

# Celebration Service

Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Gastonia, North Carolina

### Officiants

Reverend Jay Bissett

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

Reverend Albert Mills

## Order of Service

### Words of Grace

#### Greeting

#### Solo

Pastor Bernardo Porter

#### Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

#### Prayer

#### New Testament

Colossians 1:11-20

#### Eulogy

Reverend Albert Mills

#### Prayer

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hinton

#### Homily

#### Witnesses of Remembrance

Mr. Virgil Burroughs

Ms. Wandra Hoffman

Mr. James Graham

#### Solo

“I Shall Wear A Crown”

Minister Sharon Collins

#### Prayer

#### Benediction

## Floral and Pall Bearers

Grands



## Life Reflections

### Ida Mae Bratton Graham

1924 – 2020

Ida Mae Bratton Graham was called to be with her Heavenly Father on Monday, October 12, 2020 at the age of 96, after battling cancer. She was sleeping soundly at her home when she received her heavenly wings. Mrs. Graham loved the Lord and was a devoted member of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Graham was the daughter of the late John and Mary Bratton. Her playmates on the farm in York, SC were her brothers and sisters: Azalea, Pauline, Sakes, Irene, Ellree, Floree, Mable, Clyde, Floyd, Avery, and Frank. Mrs. Graham attended school in Clover, SC. While she worked in several different capacities, in her later years before retiring, she worked caring for others.

Some of the recognitions and honors that were bestowed on Mrs. Graham, include being honored during a Mother's Day celebration for being the oldest member and mother of the Epworth Church, receiving a 90th birthday card from President Obama and having five generations from six of her children.

Mrs. Graham was well-known for her cooking talents and she loved to dress up. She loved her house to be filled with family and friends especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. She always wanted to make sure that people had enough food to eat when they visited her or at events when she provided entrees and desert. At church and at family and friend events, her peach cobbler or apple cobbler was sought out by all. And, as often as she could, the avid fisherwoman would be found at a lake or pond with a pole in her hand, catching fish to be cooked later. Mrs. Graham's love of cooking and fishing have been passed along to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. Although Mrs. Graham loved to cook

and fish, nothing topped her love for her family!

She was married to the late Marshall Henry Graham. Their union was blessed with 10 children. She was so proud of her children. She often talked about how her children never were in trouble with the law.

Mrs. Graham was affectionately called Mama by her children, Grandma and Big Grand by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great-grandchildren and Aunt Wom by some nieces and nephews. Now, that God has called Mrs. Graham home, a huge void has been created in the hearts of those who loved her, especially her family. Her children are: James Henry (the late Joyce) Graham, Kelly (Carolyn) Graham, the late Robert Earl Graham, all of Gastonia; John Marshall (Patricia) Graham of Charlotte, Mary Eleanor (Ronald) Floyd of Gastonia, John Alfred (Carolice) Graham of Mt. Holly, Margie Boyce, Paulette (Virgil) Burroughs, Wanda Faye Graham, and Michael Anthony (Wanda) Graham of Gastonia. Mrs. Graham's lineage includes 25 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 5 great great-grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends all are mourning her.







*Grandma, Big Grand*  
 From the very moment you smiled upon me  
 You gave all that you had...  
 Unconditionally  
 You taught me of kindness, patience and love  
 And we formed a closeness God blessed from above.  
 Your life was full of loving deeds,  
 Forever thoughtful of our special needs  
 Today and tomorrow, my whole life through  
 I will always love and cherish you.  
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song  
 The good life you live and still remain strong!!  
 Love you Grandma/Big Grand



*Acknowledgement*  
 The family acknowledges with deep gratitude, all expressions of  
 love and comfort in the form of cards, phone calls, visits, and most  
 of all, your prayers during this period of our loss. May God bless  
 you.

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**Ida Mae Bratton Graham**  
 May 26, 1924 - October 12, 2020