

# *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work and play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void.  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now,  
He set me free!



## *Acknowledgements*

The Family wishes to thank each one of you for  
all your acts of kindness expressed during this  
time. May God continue to bless each of you!

*~The Family~*

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THE HOMEGOING CELEBRATION  
OF

# *Joyce* PAYNE

SUNRISE  
JUNE 16, 1951

SUNSET  
OCTOBER 10, 2021



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 | 11AM  
SANDERS FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL

# Order of Service



Musical Prelude

Introduction/Words of Comfort

Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 14:27

Musical Selection

Reading of The Obituary

Eulogy

Tributes



# Life's Reflections

Joyce Payne departed this earthly home surrounded by her loving family to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday October 9, 2021. She was born to the late Mr. Cain McDaniel and Ms. Annie Davis on June 16, 1951, in Clayton, North Carolina. She was baptized at an early age at Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church. She graduated from Copper High School in 1969.

Joyce had a passion for fishing and attending amusement parks. She found the perfect way to relax, unwind and relief stress while fishing. She loved attending the amusement parks as they brought out her inner child.

She leaves to mourn her physical absence and celebrate her life in loving memories: life partner, Garland Watson, Clayton, North Carolina, her son and best friend, Garrette Mitchell, Clayton, North Carolina, daughter Nakita Douglas and grandchild Terri Douglas, Raleigh, North Carolina. Also, she leaves behind three sisters, Peggie Cozart (Elmo), Seattle Washington, Mary Lane, Clayton, North Carolina and Robin Sanders, South Carolina, two brothers, Maurice Davis, Clayton, North Carolina, Phillip Sanders, South Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of twenty years, George Payne and two sisters, Merry Hines and Deborah Davis and three brothers, Frankie Davis, Brian Davis, and Calvin Sanders.

