

# Acknowledgements

The family of Annie Olean extends our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Your prayers, comforting words, countless visits and phone calls, and thoughtful gestures have brought us strength and peace when we needed it most.

Although our hearts are heavy, we find comfort in knowing how deeply she was loved and how fondly she will always be remembered. May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.

# Interment

Selma Memorial Gardens  
Selma, North Carolina

Honorary Casket Bearers, Nephews and In-Laws  
Honorary Floral Bearers, Nieces and In-Laws

*"Do not grieve for me too long,  
for I am safe and free.  
In quiet moments, feel my love—  
I'm where I'm meant to be.  
Remember laughter, love, and grace,  
they live in you each day.  
My spirit walks beside you now,  
never far away."*



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IN LOVING

*Memory*



*Annie Olean*  
LEE ROYAL

MAY 9, 1943 - JANUARY 27, 2026

FEBRUARY 5, 2026 | LITTLEFIELD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

# Reflections

With grateful hearts and joyful hope, we celebrate the life and legacy of a beloved woman of faith who entered this world on May 9, 1943, born to her loving parents, Jesse and Alease Lee, and was welcomed into eternal rest on January 27, 2026.

From an early age, she was rooted in faith, family, and community. She received her early education at White Oak Elementary School and went on to graduate from Pleasant Grove High School. Ever eager to learn and grow, she continued her studies at St. Augustine University in Raleigh, NC, where she attended for two years.

In union with her husband, David “Bo”, they together made their home in Smithfield, where they began building a life and family. From this union were born two cherished daughters, who became the pride and joy of her life. Through this marriage, she was also enriched by many loving in-laws who became an extended family she treasured deeply.

Her strong work ethic and creative spirit were evident throughout her career. She worked faithfully at Jerald Sewing Plant and Cutter Laboratories/Bayer and later fulfilled a lifelong dream by becoming a business owner. She ended her professional journey as the proud owner of Brionn’s Florist in Smithfield, NC, where her love for beauty and people bloomed daily through her work.

A devoted woman of God, she joined Littlefield Missionary Baptist Church in Newton Grove, NC in 1955, a place she lovingly called home for most of her life. Her service there was abundant and heartfelt. She ministered through the choir, floral ministry, kitchen committee, usher board, pastoral aid committee and the Fulfilling Destiny Ministry, always serving with joy, humility, and a willing heart. Her faith was not just spoken—it was lived.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents, her cherished sister, Peggy Lee Morrissey and her dear brother, Morgan Lee; all of whom she now rejoins in glory. She leaves behind a beautiful legacy of love through her family. She is lovingly survived by her daughters, Alesia

Sanders (Hugh) and Erica Royal; her granddaughters, Alexis (Justin), Aleiyah, Ayanah, and Cayden; her great-grandchildren, Hayes and Aria; her special niece LaShonda; her loving in-laws; and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends who were blessed by her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering love.

Though we mourn her physical absence, we rejoice in the promise of eternal life and give thanks for a life well lived—one marked by service, creativity, faith, and joy. Her memory will forever be a blessing, and her legacy will continue to bloom in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.



# ORDER OF *Service*

PROCESSIONAL  
Clergy and Family

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Littlefield Missionary Baptist Church

READING OF SCRIPTURES  
Old Testament, Elder Edna Durham  
New Testament, Lloyd Lee  
Favorite Scripture, Apostle Bernistine Royal

PRAYER OF COMFORT  
Reverend Johnnie McPhail

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Littlefield Missionary Baptist Church

OBITUARY  
Read Silently

MUSICAL SELECTION  
Littlefield Missionary Baptist Church

EULOGY  
Pastor Claudie Morrissey

RECESSIONAL  
Funeral Director’s Brief

