

The Order of Service

Reverend Carl Williams, *Officiating Minister*
Reverend James Shade, *Eulogist*

Opening Song
The Invocation.....Reverend Carl Williams
The Solo: "*Precious Lord*"Evangelist LaVonne Blackwell
The Scripture Readings
Old Testament: *Proverbs 3:5,6*Reverend Ivan Cowan
New Testament: *Hebrews 11:1*.....Reverend Kevin Ussery
The Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend John D. McDonald, Jr.
The Solo: *Troubles of the World*.....Reatha Cowan
The Remarks (Limit to 3 minutes please)
♥ St James Church Resolution Sam Sharpe
♥ Work- Dr. Alvera Lesane
♥ Mt. and Catawba Association - Rev. David Roberts
♥ Family - Jonathan E. Byers and Crystal Harris
The Solo: *May the Works I Have Done Speak for Me*....James Roseboro
The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation
.....Funeral Director
The Solo: *All Hail Away*.....Evangelist LaVonne Blackwell
The Eulogy: 2 Timothy 4:7Reverend James Shade
The Recessional Selection: *It is Well with My Soul*..... James Roseboro

At The St. James First Baptist Church Cemetery

Mooresville, North Carolina
The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Placing of the Casket
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure

Casket Bearers

Men from Mt. and Catawba and St. James

Flower Bearers

Women from Mt. and Catawba



Remembering the Life of

Mrs. Margie Ruth C. Byers



*Memory has a beautiful way
Of keeping loved ones near
Ever close in heart and minds
Are the ones we hold most dear*



Mrs. Margie Ruth Carrouthers Byers, beloved daughter of the late Edward Thomas and Margaret Belk Carrouthers, was born in Mecklenburg, NC on July 23, 1945. She peacefully passed from this mortal life into her heavenly home on Sunday, May 24, 2020, surrounded by her family.

On December 20, 1969, Margie was married to Jonathan Byers, Sr. She graduated from York Road High School in Charlotte, NC in 1963. After high school, she received her B.S. degree in Biology in 1967 in Concord, NC. She taught Biology for twenty-two years at Mooresville High School, and while there she served as the Student Council Advisor for over fourteen years. She was honored with a State Student Council Advisor of the Year plaque. Mrs. Byers also worked for thirteen years as a School Counselor at Statesville High School, as well as the following SAT and ACT College Entrance Testing Coordinator, Teaching Fellows Coordinator and a 504 School Representative. Margie retired on June 30, 2003, after thirty-five years in the education field.

Mrs. Byers grew up a Presbyterian in Charlotte, but became a Baptist after meeting her best friend and love, Jonathan. With their union, she became a member of St. James First Baptist Church in Mooresville. At St. James, Margie poured her heart into several roles. She served as a Youth Director, as a Deaconess, Church Clerk, a Bible Study Director, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Baptist Church Director, an Usher, Usher trainer, and the Church Treasurer. Mrs. Byers also became a loyal and dedicated member of the Mt. and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association where she served as the Assistant and Director of the Christian Education, and a member of the Executive Board. In her official capacity, she was called on to conduct several training workshops in such areas as church ushering, church etiquette, and improving the Sunday School. She also served as the Recording Secretary of the Association.

Margie also conducted sex education, Aids, Parent-to-Parent and College-Prep workshops at church and community groups. Her hobbies were sewing, holiday decorations, reading and cooking special desserts and casseroles. She loved her family, she loved to

laugh, she loved to hold babies and she was a very kind-hearted lady.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her loving and devoted husband, Jonathan Byers, Sr. of the home; one son, Jonathan Edwin Byers of Christiansburg, VA; one daughter, Crystal (Stacey) Harris of Statesville; one grandson, Tayshon Harris of Statesville; one brother, Charles Carrouthers of Charlotte; one sister, Shirley (Charles) Davis of Winston-Salem, NC; two brothers-in-law, Dennis Byers of Washington, D. C. and James Nelson (JoAnn) Byers of Anchorage, Alaska; a sister-in-law, Clara P. Watts of Troutman; a special niece, Margaret Davis of High Point, NC; one aunt, Mrs. Grace Chambers of Charlotte, NC; and a host of relatives, The St. James First Baptist Church Family, The Mountain and Catawba Baptist Association, and friends.

Remember Me with love and laughter.

**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7**





Jonathan & Margie

With Our Thanks

The Byers and Carrouthers families express our sincere appreciation for all of the love and kindness shown to us during this time. Special thanks to Drs. Pamela Sholar, Harlan Hicks, Carl Foulks, and other physicians, Iredell Memorial Hospital, Wake Forest Baptist Hospital and Gordon's Hospice House for their care and treatment. We also want to thank our church families, St. James First Baptist Church, First Greater Living Missionary Baptist Church, and Elevation Church, the Mt. and Catawba Association and friends. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Margie and for remembering us during her illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding. The Family

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"
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A Celebration of Life for
Mrs. Margie Ruth C. Byers



A Gift Given
 July 23, 1945

A Gift Returned
 May 24, 2020

A Life Well Lived.. Is Never Lost!

Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Mortuary
 603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC
 Reverend Carl Williams, *Officiating*
 Reverend James Shade, *Eulogist*

