



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Martha Ann Steele Allison



There are *Angels*
 God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
 You can feel their love and gentleness
 as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
 they whisper in our ears,
 they even hold us in their hearts
 when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
 and try to make us smile.
 They treat us with respect and love,
 they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
 I'm proud to call my own.
 She's been with me throughout my
 life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
 she's taught me like no other,
 and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
 who get's to call her...

Mother

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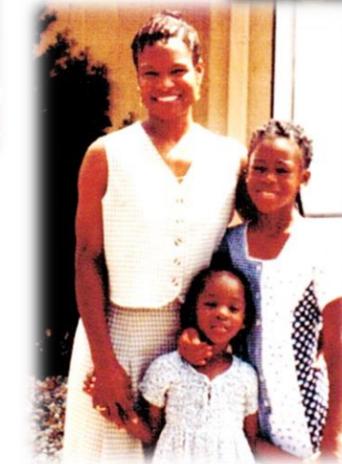
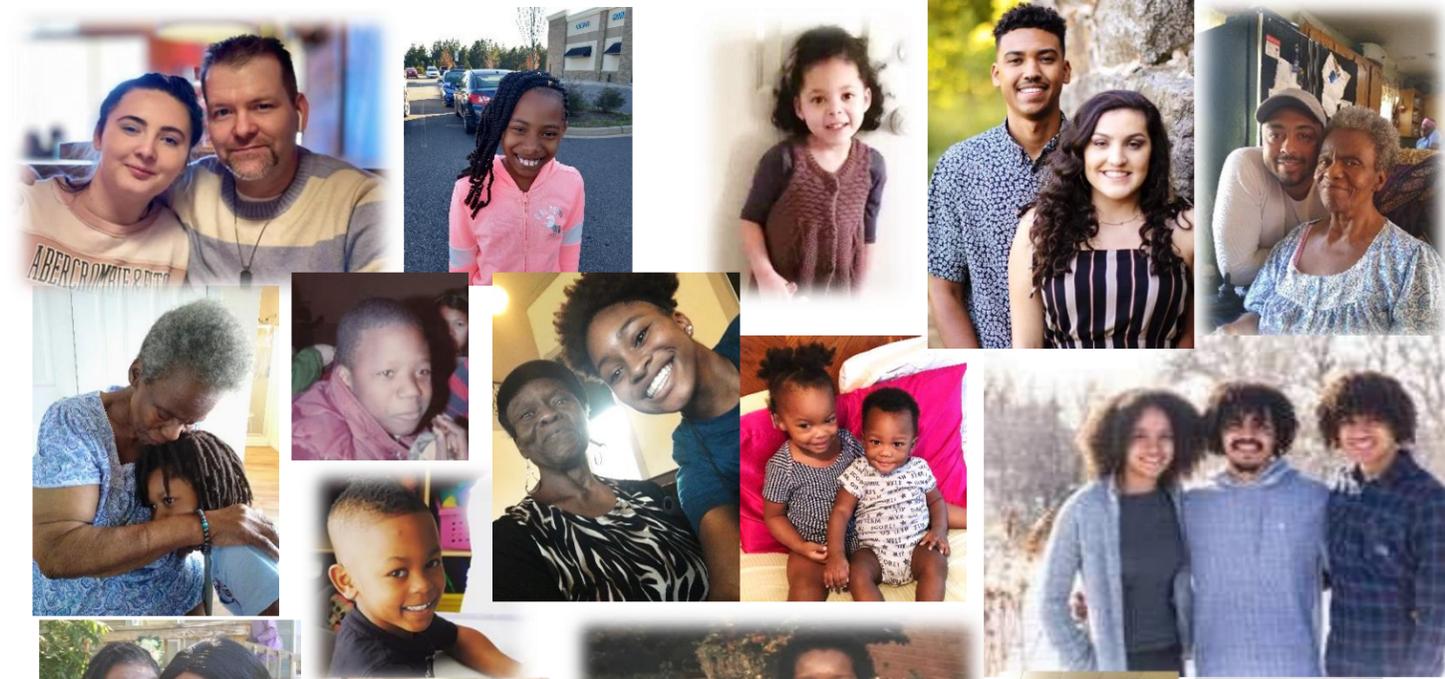


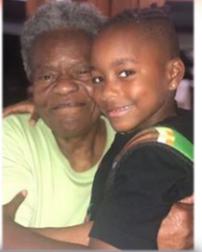
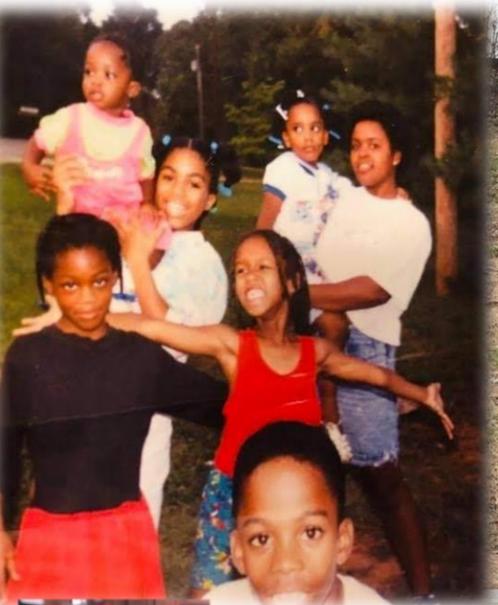
Memaw
 1943 - 2020

*She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple...
 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her;
 Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."*
 Proverbs 31:22, 28, 29



Mentor
Exceptional Granny
Mother to all
Awesome Friend
Woman of God





The Family Tribute
 Celebrating the life of
Martha Ann Steele Allison

*A smile for all, a heart of gold, one of the finest this world could hold
 Never selfish, always kind, These are the memories she leaves behind...*

Mrs. Martha Ann Steele Allison, aka “Memaw”, 76, was born on December 21, 1943 to the late Augustus and Lizzie Steele. She gained her wings on Saturday May 2, 2020 at home surrounded by her children and Pastor Brooks following an extended illness.

