

Flower Ladies

Nieces & Great Nieces

Pallbearers

Nephews & Great Nephews

IN LOVING
Memory of

Honorary Flower Ladies

Deaconess & Caring and Sharing

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Etta P. Collier wishes to express our sincere appreciation for your prayers, thoughts, calls, words of comfort and all acts of kindness expressed during the passing of our loved one.

Special thanks to community care of Rutherford County Center and Shalom Hospice Awesome Care.

Etta P. Wade-Collier

FLIGHT #2025

DEPARTURE TIME 4:58 P.M.

PREPARED TO TAKE OFF

ATTITUDE AND BLESSINGS SECURED, LOCKED IN

AND UPRIGHT POSITION

NO SELF-DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES TURNED ON

ALL NEGATIVITY, HURT AND DISCOURAGEMENT ALL GONE AWAY

NO PROBLEM OF LOSING ALTITUDE PRESSURE DURING THIS

FLIGHT BECAUSE PRAYER HAS BEEN ACTIVATED BY FAITH

NO BAGGAGE ALLOWED

THE CAPTAIN (GOD) HAS CLEARED FOR TAKE OFF

DESTINATION – GREATNESS

PSALMS 23

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT

AMEN.

HATTIE MAE – NIECE

LOVE YOU AUNT COCO



*Etta Pecola
Wade-Collier*

APRIL 6, 1931 — JANUARY 19, 2025



Sunday, January 26, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

762 Holly Grove Road, Lascassas, Tennessee

Interment

Bethel Cemetery, Lascassas, Tennessee



NELSON & SONS

Murfreesboro · Shelbyville

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Funeral Directors: Albert, Demetrius & Brandon Nelson

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Obituary

Etta Pecola Wade-Collier was born April 6, 1931, in Walter Hill, Tennessee to the late Jimmie Lee Wade and Azzie Norris Wade. She was the oldest of the four children.

She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age at Bethel Church. She was educated in the Kentucky School System up to the 8th grade until she was relocated back to Tennessee with her father and stepmother. She then finished her education in the Rutherford County School System where she was a proud Graduate of Holloway High School. She was married to the late James R. Collier and to this union, there was one daughter, Gloria Mae.

December 2005, Deaconess Etta Collier received the Ola G. Hudson Volunteer Leadership Award by the TSU Cooperative Extension Program. She was recognized for her outstanding volunteer efforts in Rutherford County. She served as the chair of the planning committee for Grandparents and Relatives of Caregivers of Dependent Children Conference co-sponsored by Bethel M.B. Church and the University of Tennessee.

In 2006 Deaconess Collier was one of Middle Tennessee State University's Unsung Hero Honorees based on her outstanding commitments to the community. Following in her father's footsteps she became the 2nd known Superintendent of Sunday School after serving as the adult class Sunday School Teacher. She was one of the first African Americans to work at the Rutherford County Election Commission. As a result of her work, in 1977-1995 she received a special appointment by one of the Tennessee United States Representatives.

Other amazing accomplishments by Etta: founded Bethel Junior Choir and was Pianist; Sanctuary Choir and Pianist; President of Bethel Nurses Guild (Health Awareness); President of Bethel Caring and Sharing Ministry; President of SmithFork District Missionary Women; active member of Missionary Baptist State Convention of TN; Social Club - Rutherfordettes; Bethel Singing Group - Bethellettes.

Etta was a long-life member of Bethel Baptist Church and loved her church until aging started to slow her down. She loved her church as a whole, especially her pastors at the time, whomever was the shepherd leading the flock. She loved to cook, be outdoors, especially gardening and raising her children and most of all, taking care of herself.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James R. Collier; two sisters, Azzie Lee and Sarah Margaret; brother, John Ervin Wade; and grandson, Eric Collier.

She leaves to cherish her forever loving memory, her daughter, Gloria Mae Collier-Leach; granddaughter, Portia (Tony) Lyons of GA; great-granddaughters, Precious Gaines, Jordan Lally and Erykah Collier; grandsons, Chike Collier and Angelo D. Leach; great-grandsons, Curtis Gaines, Alexandria (AJ) Dreyke Kipchoghe Toliver; great great-grandson, Cayse Montavius Gaines; devoted great nephew, Christopher Christmon; devoted niece, Hattie (Sam) Esmond; nephews, Patrick (Melissa) Wade and Kim (Kandi) Marthel; nieces Lahoma Smith and Romana William; devoted brother-in-law, John L. Collier; sister-in-law, Carolyn Wade; her godchildren, Rosemary Owens, Ann Swader, Willie Mae Elder, Vonnie Patterson and Reggie Patterson; she was blessed with numerous of great, great nieces, nephews and cousins; her Bethel Church family; and dear friends, Terri and Wayne Johnson, the Wright Family, Sis. Florine Ratliff and Maryann Wilkerson.

Order of Service

Officiant, Pastor Odie Lawrence

Scripture.....Pastor Robbie Owens (Godson)
KAINOS Church, Cookeville, TN

Prayer.....Deacon Keith Forbes

Selection.....Bethel Baptist Church Choir

Reflections.....Family & Friends
Minister Robbie Owens

Selection.....Bethel Baptist Church Choir

Acknowledgements & Resolutions.....

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Dr. Michael Joyner
Greater Faith M.B. Church

Pastor Clyde Gresham
Providence Baptist Church

Pastor Odie Lawrence
Prosperity M.B. Church

Pastor Devin Franklin
Bethel M.B. Church

Selection.....Bethel Baptist Church Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Jerry Marable
Mt. Zion M.B. Church

Benediction.....Pastor Jerry Marable



Black History Month Observance



1st Women's Conference at Bethel



Bethel Deaconess



Bethel Jr. Choir