

Pall Bearers

Allen O. Kittrell III	Trevon K. Lightfoot
Christian A. Kittrell	Michael Kidd
Andrew Cornish	DeVante Dews
Johnny Edwards Jr.	Lindwood Brown

Floral Bearers

Great Grand Children

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Helen Marie Kittrell would like you to know that words cannot fully express the gratitude we have for the many prayers, comforting messages, floral tributes, acts of kindness, and expressions of love shown during this difficult time.

God Bless!

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Celebrating the Life of



Helen Marie Kittrell

MARCH 23, 1947 - MAY 3, 2026

Saturday, May 16, 2026
1:00 PM

Hull Road F.W.B Church
2660 US-258
Kinston, NC 28504

Order of Service



Musical Prelude -----	Soft Music
Processional -----	Clergy & Family
Scripture	
	Psalms 23 ----- Rev. Troy Perry
	Romans 15:13----- Minister Oksana Dews
Prayer of Comfort-----	Rev. Devin Johnson Sr.
Solo -----	Stephanie Kittrell
Acknowledgments -----	Mary Shands
Remarks -----	Mother Tonia Cannon
	Mary Davis
	Ashley Cornish
	Linda Miller
	Allen Kittrell Jr.
Solo -----	Allen Kittrell Jr.
Obituary -----	Read Silently
Selection -----	Hull Road FWB Church Choir
Eulogy -----	Pastor Wandra Williams
Mortician's Breif	
Recessional	

Obituary

Helen Marie Kittrell was born on March 23, 1947, in Kinston, North Carolina, to Johnny and Ethel Edwards, Sr.

She received her education through the Lenoir County Public School System and graduated from Savannah High School in Kinston, North Carolina, in 1966.

On September 5, 1967, Helen married the love of her life, Allen O. Kittrell, Sr. Their union was blessed with three children. Seeking greater opportunities for their family, Helen and Allen relocated to Washington, D.C., where they built a loving home and raised their children together.

Helen devoted herself to being a homemaker while her children were young. Once her children entered school full-time, she entered the workforce, serving in cashier and clerical positions before beginning her career with the United States Department of Labor. In 1991, she accepted a position as a Secretary with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), where she faithfully served until retiring in July 2003 due to medical reasons.

Helen accepted Christ at an early age and remained steadfast in her faith throughout her life. After relocating to Washington, D.C., she maintained her membership and support of her beloved home church, Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church. She later united with Corinthian Baptist Church in Lanham, Maryland, formerly located in Washington, D.C.

Helen and Allen deeply loved their hometown of Kinston and often spoke of returning home upon retirement. In 2006, they fulfilled that dream and returned to Kinston, North Carolina. Helen reunited with Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and devoted member until the Lord called her from labor to eternal rest.

On May 3, 2026, Helen peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny and Ethel Edwards, Sr.; her beloved husband, Allen O. Kittrell, Sr.; her daughter, Rose Elston; her son-in-law, Charles Elston Jr.; her goddaughter, Jennifer Steele; her brothers, Calvin Weathington, Kenneth Brown, and Everett Brown; and her sister, Eva Grady.

Helen leaves to cherish her precious memories: her son, Allen Kittrell, Jr. (Stephanie); her daughter, Patricia Kittrell; her granddaughters, Amanda Kidd (Michael), Ashley Cornish (Andrew), and Oksana Dews (DeVante); her grandsons, Allen Kittrell III, Trevon Lightfoot (Mikayla), and Christian Kittrell; thirteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; three goddaughters; two brothers; four sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, and longtime friends.

Helen's life was a testimony of love, faith, strength, and devotion to family. Her warm spirit, caring heart, and unwavering faith will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.