

Pallbearers

Grandsons & Brothers

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to thank all individuals who offer their lovingkindness, cards, prayers, and visits during our mother's illness. The family would also like to express their deepest appreciation for the tremendous support from the Saint Mary's Nursing Home | Mercy Community staff in West Hartford, CT.

May God's richest blessings continually be yours.

~ The Best Family ~

Repast

The family will greet family and friends during the repast directly following this service in the Warren Chapel F.W.B. Church Fellowship Hall.

Internment

Monday, November 3, 2025 | 2:00 PM
Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery
161 Longs Plant Farm Road
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27531

Funeral Services Entrusted To:



1934



2025

Mother Ethel Grace Best

Saturday, November 1, 2025 | 11 AM

Officiant
Apostle Janie Caffey

Eulogist
Reverend Dr. Alvin D. Thompson, Sr.

WARREN CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH
Pastor Betty Joyner, Senior Pastor
2864 Speight Seed Farm Road
Winterville, North Carolina 27828





Order of Service

Prelude	Musicians
Processional	Clergy & The Family
Musical Selection	New Trinity Missionary Baptist Church and Warren Chapel FWB Church Combined Choir
Words of Comfort & Prayer	Apostle Janie Caffey, IFSFGC <i>New Hope Community Church, Sanford, FL</i>
OT & NT Scripture Reading	Elder Joseph Wilkerson, Jr., IFSFG Administrator <i>Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church, Windsor, CT</i>
Musical Selection	Sister Dorothy Mock-Boswell
Reading of the Obituary,	Elder Joseph Wilkerson, Jr., IFSFG Administrator <i>Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church, Windsor, CT</i>
Acknowledgments & Resolutions	Pastor Betty Joyner, Senior Pastor
Warren Chapel F.W.B. Church Tribute	Deacon Cleo Wilder, Chairman of the Board of Deacons
Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Tribute	Elder Joseph Wilkerson, Jr., Chair of Ministers Board
	Deacon Anthony Smith, Board of Deacons
	Bettina Woodberry, Board of Trustees
International Fellowship IFSFGC	Apostle Robert & Pastor Theresa Standford, IFSFGC <i>Life Through the Word Ministries, Jacksonville, FL</i> (2 minutes ea.)
Reflections	New Trinity Missionary Baptist Church and
Musical Selection	Warren Chapel FWB Church Combined Choir
Family Tribute	Apostle Dr. Felton Best, Senior Pastor & Chief Apostle <i>Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church</i>
	Superintendent Austin Parker, Senior Pastor <i>Wells Chapel C.O.G.I.C.</i>
	Darilyn Sharpe (Niece)
	Ester Smith (Cousin)
Psalmonic Solo	Lady Sharon Thompson
Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Alvin D. Thompson, Sr., Senior Pastor <i>New Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Clayton, NC</i>
The Mortician's Brief	
Recessional	

ETHEL GRACE BEST

May 5, 1934 - October 21, 2025

Obituary

MOTHER ETHEL GRACE BEST, often called “Cutie,” is the youngest child of the late Authur Best and Mother Gertrude Best. She was born May 5, 1934, in Pitt County, North Carolina. As a young child, she became a member of the Holly Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Belvoir, North Carolina, and was educated within the Pitt County School System. Moses Best enlisted in the United States Air Force in his early 20s and served during the Korean War as a “Medic,” receiving an honorable discharge.

After the Cold War, Moses James Best and Ethel Grace Best married in North Carolina, and eventually moved to Connecticut, where the Lord would eventually bless them with five boys. They later moved from Connecticut to North Carolina to be near their aging parents. Mother Ethel Best later became a member, joining her husband, at the Warren Chapel Free Will Baptist Church during the late 1960s. She returned to nursing in North Carolina and was later employed at various medical facilities. She later worked for the Union Carbide Corporation in Greenville, NC.

Mother Ethel Best was a strong fundraiser at Warren Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She was the Chair of the Stewardship Board, where she annually raised thousands of dollars for this church. She was a member of the mother’s board, the gospel chorus, and the usher board.

As a result, she required that their children attend Sunday Services and Sunday School classes at Warren Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. She believed that her children should pursue an education beyond high school and/or own their own business. In fact, three of her sons (Reverend Broderick Best, Richard Best, and Reverend Major Best) own their own barbershops as Sole Proprietors. Arthur Best is a Real Estate Broker in the Greater Atlanta Region. Dr. Felton Best is a College Professor, University Administrator, Author, Real Estate Investor, Senior Pastor of the Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church, and Chief Apostle of the International Fellowship of Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Churches, overseeing several pastors, bishops, and apostles in the states of Connecticut, New York, North Carolina, and Florida.

Upon moving to Connecticut as a result of her illness, she became a Member and Church Mother at the Sanctuary of Faith and Glory Church in Windsor, Connecticut,

Mother Ethel Best leaves to carry on her legacy, five sons, Bishop Felton (Janice) Best, Plainville, CT; Elder Broderick (Margaret) Best, Ayden, NC; Richard Best, Farmville, NC; Arthur (Teecia) Best, Lawrenceville, GA; and Reverend Major (Portia) Best, Raleigh, NC. She also leaves eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mother Ethel Best also claimed her sister’s daughter (Darilyn) as her own daughter upon the passing of her sister, Missionary Barbara Sharpe. She also has a host of nephews and nieces, who are the offspring of her husband’s sisters and brothers.

God gave Mother Ethel Best to us; therefore, we give her back to Him, where she shall eternally rest in heaven, thus ceasing from her assigned labor on earth.

To God be the Glory, Amen!