

WE HAD A LOVELY  
*Mother*

**“We had a wonderful mother  
One who never really grew old  
Her smile was made of sunshine  
And her heart was solid gold**

**Her eyes were as bright as shining stars**

**And in her cheeks fair roses you see**

**We had a wonderful mother**

**And that’s the way it will always be....**

**We love you Mama!”**

WORDS OF GRATITUDE

The family greatly acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of love and sympathy shown during their delicate hour of bereavement.

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YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING

A MEMORABLE FAREWELL

TONJA DAPHINE  
“MUFFIN” *Watson*

SUNRISE | OCTOBER 23, 1965  
SUNSET | FEBRUARY 26, 2025

**Thursday, March 6, 2025**  
*Red Hill United Church Of Christ*



# Order Of Service

## REFLECTION OF LIFE

### Prelude

### Processional

Clergy & Family

### Prayer Of Comfort

Pastor Sheila Sanders

### Hymn

### Scripture

Old Testament: Pastor Stephanie Revell

New Testament: Pastor Beverly Watson

### Solo

Anita Sneed

### Acknowledgements & Obituary

Appointee

### Words of Reflection

( 2min)

### Selection

Clifton Cooley, Sr.

### Eulogy

Pastor William Ball, III

**Tonja Daphine Watson; also known as “Muffin” was born October 23, 1965 in Johnston County to Clifton Cooley Sr. and the late Ruth Naomi Watson. She departed from this earthly life on February 26, 2025 at her home.**

**“Muffin” graduated from Smithfield Selma High School. She was a member of Red Hill United Church of Christ Clayton NC. “Muffin” worked at several jobs before her health declined. She had a very kind and loving heart with a funny sense of humor. “Muffin” was also known for her cooking and feeding family, community and even strangers. She had such a big heart to give to everyone. “Muffin” never left your presents or ended a phone call without saying “I Love You”.**

**Tonja leaves to cherish her lovely memories with her father Clifton Cooley Sr. (Wilson’s Mills, NC), two children son Dominique McDaniel (Smithfield, NC), and daughter Diedre McDaniel (Raleigh, NC). Two step-children: Ebony and Derrick McDaniel (GA). One granddaughter the love of her life Bailey McDainel (Tahpraisza Jordan- Smithfield, NC), special friend Robert Lee Rogers (Selma, NC). Three brothers: Antonia Watson (Smithfield, NC), Clifton Cooley Jr. (Tara- Orlando FL), Christopher Cooley (Clarksville, TN). Four sisters: Angela Sanders (Pine Level, NC), Sherri Whitfield (Clarksville, TN), Shana Price (Anthony - Wilson’s Mills, NC), Tracey Clark (Rod - Clayton, NC). One Aunt: Gracie Revells (Wilmington, NC), two Uncles: Clinton Cooley (Marian - Smithfield, NC) and Joe Anthony Cooley (Wendell, NC). One Great Uncle Charles Cooley (Clayton, NC). Special Caregiver; Gail Watson. A special cousin that she treated as her own child Ken Watson (Raleigh, NC), 6 Nieces, 6 nephews, very special childhood friends Portia Johnson, Darlene McCray and a host of family and friends.**