

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. Sonia Ann Stamps Rankin, 66, was born in Iredell County on November 29, 1955, and was the daughter of the late John Stamps Jr. and Alece Lawrence Stamps. She departed this life on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at her home surrounded by family.

Sonia graduated from Statesville High School in 1974 and prior to her death was employed with Aircraft Aerospace Company as an office worker. She enjoyed going fishing in her free time. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Angel Rankin; two brothers, Gary Stamps, and Johnny Knox; and one sister, Mary Jane Byers Wellman.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her daughter, Tamara

Rankin; one brother, Ricky Stamps; three sisters, Renee Stamps, Deborah Stamps, and Karen Fraley; and her former husband, Benjamin Rankin; and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.



*In tears we saw you sinking,
And watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken
Because 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.
Submitted with love
The Family*

A Service Remembering the Life of

Mrs. Sonia Ann Stamps Rankin

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Troutman, North Carolina
Reverend Ivan Cowan, Pastor
Reverend Michael McClain, Officiating**

The Visitation

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Processional

The Gathering of Family and Friends

The Order of Service

1:30 p.m.

The Invocation

The Selection

The Scripture Meditation

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14:1-8

The Prayer of Comfort

The Selection

The Remarks *(Limit two minute please)*

The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation

.....Funeral Director

The Selection

The Eulogy Reverend Michael McClain

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.

The Final Ride - Horse and Buggy

At Belmont Cemetery

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Ritual of Consignment

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure



*Always on my mind
Forever in my heart*





*Your wings
were ready
But my heart
was not*



Sonia



*Flower Bearers
Relatives and Friends*



*Casket Bearers
Relatives and Friends*



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November 29, 1955

A Gift Returned
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