

IN LOVING *Memory*



Norma Westmoreland

SUNRISE

NOVEMBER 5, 1937



SUNSET

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 12:00PM
FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
3301 BEATTIES FORD ROAD
CHARLOTTE, NC 28216
DR. CLIFFORD A. JONES, SR., SENIOR MINISTER

Celebrating

THE LIFE & LEGACY

MRS. NORMA JOHNSON WESTMORELAND, DAUGHTER OF THE LATE DEACON OCIE P. & MRS. ESSIE H. JOHNSON WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 5, 1937 IN AIKEN COUNTY, SC. SHE WAS RAISED WITH LOVE, STRENGTH, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT. NORMA WAS BAPTIZED AND JOINED SMYRNA BAPTIST CHURCH AT AN EARLY AGE AND WENT ON TO JOIN FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN CHARLOTTE, NC. SHE LOVED THE LORD AND SERVED FAITHFULLY UNTIL HER LAST DAY.

NORMA RECEIVED HER EARLY EDUCATION IN AIKEN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WHERE SHE EXCELLED ACADEMICALLY AND BUILT LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS. SHE COMPLETED HER UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE DEGREES AT ALLEN UNIVERSITY IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE, & THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, RESPECTIVELY.

WHETHER IT WAS HER INFECTIOUS LAUGHTER, HER CARING NATURE, OR HER ABILITY TO TURN ANY MOMENT INTO A CHERISHED MEMORY, SHE WAS A GIFT TO ALL WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING HER. SHE WAS A GIFTED ATHLETE WHO PLAYED BASKETBALL IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE. SHE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY PROFESSIONALLY, HOWEVER SHE DID NOT WANT TO BE AWAY FROM FAMILY. NORMA ALWAYS SHOWED A TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT TO FAMILY. A HARDWORKING AND AMBITIOUS INDIVIDUAL, SHE PURSUED A CAREER IN EDUCATION, WHERE HER DEDICATION AND PASSION LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS ALIKE. SHE WAS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO HER WORK, AND LOVED KIDS; ALWAYS STRIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND LEAVE A POSITIVE MARK ON THE WORLD.

BEYOND THE WALLS OF HER SCHOOL BUILDING, NORMA WAS AN ACCOMPLISHED, SUCCESSFUL, ENTREPRENEUR. A WOMAN OF MANY PASSIONS, SHE FOUND JOY IN BEING A LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE EASTERN STAR, HOLDING MANY HIGH OFFICES AND HONORS/AWARDS. SHE EMBRACED EVERY EXPERIENCE WITH ENTHUSIASM AND LOVE.

MORE THAN ANYTHING, NORMA WAS DEVOTED TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE CHERISHED HER RELATIONSHIPS AND WAS A SOURCE OF STRENGTH, LAUGHTER, WISDOM, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO NEEDED HER. TRULY HANDS ON. SHE NEVER MET A STRANGER. HER LOVE FOR HER FATHER, SON, SIBLINGS, AND GRANDCHILDREN KNEW NO BOUNDS, AND SHE TOOK GREAT PRIDE IN BEING A LOYAL DAUGHTER, SISTER, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND FRIEND. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVING AND FAITHFUL SON UNTIL THE LAST SECOND, JEROME (ELLEN) "MAGIC" JOHNSON, BROTHER, LEWIS (ANN) JOHNSON OF AIKEN, S.C., GRANDCHILDREN, CHANDRA JOHNSON-NIXON & JUSTIN (SHANIQUA) JOHNSON BOTH OF CHARLOTTE, N.C. GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, TREMANE JOHNSON, JOSHUA JENKINS, BRIANNA NIXON, AND JUSTIN JOHNSON JR., GODCHILDREN RANDY WAYMER, DEBORAH IVEY, SANDRA (RONALD) HARDIN, SISTER BY HEART, HATTIE EAVES, AND A HOST OF MENTEES, RELATIVES, AND DEAR FRIENDS.

ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSIONAL
FAMILY

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DR. HARRY L. TYSON

HYMN
FMBC CHOIR

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 23
DR. C. ANTHONY JONES, JR.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13
DR. MICHELLE A. JONES

PRAYER OF COMFORT
REV. J.R. COVINGTON, JR.