She grew up in Harmony, NC and attended Unity High School. She graduated and married Willie Allison on November 20, 1961, who proceeds her in death along with a daughter Pauline. She was a faithful member of St. John Baptist Church of Statesville, NC. She worked at South Iredell High School for many years. She owned her own cleaning services for several local doctors and dentists, then later gained employment at Zimmer’s Patient Care where she retired.

Memaw was a devoted sister, loving wife, magnificent mother and loyal friend. She was an avid animal lover, canner and gardener. She also loved doing ceramics and crafts. She loved traveling around the world and driving fast and furious cars with talking motors. Her motto was that she can only drive one way, “fast”. She loved teaching her grandchildren and daycare babies their letters, colors and shapes with a deck of playing cards. That was her real hobby and singing her legendary made up song: _____ is my baby when _____ is not around ha-cha do-ha cha do, ha cha do, do. Which has become a tradition to our family that will be passed on for generations to come.

She was a mother to many and would open her doors, arms and heart to all. They called her home a safe haven for all who entered.

Memaw is survived by five children, Enez (Andre) Blount of Raeford NC, Joetta (Donald Ray) Bines, Willie Allison, and Markus Allison all of Statesville, Charlene Allison of Stony Point. She has twenty-four grandchildren: Nadia Allison, Andre Blount Jr., Marcus Blount, Ericka Hardaway, Kerasha Allison, Preston Smyre, Quadarius Simpson, Raphel Turner, Quad Turner, Brandon Harrison, Lavendar Phelps, Shamiah Daniels, Sharla Gillespie, Dustin Gillispie, Shakeeka (Shelby) Misher, Brandon Allison, Stephanie (Dashon) Lazenby, Chadwick Eldridge, Marquise Allison, Montgomery (Alyssa), Allison, Myllian Allison, Gracelynn Allison, and Savannah Walker and 28 great-grandkids: Jakhia Ross, Rashaud Ross, Naje’ Ross, KeNigel Thompson, KeyArri Blount, DeMarlo Blount, Mikenzie Blount, Mikhai Blount, Amari Sherrill, Jazzlynn Robinson, Dantevian McClain, Caydence Mills, Kingston Wilder, Qinsleigh Simpson, Memphis Simpson, Aniya Misher, Zylar Misher, Zendaya Misher, Addisyn Misher, Levi Lazenby, Londyn Lazenby, Brielle Allison, Kasidh Eldridge, CJ Eldridge, Zek Parks, Kion Hiatt, Kalea Eldridge, and Tamia Eldridge as well as her honorary grandchildren Kaleel Burke, Kamdom Gillespie, Raven White. Also, children she helped raise as her own whom called her mama: Matthew Dixon, Chris Henderson, Chris Leaviner, Polly Thompson and Kerston Weaver. Special nephews Charles Steele Jr. and Jimmy Steele and devoted niece Janice Steele.

She is survived by 5 brothers Clarence Steele, Dallas (Irene) Steele, John (Dorothy) Steele, Jimmy Steele and Charles Steele. She has three sister-n-laws which survives her Janet Steele, Mildred Allison, Carolyn Knox. And 9 siblings which proceeds her in death plus her three sister-n-laws Carolyn Steele, Dorothy Steele, and Rosalyn Steele.

Martha leaves to cherish her lifelong friends Margaret Tenner, Lydia Wilson, Paula and Leonard Gabriel, Lozona Tate, Linda Knox, Bonnie Dalton, Joyce Dalton, Barbara Allison, Jerry Grimes, Jennifer Clifton, Johnna Myers and Brenda Miller as well as a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

If you ever crossed her path you can truly say that you were blessed by her presence with many smiles to come.



As long as life and memory last, we will remember thee.



The Order of Service

**Thursday, May 7, 2020
 12:00 p.m.**

**St. John Baptist Church
 Statesville, N. C.**

Reverend Burrel Brooks, Pastor, Officiating

- The Processional
- The Call to Worship Pastor Burrel Brooks
- The Invocation Pastor Burrel Brooks
- The Selection The Wilson Family
- The Scripture:
 - Old Testament: *Isaiah 25:7-9* The Reverend Michael D. Sharpe
 - New Testament: *Revelation 21:1-4* Deacon David Thompson
- The Prayer of Comfort Pastor Burrel Brooks
- The Selection The Wilson Family
- The Acknowledge and Commemorative Presentation The Funeral Director
- The Selection The Wilson Family
- The Eulogy: “*You Might As Well Get Used to It*” Pastor Burrel Brooks
- The Committal
- The Recessional

At The Iredell Memorial Park

*The Gathering of the Christian Community
 The Placing of the Casket
 The Final Departure*

Pall bears

Her I Got-ya Kings

Flower girls

Her Get it Done Queens

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.