



*Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends

*Pallbearers*

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*Sincere Appreciation*

It may be that you called with  
a word of encouragement.

It may be that you stopped by  
and shared your presence.

It may be that you sent a card  
with a message of comfort.

It may be you thought of us and  
said a prayer asking heaven's peace.

We will always treasure family and  
friends who visited and comforted

us. We appreciate the many  
expressions of love.

May God's peace abide with  
each of you forever.

-The Family-

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*Celebrating*  
the Life of

**Candace Marie Pettus**

January 19, 1957 - March 16, 2025



**Friday, March 21, 2025**

**11:00 A.M.**

Nelson & Sons Chapel Murfreesboro  
448 East Burton Street - Murfreesboro, Tennessee

# Candace Marie Pettus



# Order of Service

*Officiant, Minister Alex Perry*

Candace Marie Pettus, born on January 19, 1957, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, to Annie-Marie Smith and Charlie Crocket, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 16, 2025. She was the fourth eldest of nine children and was educated in the Rutherford County school system.

In her early years, Candace dedicated herself to caring for others as both a homemaker and a certified nurse technician. Her compassion and kindness touched many lives. Candace was married to Sandy Earl Pettus for close to two decades and together they had three daughters.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Freddie Smith, and her beloved mother, Annie-Marie Smith.

She leaves to cherish her memories her loving children, Dr. Natalyn (Cleveland) Gibbs, Mosheda (Courtney) Pettus, Pi'Airra (Corey) McMahan; siblings, Bonita Smith, Charlie (Norma) Crockett, Elmer Ray (Ora) Crockett, Jerry Crockett, Teresa King, Darryl Crockett, Carolyn Crockett; grandchildren, Harli McMahan, Emma Glen, Evelyn Glen; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and devoted friends.



Processional.....	The Family
Selection.....	“I Know I’ve Been Changed”
Scripture.....	Adreena Perry
Prayer.....	Dr. Nakisha Williams-Bey
Selection.....	“Pass Me Over”
Family Tributes.....	La'Tresia Crockett
Reflections (3 minutes) .....	Ms. Brenda Westmoreland Mosheda Pettus Pi'Airra McMahan
Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....	Dr. Nakisha Williams-Bey
Selection.....	“The Battle Is The Lords”
Eulogy.....	Minister Alex Perry
Closing Song.....	“Precious Lord”

## *A Mother's Love*

If she could change the world for you, without a doubt she would.  
 If she could move all stumbling blocks and sometimes she thinks she could.  
 But that's just a Mom's opinion, sometimes a Mom gets blind,  
 so she builds her own little perfect world with only you in mind.  
 She knows the dark clouds are coming, she hears the thunder roar,  
 that's why she shields you in her arms, fearful to let you go.  
 But that's just the way a mother is, I guess they will always see their children  
 through a tinted glass of what they want them to be.  
 Thank you for your love Mom!