



ACTIVE PALL BEARERS  
*Family & Friends*

ACTIVE FLOWER BEARERS  
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**REMEMBER ME**

*Remember me with smiles not tears, for all the joy, through the years. Recall a closeness that was ours a love as sweet as fragrant flowers. Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain, just remember we will see each other again. I am at peace; truly believe, it was my time I had to leave. But what a view I have from here, I see your face. I feel you near, there is never a reason to fear, continue to be a doer of God's Word and helper of mankind, this will give you a peace of mind.*



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**HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR**  
**LILLIAN C. GRIER**  
APRIL 19, 1928 - DECEMBER 2, 2025

*A Celebration of Life Fit For A Queen*



Thursday, December 11, 2025  
Visitation 11:00 AM - Service 12:00 PM  
New Missionary Baptist Church  
334 Hoskins Road  
Charlotte, NC 28208  
Pastor Joseph A. Talley, Officiating

## Order of Service

### Processional

Marcellus Hoover (MPCCG)

### Opening Song

*Blessed Assurance* - (MPCCG)

### Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Rev Dr. Arthur Pastor Canada

New Testament - Rev. Dr Arthur Canada

### Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Gregory Busby

### Drummers Procession

Queen City Senior African Drummers Praise Dancers

### Selection

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### Reading of Obituary

Gwynette Edwards Newman

### African Drummer Tribute

Brenda Haskell

### Selection

Queen City Senior African Drummers Praise Dancers

### Remarks (2 minutes please)

### Acknowledgements

Herron Family

### Violinist Solo

Jessica Anita Barnwell

### Selection

*Storm Out On the Ocean* - (MPCCG)

### Selection

*Goodness of God*

### Eulogy

Reverend Joesph Talley\Selection

### Dance Tribute

*I Need You to Survive*

### Recessional

*I'll Fly Away*

### Interment

Beaties Ford Memorial Gardens

Repass will be at McCrorey YMCA

## Obituary

Lillian Odessa Grier, 97, was born to the late Eula Clyburn and Columbus Hinson on April 19, 1928, in Lancaster, South Carolina. She departed her earthly life on December 2, 2025 at Peak Resources Center. She attended and graduated from Marshville High School in Monroe, North Carolina.

She pursued a successful career in Nursing, where she received a nursing degree in Practical Nursing from Roosevelt School of Nursing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With a passion for helping others, she launched a promising nursing career at Mercy Hospital where she later retired after 25 years of outstanding leadership and work ethics.

Lillian always exhibited great efforts in anything she put her hands too. Helping people should've been her middle name (Lillian "Helping People" Clyburn Grier). Whether it was giving someone a ride, feeding the homeless or housing family members, she did it without blinking an eye. Once she joined McClintock Presbyterian Church, she became President of the Senior Choir. She was sworn in as a Deaconess. As a Deaconess, she took her title seriously. Lillian was very instrumental in helping to create a partnership with Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, assisting with Rooms in the Inn. That program allowed homeless men a place to sleep for the night in the coldest months of the year. They fed and washed their clothes. Reminding us all of the scripture Matthew 25:40... you've done it to the least of them you've done it unto me.

Lillian was an Uber driver before the name was ever coined. Picking up her choir and church members driving them to choir practice and/or church, all while bringing a couple of children and friends that didn't belong to the church but were attached to her by the hip because of her love and kindness. If she was not taking them to church, she was taking them to Dr. appts or to the bank to check on their MONEY!

## Obituary continued

Lillian enjoyed singing in both the McClintock Presbyterian Church Senior and Gospel Choir. She was certainly blessed with a heavenly voice that belted out tones even in her weakest moments. She earned the right to be addressed as Sister, Sister Grier or Mrs. Grier we can also add to that list Saint Grier.

She was a member of the McCrorey YMCA, where she was a part of the Queen City Senior African Drummers Praise Dancers. She truly enjoyed creating a joyous environment through love, laughter and music. At each and every birthday celebration the African Drummers would show up and Lillian would WHAT?!... SHOW OUT. Beating her drum and singing "Marching In The Light of God" and reciting her most famous line "I'm Fine As Wine On a Clinging Vine" Can't you just hear her telling her family and friends in heaven "I'm fine as wine on a clinging vine?"

Lillian was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Grier, six siblings, Marietta Smith, Margie Smith, Floree Brown, Lucille Clyburn, William Hinson, Bobbie Hinson. Two surviving brothers, John E. Clyburn (Glennelle) Roy Lenzy Hinson (Yvonne) one sister Inez Clyburn, four loving and special cousins George, Edith, Geordian, and Geordea Herron, who cared for Lillian as their very own mother/grandmother and a host of nieces, nephews. A special thanks to Juanita Cunningham for always calling to check on Lillian, Teren Crawford for always decorating her fabulous birthday parties as well as the Repass, Robin Woods and her granddaughter "Muffin" for stopping by often to see Lillian and help her get ready for bed, Belinda Austin for visiting her weekly during her time at Peak Resource Ctr. Lillian made a positive impact on people and she will be truly missed! We love you, Lillian!