

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We cannot adequately express our heartfelt gratitude for the numerous and various manifestations of love and support shown to us during this difficult time. We, the family of Effie J. Toon, are grateful to all who made a special effort to lighten our burdens with your calls, emails, visitations, cards, flowers, and most importantly, your prayers.

We would like to express a special thank you to Sanders Funeral Home for their services during our hours of sorrow.

May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His own way.
Please continue to lift us up in prayer.



With Love & Appreciation,
The Family of Effie Jane Godette Toon

PALLBEARERS:

Grandsons

FLOWER LADIES/FLORAL BEARERS:

*Family Members of Craven Corner
Missionary Baptist Church
and Granddaughters*

REPAST

The family will fellowship with relatives and friends in the Hyman Chapel AME Zion Church Annex immediately following the Committal and Interment Service.



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CELEBRATION

of
Life



Effie Jane
GODETTE TOON

JANUARY 9, 1934 — JULY 4, 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
CRAVEN CORNER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
HAVELOCK, NC

Reflections

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

I Corinthians 13:4-8

Our beloved, Effie Jane Godette Toon, 92, gained her angelic wings on July 4, 2026. She was born on January 9, 1934, in Havelock, North Carolina, to the late Sir Walter Godette and Carrie (Barrett) Godette.

Effie attended primary school in Havelock, North Carolina. As a young child, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior as a member of Craven Corner Missionary Baptist Church. As a young adult, she became a member of Miracle Campground Pentecostal Holiness Church in Harlowe, North Carolina.

In May 1952, she married the late Roscoe M. Toon, and nine children were born to this union. She was an exceptional stay-at-home mother who instilled strong moral and Christian values in all of her children and those whose lives she touched. Gospel music filled her home daily, creating an atmosphere of love, faith, and praise. Effie, along with three of her daughters, formed a gospel singing group known as "The Gospel Truths."

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sir Walter and Carrie Godette; her great-grandmother, Margaret Ann Godette; her siblings, Cleveland Godette, Lingberg Godette, and James Arthur Godette; three daughters, Juanita Bryant, Rose M. Foreman, and Bernadette "Lou" Harris; her grandson, Tyrone Butts; and her great-granddaughter, Jaliya Kindred.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory six children: Gloria M. Godette of Havelock; David Lee Toon of Raleigh, North Carolina; James (Jimmy) R. Toon of Anchorage, Alaska; Janice "Theresa" Wright (Bernard) of Locust Grove, Georgia; Douglas M. Toon (Sandy) of Columbus, Georgia; and Marilyn Melisa (Lisa) Toon of Smithfield, North Carolina.

Effie was also a proud and devoted grandmother to twenty-six grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves her special and loving Aunt Lorraine Gutherie of Durham, North Carolina. In addition, she leaves behind three nieces, one nephew, grandnieces, grandnephews, and a host of cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Mother will always be remembered for her strong faith in God, her beautiful, warm, and nurturing spirit, her strength, generosity, and unwavering compassion for others. Her legacy of demonstrating unconditional love to everyone will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Order of Service

Presiding
Pastor Dwayne Shy

Musical Prelude

Processional
Clergy and Family

Opening Selection
Craven Corner Missionary Baptist Church Choir

Scripture Readings
Elder LaTanya Roane

Prayer of Comfort
Elder Juanita George

Musical Selection- "Rough Side of the Mountain"
Chelsea Hutchinson and Others

Acknowledgements
Pastor Sandra Shy

Reflections
(Please limit remarks to two minutes.)

Silent Reading of the Obituary
Music Softly Playing

Musical Selection
Gloria Godette (Daughter)

Eulogy
Aundrey Gilchrist

Mortician's Brief
Sanders Funeral Home

Musical Selection
"Going Up Yonder"

Final Viewing of Our Beloved Mother
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

Interment
Hyman Chapel AME Zion Church