

Flower Bearers
Family and Friends

Pall Bearers
Grandsons and Great Grandsons

Acknowledgement

With deep gratitude, we wish to express our sincere thanks
and appreciation for your comforting expressions
of sympathy during the passing of our loved one.
We would also like to thank Hospice of Cleveland County
for their help and support. May God bless each of you.

The Family of Mrs. Cora Lillian Wilson Brantley



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**Celebrating the Life and Legacy
of
Mrs. Cora Lillian Wilson Brantley**



Sunrise:
September 10, 1925

Sunset:
December 23, 2020

**Saturday, January 2, 2021
1:00 PM**

**Eskridge Grove Baptist Church
Shelby, NC
Rev. Strickland Maddox, Pastor**







Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Officiating Minister.....Rev. Strickland Maddox

Selection.....“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”.....Congregation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Chris Little

Solo.....“The Last Mile Of The Way”.....Mr. Sam Bigby

Remarks.....(3 Minutes).....Mr. Andrew Hopper, Neighbor
Deacon Eugene Harrison,
Lowndes Hill Baptist Church

Solo.....Rev. Willie James Choice

Words of Comfort.....Dr. Edward D. Brantley

Recessional

Interment
Committal/Prayer/Benediction
Cleveland Memorial Park
Boiling Springs, NC

THE LAST MILE OF THE WAY



If I walk in the pathway of duty,
If I work till the close of the day;
I shall see the great King in His beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,
If I seek for His sheep gone astray;
I am sure He will show me His glory
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Here the dearest of ties we must sever,
Tears of sorrow are seen every day;
But no sickness, no sighing forever
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

And if here I have earnestly striven
And have tried all His will to obey;
Twill enhance all the rapture of heaven
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Refrain

When I've gone the last mile of the way,
I will rest at the close of the day,
And I know there are joys that await me
When I've gone the last mile of the way.



Obituary

Early in the morning of December 23, Cora L. Brantley transitioned from this earthly home to her heavenly home.

Cora was born on September 10, 1925 in Pittsburgh, PA to Thomas and Era Wilson. Cora, at an early age, along with her brother Datch, came to live with her maternal grandparents, Vick and Mary Wilson in the Boiling Springs area. It was then that she attended and later joined Eskridge Grove Baptist Church.

While growing up in Boiling Springs, Cora met and married the love of her life, Clarence Brantley. They were married 69 years and to this union six children were born. Cora was the disciplinarian and reared her children in the church. She was a little woman in stature, but a force to be reckoned with when provoked.

A faithful and humble servant, Cora served as a Sunday School and BTU teacher; WMU President; a member of the Sanctuary Choir; the Nancy Barrow Missionary Circle and the Senior Ministry. She was also a member of the Adah Chapter No. 7 Order of Eastern Star in Kings Mountain, NC. Cora also attended the Life Enrichment Center and looked forward to going every day. She loved the pampering and kindness they showed her.

After retiring from Fiber Industries, Cora became the entrepreneur of "Cora's Cakes and Pies." It was at the Farmer's Market that she met and formed lasting friendships with her patrons and fellow vendors.

After the passing of her husband, Cora retired from the cake business and enjoyed sitting on her porch enjoying conversing with her neighbors, Andrew Hopper and Linda Kimble, who kept watchful and vigilant eyes on her.

In her last days, Cora reflected on the good and long life she had been afforded and waited quietly, patiently and peacefully for the Lord to receive her unto Himself.

Cora was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence; 1 daughter, Martha Carlton; her parents, Thomas and Era Wilson; 3 brothers, Charles, Richard and Woodrow (Datch) Wilson; 2 sisters, Eula Elliott and Gertrude Little.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Jacqueline Barnes and Teressa Brantley; her sons, Hubert (Jenell) Brantley, Clarence (Sandy) Brantley, Jr. and Rev. Edward D. Brantley; grandchildren; Darrell Brantley, Wesley Barnes, Tifini (Thomas) Gordon, Audrey Brantley, Justin (Amber) Brantley, Thomas Brantley and Adam Brantley; 13 great-grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; special cousins, Beulah and Sammy Powell and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.