

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY
OF
Ms. DENISE STINSON**

SUNRISE March 29, 1967
SUNSET December 8, 2022



Friday, December 16, 2022

**Clinton Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
485 Catawba Valley Boulevard Southeast, #465
Hickory, North Carolina 28602**

Family Visitation: 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Funeral Service Commencement: 1:00 P.M.

**Coulters Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Newton, North Carolina
Committal | Interment | Repast**

In Our Hearts ...

We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping.
We have you in our hearts.

-Author Unknown

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of Denise Stinson would like to thank everyone for their prayers and expressions of love during this time of bereavement. We are especially grateful for Coulters Grove AME Zion Church, the many pastors, ministers, ushers, family, and friends who traveled near and far to be present with us today.

We would be remiss to not acknowledge the love and continuous support received from Roosevelt & Sandra Farley, and Mary Collins throughout the years and for that we are eternally grateful.

God bless you for your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy.

~ The Stinson Family ~

PALL BEARERS and FLORAL BEARERS

Cousins

Committal/Interment & Repast

**Coulters Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Newton, North Carolina 28658
Reverend Michael Hester, Pastor**

In light of the current Covid-19 alert status, the caterer will provide a 'to go' meal for immediate & extended family to limit exposure. Repast immediately following interment – please proceed to the fellowship hall.

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Order of Service

Officiating

Reverend Michael Hester, Pastor

Coulters Grove African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Newton, North Carolina 28658

Prelude

Reverend Spanky Ramseur, Pastor

Glorious Church of God Newton, NC

Processional

Pastor Hester, Ministers, and Family

Family Visitation Hour

Hymn of Comfort

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

Coulters Grove AME Choir

Invocation

Reverend Anthony Crowder, Pastor

Storehouse Ministry, Mount Holly, NC

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalm 23

Reverend Stephanie Rice

New Testament

John 14:1-6

Reverend Betty Jean Stinson

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Ron Carson, Pastor

Covenant Christian Church, Mount Holly, NC

Solo

“Your Grace and Mercy”

Mr. Johnny Stinson

Obituary & Acknowledgements

Mrs. Rosa Rankin

Tributes (Please limit tributes to 2 minutes)

Family

Mr. Philemon Nichols, President

Nichols & Farley Family Reunion

Reverend Ernest Stinson

Musical Selections

Elder Jerome & Sister Nancy Williams

Greater Saint Mark C.O.D., Wadesboro, NC

“I Can Only Imagine” by Tamela Mann

“We’re Gonna Make It”

by Myrna Summers & Timothy Wright

Eulogy

Reverend Michael Hester, Pastor

Closing Remarks

Mr. Michael Roger Stinson

Recessional

“I’ll Fly Away”

Coulters Grove AME Choir

The Obituary

Denise Louvonnia Stinson was born March 29, 1967, in Catawba County, North Carolina to the parents of Mr. Manly Roger Stinson and Mrs. Yvonnia Farley Stinson. Denise, affectionately known as “Neesie” at the tender age of 55 was called home to glory on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Duke University Hospital, Durham, North Carolina while surrounded by her loving and devoted immediate family.



Denise Stinson grew up as a child in Vale, North Carolina and was educated in the Catawba County School system. As a child, she was an avid lover of music and at the age of 10 started taking piano lessons. Denise excelled with her love of piano as she participated in various piano recitals and concerts that featured students and adults well past her age. God truly blessed Denise with the gift of music and she continued to use her gift as she learned to play the clarinet while enrolled at Blackburn Middle School, in Newton, North Carolina. In high school, she played the clarinet in the marching band at Fred T. Foard High School in Newton, North Carolina.

Upon high school graduation, Denise attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) and Gardner-Webb University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences. She continued her education and received a Minor in Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Human Services. Denise had a love for children which in turn led her to become an Early Childhood Professional. Over a span of 8 years, she worked as an Elementary School Teacher, and Academic Coach and Tutor as she believed in bettering the lives of children through education, active learning, and skill/relationship development.

Denise was an active member of Coulter's Grove A.M.E Zion Church, in Newton, North Carolina. She devoted her talents back to the one who gave them to her in service as a member of the Children's Choir, Young Adult Choir, and a keyboard player. Denise later formed a travelling choir named UNITY which consisted of immediate family, a few uncles, aunts, and cousins. The choir was a “love-child” for her as she loved praising and worshipping God through Gospel music.

Denise was truly a light that drew people into her presence. There was an eagerness and true joy exhibited while serving others. Neesie just didn't say hello to people – she truly wanted to get to know them. In the Stinson, Farley, Nichols, and Ross families, she was the life source that tied families together and encouraged gatherings to keep all connected. Neesie loved her friends and family without asking for anything in return. Many will miss her loving personality, attention to detail, and beautiful smile which complimented her spirit.

Denise leaves beautiful memories to be cherished by her devoted parents: Manly and Yvonnia Stinson, Vale, NC; her beloved and protective brother, Michael Stinson (Tashina), Indian Land, SC; and her favorite nephew, Ayden Benymon; On her father's side, she leaves behind: Ernest Stinson (Jean), Newton, NC; Johnny Stinson, Newton, NC; Margaret Allen (Henry), Hickory, NC; Betty Cobb (Alfred), Greensboro, NC; Clara Glover (Carl), Lawrenceville, GA; Katie Carson (Ron), Hickory, NC; and Mary Collins, Durham, NC; On her mother's side, Denise leaves the following: Henry Farley (Gail), Newton, NC; Roosevelt Farley (Sandra), Hickory, NC; Viola Early, Hickory, NC, and a host of close relatives and friends.

Denise was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Ridley and Vinia Farley and her paternal grandparents, Leonard, and Annie Mae Stinson.

