

~ *Let me go* ~

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the master plan
A step on the road to home.

Miss me a little, but not for long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that once we shared
Miss me, but let me go.

When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at all the things we used to do
Miss me, but let me go

~ Christina Rossetti ~



~ **HONORARY PALLBEARER** ~

Anthony Taylor

~ **HONORARY FLOWER BEARER** ~

Tambria Taylor

~ **PALLBEARERS** ~

Keith Gray Jamaal Jamison
Shannon Gray Julius Jamison
Jalen Jamison Christian Muse

~ **FLOWER BEARERS** ~

Torie Edwards Tiara Jamison
Danajah Gray Sharon (Niecy)
Danyiah Gray Johnson
Caredean Jamison Debra Martin
Diamond Muse

~ **IN APPRECIATION** ~

The family of **FLORINE T. MUSE** would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all acts of kindness, comforting words, food, flowers, prayers and other expressions of sympathy shown to us during our time of bereavement. We are especially grateful to the staff of Rocky Mount Hospice for the compassion and care shown to our loved one and to Stanfield Mortuary Service for the services rendered.

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A **C**ELEBRATION OF **L**IFE **S**ERVICE FOR

Florine T. Muse

SUNRISE
June 2, 1941

SUNSET
March 15, 2026

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

Visitation: 12:30 PM

Service: 1:00 PM

PIGG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER

2410 South Main Street • Rocky Mount, Virginia

REVEREND RODNEY NEWBILL, OFFICIANT
REVEREND FERRIS MURPHY, EULOGIST

Obituary

On Sunday, March 15, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family, **FLORINE T. MUSE** peacefully entered eternal rest. She was born on June 2, 1941, and lived a life rooted in faith, love, and service to others.

Florine was educated in the Franklin County Public School System. For 60 years, until her health declined, she was employed as a domestic worker in the home of the late John Lee and Lillian Dewar Hopkins, Sr. Her responsibilities included caring for the Hopkin's children, the late William "Bill" Hopkins and John (Teri) Hopkins, Jr., and grandchildren, Anna and Lee. Florine considered the Hopkins to be an extension of her own family. She was also employed by Lane and Step in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

Always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need, both within and beyond the church, Florine was a woman of strong faith and gave her life to Christ at an early age. She loved to sing and in her younger years was a member of a singing group known as "The Heavenly Choir". She remained devoted to her church and community throughout her life.

Florine found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved cooking, playing bingo, enjoying a good game of bid whist, and relaxing with a nice cold Pepsi. Her warm spirit and generous heart touched all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Anthony Taylor; her mother, Gladys Gray, and father, Hercile Smith; grandmother, Fannie Patterson; brother, Edward Gray; granddaughter, Tambria Taylor; nephew, Michael Young; niece, Amanda Taylor; and brother-in-law, John Chism.

Blessed with a loving legacy of family left to cherish her precious memories are, her devoted husband of 36 years, Reverend Vandel Muse; six children, Patricia Gray of Roanoke, Virginia; Jimmy Taylor, Jr. of Rocky Mount; Harold (Barbara) Taylor of Roanoke; Annette Minter of Rocky Mount; Gwendolyn Muse of Penhook, Virginia; and Steven (Tiffany) Muse of Roanoke; three sisters, her twin, Loline Young, and Nancy Chism, both of Rocky Mount, and Francis Gray of Roanoke; four brothers, Mark Gray of Rocky Mount; Raymond (Connie) Gray of Roanoke; David (Deloris) Gray of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Billy Gray of Alexandria, Virginia; 14 grandchildren, Michelle (John Henry) Williamson, Jamaal Jamison, Jeremy Hancock, Hope Wade, Keith Gray, Shannon (Tierra) Gray, Julius (Caredean) Jamison, Brad (Desiree) Taylor, Torie Edwards, Sierra (Tiara) Jamison, Mehki Muse, Diamond Muse, Christian Muse, and Miracle Muse; 28 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; her extended family, John and Teri Hopkins, Jr. and their children, Anna and Lee; and a host of nieces, nephews, and special and dear friends, including Marie Knight, Valeria Muse, Josephine Edwards, and Lisa Mackenhimer.

Florine's life was a testament to love, service, and unwavering faith. Her presence will be deeply missed, but her legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude	<i>I'm Free</i>	Sister Melissa Gray
	<i>Accompanist for Musical Prelude and Selections</i>	Brother Robert Hairston
Processional		Clergy and Family
Musical Selection.....	<i>Trust in God</i>	Sister Linda Harris
Scripture Reading		
	Old Testament	Reverend Coleman Wright
		<i>Pastor, First Mount Airy Baptist Church • Hardy, Virginia</i>
	New Testament	Reverend Roy Gunn, Sr.
		<i>Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church • Rocky Mount, Virginia</i>
Prayer of Comfort.....		Minister Rebecca Coger
		<i>Sweet Union Baptist Church • Roanoke, Virginia</i>
Musical Selection	<i>If You Just Hold Out</i>	Sister Melissa Gray
Acknowledgements and Resolutions		Sister Josephine Edwards
Silent Reading of the Obituary		
Ministerial Remarks		Minister Kathy Wade
Musical Selection.....	<i>God Specializes</i>	Sister Sandra Preston
"A Tribute to Grandma"		Brother Jamaal Jamison (Grandson)
Reflections (Two Minutes, Please).....		Family and Friends
Eulogy		Reverend Ferris Murphy
		<i>Pastor, Beulah Missionary Baptist Church • Boones Mill, Virginia</i>
Musical Selection.....	<i>I Shall Wear a Crown</i>	Sisters Tierra Gray and Taquita Terry
Recessional		Clergy and Family



~ INTERMENT ~

Franklin Memorial Park
21440 Virgil H. Goode Highway • Wirtz, Virginia

~ REPAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INTERMENT ~

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