



*Queen*



*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 **Ozell** and for remembering us during her passing. Your thoughtfulness will forever remind us of your love and support. May God continue to keep you in His tender care. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

**The Strickland Family**

Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"

**Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.**

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**OZELL STRICKLAND**

MAY 28, 1940 — SEPTEMBER 19, 2020



*Loved*





# As We Remember

*Ms. Ozell "Queen" Strickland*

*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...*

**Ms. Ozell Strickland**, beloved daughter of the late Caper and Maggie Tuck Strickland, was born in Rowan County on May 28, 1940 and raised by her late grandmother, Louise Strickland. She peacefully entered into eternal rest on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at Novant Health in Winston-Salem, N. C. following an extended illness.

She attended Unity High School and was a member of Knox Grove Baptist Church in Cleveland. At one time, she was employed by Basset Furniture Company and later Armstrong Chair Company. She was all about her family, and she loved to travel, loved people, and decorating and was said to be the "Black Martha Stewart". Christmas was her favorite time of the year.

In addition to her parents, Caper Strickland and Maggie Tuck Strickland, Ozell was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Louise Strickland; great grandmother, Ozell Tuck; two sons, Harvey Lee Strickland and Randy Strickland; brothers, Joe Lewis Strickland, Clarence Michael Strickland, James Strickland, Willie Strickland, Abraham Strickland, Zachariah Strickland; son-n-law, Melton McDonald; sister-in-law, Mayola Strickland; aunts, Virginia Mathis, Annie Mathis, Louvenia (Clyde) Summers and Roselee Lowery, Clarence (Helen) Strickland and James Strickland.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, one son, Caper Strickland of the home; three daughters, Margaret (James) Strickland Caldwell, Mary Strickland and Verlencia Strickland McDonald, all of Statesville; grandchildren, Aprile Strickland, whom she raised of Statesville, Davon Strickland, Jeremy Strickland, Jasmine Caldwell, all of Statesville, Mizani Speaks of Stony Point, Kyla Strickland and Ayliah McDonald, both of Statesville, Lydon Strickland and Marcus Strickland, both of Stony Point; great grandchildren, Mackenzie Strickland, Ryleigh Strickland, King Strickland, Lillionna Parks, Ivyonna Parks, Kamdem Strickland and Skye Shuford; brothers, Henry Strickland of Statesville, Joann Bridges of Salisbury, Willie Strickland and Ernest Strickland, both of Statesville; a host of nieces, nephews, special cousins, Robert Mathis, Ariella Dobbins, Patrica Hyde, Delilah Mathis, and a special niece, Tawana Young, Grace Mathis, Priscilla Mathis, other relatives, church family and friends;

*When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room, why cry for a soul set free.  
Miss me a little, but not to long and not with your head bowed low  
Remember the love that we all shared, miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take and each must go alone  
It's all a part of the Master's plan, a step on the road to home  
So when you are lonely, and sick of heart go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrow in doing good deeds, Miss me, but let me go.*

**A Service of Love and Rememberance for**

*Ozell L. Strickland*

**Friday, September 25, 2020  
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home  
Statesville, North Carolina  
Pastor James F. Hunter, Officiating**

*The Order of Service*

- The Processional
- The Invocation
- The Selection
- The Scripture Reading  
Old Testament:  
New Testament:
- The Prayer of Consolation
- The Selection
- The Remarks (Limit two minutes please)
- The Acknowledgments and Commemorative Presentation ..... The Funeral Director
- The Selection
- The Eulogy ..... Pastor James F. Hunter
- The Committal
- The Recessional Selection

*At The Belmont Cemetery*

**Statesville, North Carolina  
The Placing of the Casket  
The Final Departure**

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