MUSICAL SELECTION
"I TRUST IN GOD"

REFLECTIONS
MR. BRYSON
HATTIE LEEPER
CHANDRA NIXON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
JAN MCCULLOUGH

MUSICAL SELECTION
"UNCLOUDY DAY"

EULOGY
DR. CLIFFORD A. JONES, SR.

COMMITTAL

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN
"I KNOW I'VE BEEN CHANGED"



Family & Friends TRIBUTES



JUSTIN JOHNSON, GRANDSON

TO MY GRANNY, YOU WERE MORE THAN JUST FAMILY—YOU WERE MY CONFIDANTE, MY BIGGEST SUPPORTER, AND MY CLOSEST FRIEND. YOUR LAUGHTER BROUGHT LIGHT EVEN ON MY DARKEST DAYS, AND YOUR LOVE WAS A BLESSING I HELD CLOSE. THOUGH YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE WITH ME, YOUR PRESENCE LIVES ON IN MY HEART. THANK YOU FOR BEING SOMEONE I COULD ALWAYS RELY ON. I LOVE YOU DEEPLY, AND I'LL CARRY YOUR MEMORY WITH ME, ALWAYS.

TREMANE JOHNSON, GREAT-GRANDSON

TO MY GRANDMA—MY FOREVER FRIEND AND GUIDING LIGHT—THANK YOU FOR BEING MY GREATEST SUPPORTER AND FOR FILLING MY LIFE WITH LOVE, LAUGHTER, AND STRENGTH. YOU TAUGHT ME THE TRUE MEANING OF KINDNESS AND COURAGE. I'LL MISS YOUR WISDOM, YOUR SMILE, AND ALL THE LITTLE WAYS YOU ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR ME. THOUGH YOU'RE NO LONGER HERE, YOUR SPIRIT STAYS WITH ME, REMINDING ME TO LIVE FULLY AND LOVE DEEPLY—JUST LIKE YOU DID.



ELLEN, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

BECOMING PART OF THE FAMILY WAS A MEANINGFUL CHAPTER IN MY LIFE. YOU WERE A WOMAN OF STRENGTH AND CONVICTION, SOMEONE WHO CARRIED HERSELF WITH DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE. YOUR LIFE REFLECTED PERSEVERANCE, AND YOUR INFLUENCE IS EVIDENT IN THE SON YOU RAISED.

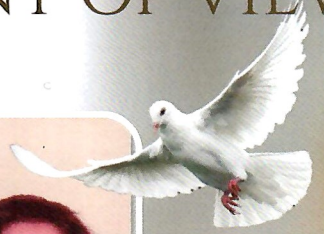
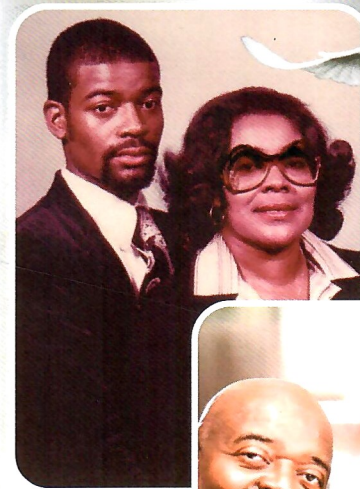
I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE ROLE YOU PLAYED IN SHAPING THE MAN I MARRIED AND FOR THE FOUNDATION YOU HELPED ESTABLISH FOR OUR FAMILY. YOUR PRESENCE, IN ITS OWN WAY, CONTRIBUTED TO THE STORY WE ALL SHARE.

"These we love don't go away they walk beside us every day — unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed, and forever dear."

