

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Processional ..... Musician  
The Moments of Sharing with Family

### *The Order of Service*

2:00 p.m.

The Prelude  
The Invocation ..... Rev. Jeffery L. Daniels  
The Opening Selection ..... Mrs. Kathey Everhart  
The Scripture Meditation ..... Minister Tshombi McIver  
Old Testament: Psalm 27  
New Testament: John 14:1-6, 27  
The Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend Michael Sharpe  
The Selection ..... Mr. Dailen Wood, *Great grandson*  
The Poem..... Camiel Sturghill, *Great granddaughter*  
The Silent Reading of the Obituary  
The Church Resolution ..... Mrs. Ora D. Merritt  
The Remarks and Reflections (*two minutes please*)  
♥ Gary Sturghill, *Son*  
♥ Freddie Sturghill, *Nephew*  
The Acknowledgments and The Commemorative Presentation  
..... Funeral Director  
The Solo ..... Evangelist Albertina Imes Peacock  
The Eulogy ..... Reverend Barbara T. McCollum, *Pastor*  
*Holsey Memorial CME Church, Statesville, N. C.*  
The Recessional Solo ..... Mrs. Kathey Everhart

*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 Prayer of Benediction**  
**The Final Departure**





**A Celebration of Life  
for  
Mrs. Dorothy Mae Grimes Sturghill**

JULY 12, 1935 — MARCH 17, 2022



**May I Go?**

*May I go now? Do you think the time is right?*

*May I say my good-bye to pain filled days and endless sleepless nights? I've lived my life and done my best, to be all that I can be. So, now I can take that step beyond and set my spirit free.*

*I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might. But something seems to draw me near, to a warm and loving light. I want to go, I really do, it's difficult to stay. But I will try the best I can to live one more day.*

*To give you time to care for me, and share your love and tears. I know you're sad as well as afraid, because I see your tears. I won't be far, I promised that and hope you'll always know, that my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go.*

*Thanks so much for loving me, you know I loved you too. That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you. So hold me now just one more time, and let me hear you say, Because you care so much for you, you'll let me go today.*

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