

The Family Tribute

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

Mrs. Martha Allison Dalton, beloved daughter of the late Norris and Parthenia Leach Allison, was born in Iredell County on October 18, 1938. She departed this life on July 19, 2020, following an extended illness.

She graduated from Unity High School, Class of 1957. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Harmony, all of her life and was a member of the Senior Choir, Gospel Choir, and head of the Kitchen Committee. Mrs. Dalton retired from Hunt Manufacturing Company after 36 years and only missed one day of work. She also worked part-time at the Country Kitchen for 20 years and Sage Brush Restaurant. She was a volunteer at Iredell Memorial Hospital and was a member of the Senior Citizens Club at Garfield Center.

She enjoyed cooking and caring for others. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Theodise Dalton; her daughter, Sandra Denise Dalton; three brothers, Joe Louise Allison, Norris Allison, Jr., and Tony Allison; two sisters, Christine (Hile) Williams and Pearlina Click.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her son, Thomas (Sarina) Dalton of Charlotte; a step daughter, Wanda Byers of Winston-Salem; grandchildren, Nicole (Martin) Sanford, Aashley (Deangleo) Savoy, Christopher Jayden Dalton, Michele Holt, Dennis Jenkins, II and Damian Jenkins; great grandchildren, Deyana Savoy, Tenia Davis, and Amiya Butler sisters-in-law, Margaret Allison, Rachel Allison and Rose Allison; The First Baptist Church Family, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, great grands, other relatives and friends.

*In tears we saw you sinking, and watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken, because we wanted you to stay.
But when we saw you sleeping, so peacefully and free from pain
How could we wish you back with us to suffer that again
It breaks our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.*

A Service of Love and Remembrance for

Martha Allison Dalton

Reverend Jeffrey Miller, *Officiating*
Reverend Darryl McConnell, *Eulogist*

The Order of Service

The Processional
The Invocation Reverend Jeffrey Miller
The Selection: *"Come and Go With Me to My Father's House"*
"I Know It Was The Blood"
The Scripture Readings Reverend Carl Williams
Old Testament
New Testament
The Prayer of Comfort Reverend Carl Williams
The Solo Keith Holland
The Remarks (*Limit two minutes please*)
♥ Mayor Costi Kutteh
♥ Richard Cain
♥ Council Woman Doris Allison
The Church Resolution..... Mrs. Josie McConnell, *Niece*
The Acknowledgments
The Commemorative Presentation ,,,,..... Funeral Director
The Selection: *"I Won't Complain"*
The Eulogy..... Reverend Darryl McConnell
The Solo Keith Holland
The Committal
The Recessional Selection

At the First Baptist Church Cemetery in Harmony, North Carolina

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

With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Martha" and for remembering us during her passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.

The Family



A Celebration of Life for
Martha Allison Dalton



A Gift Given
October 18, 1938

A Gift Returned
July 19, 2020

Saturday, July 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Reverend Jeffrey Miller, Officiating
Reverend Darryl McConnell, Eulogist