

## Order of Service

Elder Sylvia Lowery, Officiant

Processional	
Family Hour	12noon - 1:00pm
Invocation	Elder Sylvia Lowery
Scripture Reading	
<i>Old Testament</i> —Psalms 23	Pastor Raynard Thompson
<i>New Testament</i> —1 Thes. 4:13-18	Rev. Vincent Lynch
Song Selection	Choir
Prayer of Comfort	Minister
Reflections	
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Cards & Acknowledgements	Sis. Lisa Frazier
Obituary Reading	Sis. Lisa Frazier
Solo Selection	<i>“I Am A Living Testimony”</i>
	Ms. Sarah Johnson
Eulogy	Rev. Lewis Lowery
Recessional	

## Committal / Interment

Gold Hill / Rock Hill Cemetery  
Stanley, North Carolina

## Repast

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the safety of all, we will not be holding a repast fellowship. Please continue to stay safe.

## Pallbearers & Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.



## Our Gratitude

*We want to express our sincerest thanks and gratitude for the many expressions of love, support, cards, telephone calls, text messages, acts of kindness, and words of encouragement during this difficult time.*

The Friday Family

## Professional Services

Ebony & White's Funeral Services, Inc.  
1139 E Pine Street, Lincolnton, NC 28092, (704) 732-1041

*A Celebration of  
Life*

Saturday  
August 6, 2022, 1:00PM

*Vertie E. Friday*  
May 26, 1931 - July 25, 2022

Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
Stanley, North Carolina 28164

## *A Servant's Heart*

### *Vertie Eugene Friday*

Peacefully on Monday, July 25, 2022, the Lord called Ms. Vertie Eugene Friday, our beloved matriarch, to a new heavenly home. At the age of 91 from the comfort of her home and surrounded by her loving son and family, Ms. Friday accepted her wings and quietly transitioned to be with her Lord and Saviour.

Ms. Friday was born in Gaston County, North Carolina on May 26, 1931 to the late Robert Luther Friday and Maggie Morrison Friday. She was the second eldest of seven children and known for unselfishly devoting her life to care for and help raise her younger siblings after the early death of her Mom. Ms. Friday attended Lincoln County Public School. After formal schooling, Ms. Friday began to work the fields sharecropping with her parents for a short time before becoming employed by Hudson Poultry Plant in Alexis, North Carolina. She and her best friend and first cousin, the late Catherine "Bee" Burton worked together on the assembly line preparing the meat for market. With her excellent skills for cooking, cleaning, ironing and managing a home, Ms. Friday also became a sought-after housekeeper and elderly care taker for many affluent families in Lincoln County.

In the mid-1950s, Ms. Friday met Paul Edward Flowers, the love of her life, and to them was born her devoted and loving son, Paul. Her son became her pride and joy and she dedicated her life to making sure he had a loving home, strong foundation and whatever he needed to succeed.

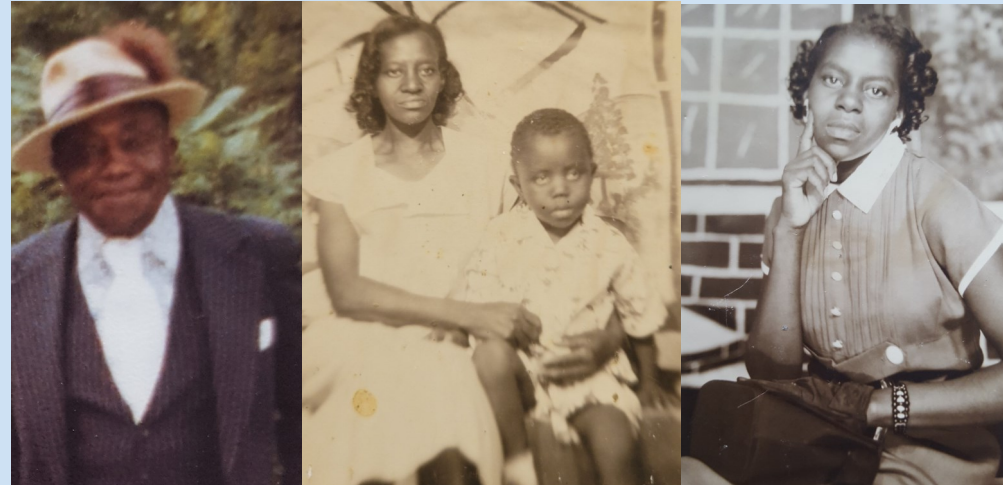
Ms. Friday was a loving and giving person who always put the needs of others before her own. When family members became ill, they often looked to Ms. Friday as the private family nurse and care taker and she unselfishly obliged and did whatever she could to nurse them back to health. Down through the years, her home became the central gathering place for all of the Friday family functions where good food, good fellowship, good fun, and strong family bonds of love abounded. Ms. Friday's home was also known throughout Lincolnton as one of the best places to get a home cooked meal and the most delicious cakes and pies. Ms. Friday loved cooking, canning, gardening and quilting. She also enjoyed Tuckers Grove Camp Meeting and preparing her tent for family and friends to come and gather annually in August. One of her proudest accomplishments was when she purchased and built her home near her beloved campground. Ms. Friday was petite in stature and humble in spirit with a little dose of feistiness but she stood head and shoulders above the rest in character, love, compassion, and service towards others especially her family.

She was a member of Gold Hill Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully as a Missionary and on the Kitchen Committee.

She leaves to cherish loving memories to her devoted son Paul Authur Friday (Cynthia); granddaughter, Kendra Friday; brother, James Friday; sister, Mary Friday; a devoted cousin, Betty Burton Burris (Freddie); a dear family friend and "second" son, Ernest "Sonny" Wingate, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was preceded in death by three sisters, Ella Mae Kee; Thelma Lindsey and Katherine F. Cheek; and two brothers, George Authur "Bob" Friday and Robert Homer Friday.



## *Our Beloved Matriarch*



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