

Celebration
of *Life*
Remembering
Mrs. Alma Jean Rankin Ivery

Casket Bearers
Relatives and Friends

Flower Bearers
Relatives and Friends

*Immediately following the Interment Services,
dinner will be served at the Unity Center.*



With Our Heartfelt Thanks

We through 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 "Alma" and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The Family



A Gift Given
July 22, 1935

A Gift Returned
May 19, 2022

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"
Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.,
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677 - (704) 873-3611
Visit "Mrs. Ivery" online tribute at
www.rutledgeandbigham.com

Thursday, May 26, 2022
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Reverend Maurice Lackey, *Officiating*
Reverend David Leaven, *Eulogist*

An Ode To Moma

In times of trouble and in times of need, the one you could depend on was Alma Jean. Very punctual and always prepared, she always took the time to show you she cared, with her smile or a nod, or maybe even a dance-with Alma Jean Ivery, you just had to take that chance.

With little or a lot, the AJI compound was surely the spot! "Make room" and "squeeze it in" because there was never enough seating for family and friends. "Did you wash your hands"-words you remember in your sleep; while thinking-did I remember to "wipe off my feet."

So many lessons and so many tales, with one valuable lesson that has never failed...Lean on the Lord, he'll see you through. Trust and have faith, that's all you can do! Read your bible and stay in the Word; these are the things we quite often heard.

"Keep your hands to yourself and save some for someone else. Things that sound foolish in 2022 but those were the lessons that have stood-tried and true!

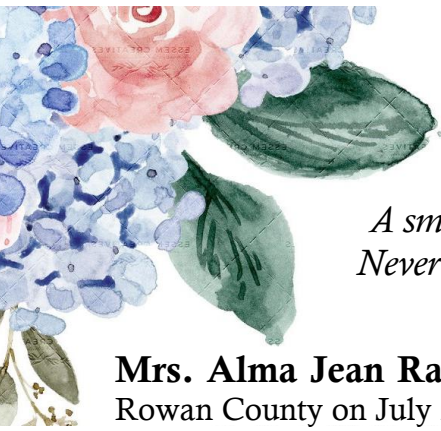
Moma is gone now and it hurts, something fierce! I can only compare it to Jesus's sacrifice-the way he hurt from his pierces. I know we'll make it through, just like you said we would. Hold on to God's unchanging hand and always do good.

As I remember your voice and the back-lashings I received, I smile knowing you are no longer struggling to breathe. And although I can't explain and I'll never know how, you managed to smile despite clouds in the sky. Heaven has gained another angel and there's a celebration to be had...so don't cry for Moma because she was rarely sad. Take up your cross and follow the Lord-for she told us all-put on your armor and always carry your sword!

*Love you forever,
Your Grands*







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...*

Mrs. Alma Jean Rankin Ivery, daughter of the late Joe and Della Mae Wilson Rankin, was born in Rowan County on July 22nd, 1935. She departed this life unexpectedly on Thursday, May 19th 2022 at Davis Regional Medical Center in Statesville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Ivery was a machine operator for Hoechst Celanese for many years before retiring in 1996. She was educated in the Iredell/Rowan County Public schools and was a faithful member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, N.C. affectionately called "Sunshine" by her church family. As a young child she attended the family home church Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. of Cleveland N.C.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, James (Jake) Rankin, Otha Rankin, Joe "Dewitt" Rankin, Onzillo (Wren) Rankin, sisters, Lillie Jane Allison, Hallie Rankin Torrence, Dorothy Rankin McNeely, Barbara Rankin Fleming, Gladys Rankin, Ada Lou Rankin, two sons, Infant Milton Ivery and Bernard Eugene Ivery, great-granddaughters, Nakia Imes and Lovely Ann Imes.

Alma leaves to cherish the memory of her life at AJI compound three daughters, Dianne Rankin Sanders of the home, Shirley Ivery Black of Mooresville, and Delois Jean Reddick (James) of Cleveland; one son, Corey Ivery (Angie) of Statesville; one sister in law, Ruth R. Rankin of Statesville. Raised in the home with Alma, nephew, John Wesly Rankin (Loretta) of Salisbury and niece, Annie Mae Rankin Sheely of Kannapolis. A beloved pet, Izak Ivery of the home and a special family friend, Vinson Y. Smith of Statesville.

She also leaves her loving grandchildren (her grands and great grands called her "Mama Alma") Sedettra Rankin Bowen (William) of Browns Summit, Dwight Sloan Jr. of High Point, Chamekia, Sloan Spencer (Jonathan Sr.) of Charlotte, Shandra Ivery Tyus (Darren) of Portsmouth, VA, Cedarian Reddick of the home, Keshawn Imes (Talisa), Adrian Wilson, Devon Wilson, Jalisha Wilson all of Statesville, and special grand Cavin Caldwell of Troutman; her great grandchildren; Demetrius Sloan, Tashon Brandon, Ivery Sloan, Sydney Bowen, Nazarie Imes, Camden Sloan, Jonathan Spencer Jr., Nia Spencer, Arry'anna Tyus, Zikera Imes, Keshawn Ivery Jr., Khaidyn Imes, Keshawana Imes, Dhynasti Ramseur, Jahzeir Wilson, Alana Wilson, Kinleigh Wilson; and a host of nieces, and other relatives and friends and her Antioch Baptist Church Family.

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something that no one can explain;
It is made of deep devotion and sacrifice and pain.
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may;
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking;
It believes beyond believing when the word around condemns;
It is far beyond defining - it defies all explanation
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.
A many splendored miracle, man cannot understand;
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender, guiding hand.
Helen Steiner Rice
Submitted with love by the Family*

The Celebration of Life Service for Mrs. Alma Jean Rankin Ivery

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The Moments of Sharing

1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The Processional
Friends are welcome to visit with family

The Order of Service

2:00 p.m.

Invocation
Selection Minister Charlene Franklin
The Scripture Reading
Scriptures: Old Testament: *Psalm 23*
New Testament: Ephesians 3:14-21
Prayer of Comfort
Selection Rev. Joe E. Floyd
The Church Resolution Pastor Debra C. Fleming
Remarks (*limit two minutes please*)
♥ Elder Christopher Daniels
♥ Minister Lola Clowney
♥ Ms. Ivery Sloan and Cousins
♥ Grands - Family Tribute
♥ Mrs. Wanda Kaye Anderson
♥ Mrs. Shandra I. Tyus - Poem
The Commemorative Presentation Sister Denesha H. Preston and Antioch Spiritual Singers
Eulogy Rev. David L. Leaven
Recessional Selection: "99 & 1/2 Won't do.... Got to make a 100"

Please remain prayerful as we travel to the final resting place.

Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery

Cleveland, North Carolina
*The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Ritual of Consignment
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure
Final Departure*