GOD'S *Angel* FROM A SON'S POINT OF VIEW

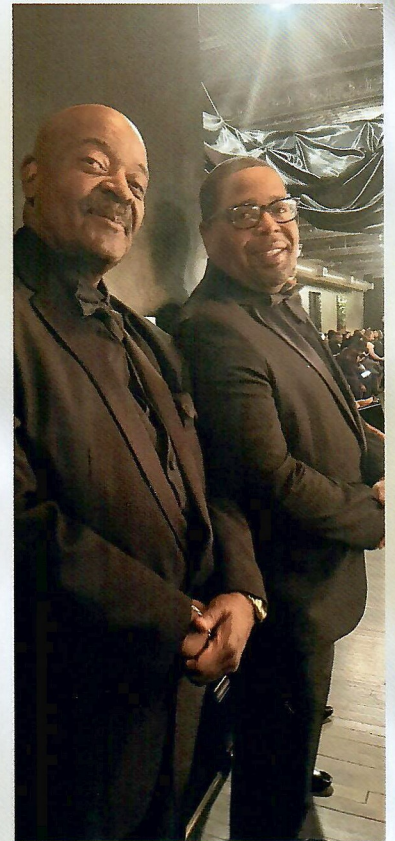
A BRIGHT LIGHT IN A DARK ROOM, SHE ALWAYS SAID, "GOD IS WITH YOU, SO THAT MEANS, YOU ALWAYS HAVE A CHANCE". BELIEVE AND TRUST. SAY THE PRAYER AND DO THE WORK. PATIENCE. A LIFELONG TEACHER OF LIFE. A FRIEND TO ALL WHO NEEDS A FRIEND. A HUG, A PAT ON THE BACK, A "YOU CAN DO IT", TEACHING TO BE FEARLESS. BECAUSE YOU ARE A WINNER, BECAUSE YOU'RE GOD'S CHILD. LIFE COACH TO ALL, KNOWS NO STRANGERS. MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED IN LIFE. BE KIND, BE GENEROUS. WHAT WOULD GOD DO?

SHE OFTEN SAID, "SOMEONE MAY BE BETTER, STRONGER, SMARTER, BUT YOU NEVER LET ANYONE OUT WORK YOU" SHOW UP, GIVE IT YOUR ALL, BE AT PEACE WITH THE OUTCOME. YOU MAY NOT WIN TODAY, BUT YOU'RE WORKING FOR TOMORROW. A SINGLE MOTHER FROM A SMALL TOWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA DETERMINED TO MAKE A WAY FOR HER SON AND ANYONE WHO NEEDS HELP. ALL IS POSSIBLE, IF YOU BELIEVE AND YOU'RE WILLING TO WORK. SHE TRULY BELIEVED IN GOD. AS A YOUNG WOMAN AND EVEN TO THE END. I DON'T THINK HE WALKED WITH HER, I THINK HE PICKED HER UP AND CARRIED HER THE REST OF THE WAY. SHE BELIEVED BE KIND, EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT GOING YOUR WAY. WHAT WOULD GOD DO? SHE TAUGHT ME TO DREAM AND THEN WORK HARD. PRAY, PRAY, WORK HARD, PRAY AGAIN. PRAYER DOESN'T WORK IF YOU DON'T WORK AT IT. THE WORDS OF AN ANGEL IN THE SUNSHINE AND IN THE STORM. THANK YOU, MOM, LOVE YOU. ~JEROME



A LIFE WELL LIVED

A LEGACY *Remembered*





Acknowledgement

THE FAMILY OF NORMA WESTMORELAND EXTENDS OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND KINDNESS SHOWN TO US DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. YOUR PRAYERS, COMFORTING WORDS, AND THOUGHTFUL GESTURES HAVE BROUGHT US STRENGTH AND PEACE WHEN WE NEEDED IT MOST.

OUR FAMILY IS THANKFUL TO GOD FOR HIS LOVE AND THE COMFORT OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES THAT WILL KEEP US THROUGHOUT OUR DAYS OF LONGING TO SEE OUR LOVED ONE. WE DEPEND UPON YOUR CONTINUED THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO SUSTAIN US AS WE'RE TRULY THANKFUL FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.

ALTHOUGH OUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY, WE FIND COMFORT IN KNOWING HOW DEEPLY NORMA WAS LOVED AND HOW FONDLY SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED. MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION,

**THE JOHNSON- WESTMORELAND
FAMILY**

Pellbearers
SECURITY MINISTRY

Floral Bearers

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR
USHER MINISTRY

Interment

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