

*The Call was sudden, the shock severe  
We little thought the time was near,  
Those who have lost can only tell...  
The pain of parting without farewell.  
Our Love for You Continues*

*Casket Bearers*  
Relatives and Friends

*Flower Bearers*  
Relatives and Friends



*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 "Miss Mary" 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.,**  
603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC 28677 - (704) 873-3611  
Visit "Miss Mary" online tribute at  
[www.rutledgeandbigham.com](http://www.rutledgeandbigham.com)

**A Service of Thanksgiving to God  
For the Life of**

*Mrs. Mary Flowers Summers*



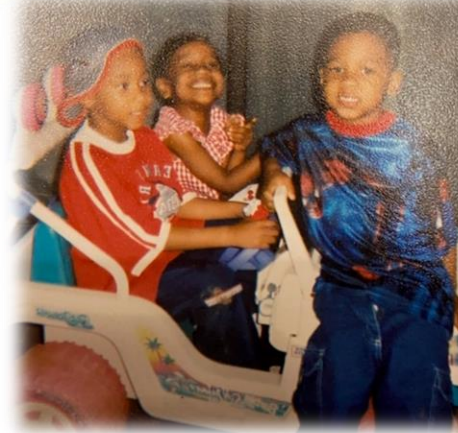
*A Gift Given*  
September 10, 1945

*A Gift Returned*  
September 13, 2022

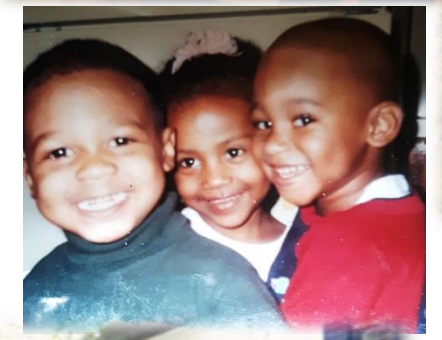
**Saturday, September 17, 2022  
The Living Church Ministries  
Statesville, North Carolina  
Reverend Dale Gibson, Officiating  
Reverend Michael Flowers, Eulogist**







The love of a  
**FAMILY**  
is life's greatest blessing







Love My Mom!



We love you





# 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. Mary Louise Flowers Summers, 80**, was born in Catawba County on September 10, 1942, and was the daughter of the late James Robert Flowers and Cleo Mary Jane Little Flowers. She departed this life on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

**Miss Mary**, as she was affectionately called, attended Unity High School and prior to her retirement was employed as a cook at Fifth Street Ministries, Statesville. She was a faithful member of St. James First Baptist Church, Mooresville. Miss Mary enjoyed cooking, planting flowers, going to yard sales, and coordinating family events.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her second husband, James Hezekiah Summers; two brothers, Odell Flowers, and Charlie Floyd Flowers; and one sister-in-law, Carolyn Flowers.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her first husband, and the father of her children, Roger Eugene Shade; two sons, James Franklin Shade Jr (Teresa) of Harmony, NC, and Allan Durand Shade of Claremont, NC; two daughters, Nancy Marie (Joseph) Robinson of Hickory, NC, and Sondra Renee (Keith) Turner of Statesville, NC; one brother, George (Patricia) Flowers of Hartford, CT; one sister, Helen Gaither of Hickory, NC; a sister-in-law, Ronnie Flowers of Huntersville, NC; special cousins, Winnie Faye Dula of Hickory, NC, and Clara Mayes of Taylorsville, NC; special friend, Miss Marie Randolph; grandchildren, Keyara Kimbrough, and Tenara Kimbrough of Statesville, NC, Michael Shade (Chacora), and James Shade of Charlotte, NC, Joscelynn Shade of Texas, Jazmin Shade of the United States Air Force, Jada Shade of Arizona, Janae Robinson of Hickory, NC, Demarcus Shade of Greensboro, NC, Allan "A.J." Shade II of Claremont, NC; great grandchildren, Tevin Seymore, Keyannah Graham, and Keandre Williams all of Statesville, NC, Braelyn Shade, and Jayden Shade both of Charlotte, NC, and Maleah Kimbrough of Statesville, NC; a host of nieces and nephews, some of whom were raised in the same house, other relatives, church family, and friends.

## *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. Mary Louise Flowers Summers

Saturday, September 17, 2022

The Living Church Ministries

Statesville, North Carolina

Reverend Dale Gibson, *Officiating*  
Reverend Michael Flowers, *Eulogist*

## *The Moments of Sharing*

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

The Processional  
Friends are welcome to visit with family

## *The Order of Service*

1:00 p.m.

Invocation ..... Reverend Dale Gibson  
Selection ..... Deacon James Roseboro  
Scripture Reading  
Scriptures:  
    Old Testament: *Psalm 91:1-17* ..... Reverend Kevin Little  
    New Testament: *John 14:1-6* ..... Reverend Michael Hester  
Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Robert Ramseur  
Selection ..... The Moore Family  
Remarks (*limit two minutes please*)  
Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation ..... Funeral Director  
Solo ..... Evangelist Sylvester Blackwell  
Eulogy ..... Reverend Michael Flowers, Nephew  
Recessional Selection ..... The Moore Family

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

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

*Dinner will be served in the Dining Room of the Church immediately following the Interment Service*

