

IN GRATITUDE

To all who touched our hearts
Lifted our spirits, offered prayers
Uttered words of encouragement, gave gifts,
Sent Cards, prepared food,
Traveled across the miles,
Participated in the service
And shared in any way, we thank you,
Sincere thanks to the Ministers,
family and friends
For your tremendous love and support.

A very special thanks to the Gaston Palliative
Services and Novant Health Hospice (Affiliated
with Novant Health), Huntersville, NC.

The Helen Gibson Tate Family

Pall Bearers and Floral Bearers
Family and Friends

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A Loving Celebration of Life of Helen Gibson Tate



Saturday, July 24, 2021
12:00 PM

Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church
7447 Old Plank Road
Stanley, North Carolina 28164

Rev. Lewis Lowery, Officiating
Elder Sylvia Lowery, Eulogist

The Family Visitation

Musical Prelude	
Processional	Ministers and Family
The Moment of Sharing	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Musical Selection	Lowesville Community Choir

The Order of Service

Invocation	Reverend Lewis Lowery Fancy Hill Baptist Church, Dallas, NC
Opening Hymn “When He Call Me”	Lowesville Community Choir
The Scripture Reading	
Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
New Testament	Revelations 21:1-7
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Shirley Canty Rock Hill UMC, Stanley, NC
Selection “I Stood on the Banks of Jordan”	DeWayne M. Koonce
Reflections <i>(Please limit to two minutes)</i>	Friends and Family
	Family Response Valarie Watkins
Acknowledgements, Condolences, and Resolution	
Obituary	
Solo	Kellena Gibson
Eulogy	Elder Sylvia Lowery
Recessional Selection “Sit Down Servant”	Lowesville Community Choir

Committal/Interment
Gold Hill/Rock Hill Cemetery
Stanley, North Carolina



The Obituary

On Friday, July 16, 2021, God saw you were tired and growing weak at Novant Hospice in Huntersville, NC. He decided that it was best to put his arms around you and whispered “Come home and rest.”

Helen was born on September 27, 1927, in Lincoln County, North Carolina to the late Sidney and Riddie Derr Gibson and was the wife of the late Clement C. Tate. In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by two daughters, Marguerite Tate Dillard, Necodia Gibson McLean; her siblings, Necodia Williamson, Earlene Wilson, Correne Luckey, Willet Gibson, Lula Mims, Jannie Bass, Clinton Gibson, John Gibson, and Richard Gibson.

She was educated in Lincoln County Schools and went on to work for and retired from American Efird and Burlington Industries in Mt. Holly, NC. She was a lifelong, faithful member of Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Stanley, NC. Through her membership, she served on the Hymn Choir, Senior Bible Study, Sunday School Teacher, and Friendly Aide. She was a member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star (American Beauty Chapter #546) of Lowesville, NC. She was a dedicated member and former president of the Lowesville Community Choir until 2019. Mrs. Tate was a nurturing mother figure to countless members of her community and affectionally earned the name “Mama Helen.”

She is survived by two daughters, Willie Mae Zinnerman (George) of Stanley, NC, Phyllis Houston of Salisbury, NC, special granddaughter, Necodia Stroud and special great-grandson, Nathan Stroud of Stanley, NC, one sister, Hattie Gibson Richie of Lymwood, Il; five sisters-in-law, Anna Bailey of Stanley, NC, Jane Tate of Laurinburg, NC, Eliza Gibson of Stanley, NC, Mageline Gibson of Charlotte, NC, Corinthian Gibson of Evanston, Il, four granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren, nine great-great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, and relatives and friends.