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Nathan Sanders

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Quindavion Pollard

Craig Lynch

David Pickron

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent a floral spray, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say;

Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Special thanks to the ladies at the Willows for taking such exceptional care of our mother.

Interment

Kilgore Baptist Cemetery
Kilgore, TX

Repast will follow back at Faith Tabernacle.



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FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS



Ester Lee Pollard

MARCH 30, 1937- APRIL 2, 2026

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 | 1:00 P.M.

FAITH TABERNACLE O.G.I.C.

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REV. LARRY KENNEY-EULOGIST

Her Life Reflections

Ester Johnson Pollard peacefully departed this life on April 2, 2026, at the age of 89. She was born on March 30, 1937, to the late Rev. A. J. Johnson and Tenner Beverly.

Ester received her early education at C.B. Dansby School. In 1956, she earned her diploma in Practical Nursing and began her professional career at Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital. Demonstrating her determination and commitment to growth, she later obtained her Certificate of Equivalency for high school achievement in 1965.

Throughout her life, Ester embraced hard work and new opportunities. She worked as a seamstress at Nardis Manufacturing during the 1970s. In the early 1980s, she courageously broke barriers as the only female truck driver in the oilfield, working for Halliburton and Poole Energy. In the mid-1990s, she continued her strong work ethic at BorgWarner Automotive as a machine operator until her health began to decline in 2003. Outside of her work, Ester found her greatest joy in fishing—she loved nothing more than hitching up her boat and spending peaceful time on the water.

In her early years, Ester met Mack Hicks, and to this union one son, Larry, was born. She later married Alphonso Shaw, and they welcomed a daughter, Ester. Ester was then united in marriage to Eugene “Nick” Pollard, and together they were blessed with two children, Clifford (“Booster”) and Jennifer (“Tweety”). Their love extended even further as they adopted and raised their grandsons, Christopher and Braelon, as their own.

Ester’s spiritual foundation was rooted in her upbringing, as she faithfully attended her father’s church. As an adult, she became a devoted member of Kilgore Baptist Church and later Faith Tabernacle. Even as her health declined, her faith never wavered.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings Annie Mae, Timothy, Ruth, and Dolly; her beloved husband, Eugene “Nick” Pollard; her sons Larry and Clifford; her grandson Larry Jr.; and her stepsons A.J., Billy, and William Pollard.

Ester leaves to cherish her loving memory her daughters, Ester Shaw and Jennifer Sanders, both of Kilgore, Texas; her sons, Christopher Pollard and Braelon Pollard, also of Kilgore, Texas; her stepdaughter, Clara Bell Crawford of Fairview, Texas; and her cherished grandchildren Alpha Mathis (Greg), Tamika Washington (Michael), Brianna Sanders, Xavian Sanders, Larry Demond, DeAcraues Johnson, and Shaun Johnson. She also leaves a legacy of love through a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, extended family, and dear friends.

Tributes

Mama, my fat girl, my everything
You were my rock. I wasn’t ready for you to go, but God said my child it’s time for you to come home to rest. You fought a good fight fat girl, and I know you’ll always be with me.
I love you mama until we meet again.
Love you,
Jean

To My Grandmother
You were a mother to me, and I loved you dearly. You were one of the strongest women in my life. You taught me so many things and made it look effortless. You taught me how to work hard and stand up for what was right. You showed us how to love and what family meant. I am strong because of you. You are going to be greatly missed but your life lessons and love will always be with me. Thank you for the fishing lessons. You and your fishing buddies are back together. You are in no more pain, and I know you are in Heaven smiling and looking over all of us.
I love you grandmother.
Your granddaughter **Alpha**

Moma, the storm is over now. God said honor thy mother so that your days may be long.
So moma thanks for making me who I am today A strong woman just like you. We took care of you the best we knew how and literally made sure everyone else did as well. I will miss you every day I have left. Although my heart is aching, I feel like I can make it knowing that you are safe in His arms. 89 years on this earth to teach and guide us we are blessed.
Moma this is never goodbye.....Just I’ll see you later.

I love you 4ever
Tweety

You were my very first example of how to turn a vision into reality. The entrepreneur’s soul and matriarchal spirit. I watched you live your life with an iron fist. You didn’t just dream, you built with your hands.
I’ll carry your fire, your grit, your resilience and your grace. I am forever grateful.

-Tamika
I love you Fat Girl💋

Order of Service

Processional
The Ministers, Pallbearers, & Family
Cunningham Funeral Directors in Charge

Pastor James Dancy – Officiant

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament.....Rev. Don Crawford

New Testament.....Rev. Don Crawford

Prayer

Solo.....Minister Derrick Walker

Resolution.....Sis. Shelia Mathis Boyd

Remarks

Acknowledgement.....Sis. Shelia Mathis Boyd

Solo.....Sis. Joyce Toliver

Eulogy.....Rev. Larry Kenney

Presentation.....Cunningham Directors

Final Viewing.....Cunningham Directors

Recessional