



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of the family of Mae Helen Griffis, we acknowledge every kind act shown to us during the loss of our mother. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words anyone could say, or perhaps you were not here at all and simply thought of us today. Please know that no matter what you did, we hold you in our hearts. Our family wishes to thank you all for every act of kindness and support.

I LOVE YOU *mom*

In times of trouble, when hope had failed,
Mom showed me she cared.
You were my hero, my inspiration,
Lifting me up with love and patience.
Through hard times, you stood by me,
Always making sure I saw my kids,
Always giving your support.
Mom, I love you, more than words can say,
You'll live in my heart every day.
Though God has called you home,
I'm comforted knowing you're in heaven.
I'll see you again someday,
Just as you were always there for me.



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A CELEBRATION OF

Love



Mae Helen Griffis

FEBRUARY 25, 1945 – JANUARY 10, 2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
12:30 PM

MT. VERNON CHRISTIAN CHURCH



REMEMBERING MAE HELEN GRIFFIS

Mae Helen Griffis, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 80. Her bright spirit, unwavering strength, and boundless love touched the lives of all who knew her. Known for her uplifting smile and generous heart, Mae carried both grace and courage through every chapter of her life. She inspired others with her kindness and her ability to make those around her feel welcome. She will be remembered not only for the life she lived but for the love she gave—a love that continues to echo in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

Mae Helen Griffis, daughter of the late Goldie Mae Hinton and the late Dal Cooper, was born in Wake County, North Carolina. She attended Garner Consolidated School in Garner, North Carolina. In her early years, she worked at the Radisson Plaza and the Civic Center until her health declined.

Affectionately known as “Mae Mae,” a nickname given to her at the Clayton House Nursing Facility where staff would answer to no other name, she was famous for her dancing and for having a crowd of family members on her porch every day. People from all over would stop by just to say hello or sit and talk with her. Sweet Mae Mae will be deeply missed.

Mae was preceded in death by her mother, Goldie Mae Hinton; father, Dal Cooper; son, Ronnie Griffis; and brothers James Earl Cooper and Thomas Hinton.

She leaves to celebrate her life four daughters, Patricia Griffis, Betty Griffis, Charlene Griffis, and Phyllis Jenkins; two sons, Darren Griffis and Chris Griffis; 20 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arthur Griffis (Gloria), Edward Hinton (Esther), and Glennie Hinton; three sisters, Mary Pair (Glen), Julie Hinton Cousar (Fernandas), and Betsy Hinton Thorpe (Reggie); and a host of other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding
Deacon Rickie Strickland

Musical Prelude

Processional
Clergy and Family

Musical Selection
Marietta Bryant Johnson

Reading of the Scriptures
Old Testament Reading- Deacon Rickie Strickland
New Testament Reading- Rev. Argo E. Matthews

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Argo E. Matthews

Musical Selection
Marietta Bryant Johnson and Charlene Atkinson

Remarks
Larry Wiggs

Acknowledgment & Obituary
Katie Strickland

Musical Selection
Tony Jenkins

Eulogy
Bishop Blanzie Williams

The Mortician's Brief
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

Interment
Forest Hills Cemetery