



## Mrs. Doris Wallace

March 7, 1931 - August 2, 2025

The family will receive family and friends on Friday, August 8, 2025 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at 400 West Barnhill Street, Everetts, NC 27825

Doris Elizabeth Staton Wallace, beloved mother, sister, aunt, and friend, was born on March 7, 1931, to the late Reverend Wheeler C. Staton and Hattie W. Staton.

A proud graduate of W.C. Chance High School, Doris attended Fayetteville State University and furthered her studies through continuing education at East Carolina University (Journalism), the University of North Carolina, and UNC Greensboro. She earned certificates in Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedures. She was also a retired Notary Public.

Her professional journey reflected her dedication to service and community. She began her career at Southern Apparel, later serving as Administrative Secretary at East End School and as Administrative Assistant for the ESEA Title I program. Doris devoted 33 years to Martin County Community Action, Inc., where she served as Planner, Grant Writer, and Director until her retirement.

A devoted servant of the Lord, Doris joined Saint Mark Baptist Church at the age of 13. Blessed with an angelic voice, she sang in the junior choir as a child and later the senior choir as an adult. In 1983, she co-organized the Saint Mark Gospel Choir and also served as interim clerk and on numerous

church committees. While active at Saint Mark, she also supported her family church, Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, where she was a choir member, Sunday School teacher, and founder/director of the youth choir. She also served as President of the Pitt County Mass Choir.

Doris was a tireless advocate for equality and civil rights. As a member of the local NAACP Board of Directors, she broke barriers, becoming the first Black woman to run for an officer position on the Martin County Board of Education. She was active in the Civil Rights movement, served as a poll judge for a decade, and worked as Treasurer and mentor for Household of Ruth #5754. Doris was also a proud member of the Eastern Star. In addition, she held leadership roles in the North Everetts Community Organization and served as the PTA President for five consecutive years.

Doris married the love of her life, Earl L. Wallace. Together, they built a loving home and raised four children: Rhonda, Michael, Ellis, and Terry. Doris's unwavering support and pride in her children were evident in every stage of their lives, and she beamed with joy when sharing their accomplishments. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl L. Wallace; parents, Wheeler C. and Hattie Staton; siblings, Mildred Parker, Ann Marrow, Ida White, Nathan Staton, Precious Jones, Sarah Pete, and Wheeler Staton; and grandson, Theodore Rayford Lawrence, III.

Her memory will forever be cherished by her children, Rhonda Tapp (Larry) of Mebane, NC, Michael C. Wallace, Sr. (Hilda) of Durham, NC, Ellis I. Wallace (Sheila – “the Ruth to her Naomi”) of Nashville, NC, and Terry L. Wallace of Charlotte, NC; sister, Armechia Bryant of Williamsburg, VA; grandchildren, Earl J. Wallace of Burlington, NC, Dana D. Wallace of Woodbridge, VA, Michael C. Wallace, II of Studio City, CA, Brandon E. Wallace (Lydia) of New Orleans, LA, and Evan G. Wallace of Nashville, NC; great-grandchildren, Daijah F. Stephenson (Shane) of Goldsboro, NC, Cameron Zachary of Graham, NC, Alaina Wallace of Norfolk, VA, Carmon Wallace of Hampton, VA, Donovan Wallace of Burlington, NC, and Andrew Bonus of Woodbridge, VA; great-great-grandchildren, Zane and Zoey Stephenson of Goldsboro, NC, as well as

a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends, and extended family. Doris was a natural leader, a gifted cook, and a woman who found her greatest joy in the company of family. She was a trailblazer who left behind a legacy of “firsts” and a lifetime of cherished memories. Her life was a testament to faith, perseverance, and love—a legacy that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Robersonville Memorial Gardens

2418 C.L. Keel Road  
Robersonville, NC 27871

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
1219 Hassell Road  
Oak City, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church  
1219 Hassell Road  
Oak City, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - August 28, 2025 at 11:28 AM

SW

“ *As a child, any Sunday that we would see Aunt Doris in church, we were greeting with a bright smile, a hug and a big kiss on the cheek! We would get home and always see her signature lipstick kissed on our faces. There are plenty of memories I can recall, but that was a signature to Aunt Doris.*

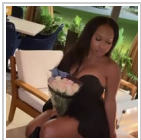
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**Sarai Wilson** - August 13, 2025 at 07:21 PM

BW

“ *Bettie Willingham lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Bettie Willingham** - August 12, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *Annes Child lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Annes Child** - August 11, 2025 at 09:16 PM

JW

“ JB Woodhouse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



JB Woodhouse - August 10, 2025 at 10:48 AM

MP

“ Marian Peele lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Marian Peele - August 08, 2025 at 11:35 PM

MB

“ Marian Peele Booth lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Marian Peele Booth - August 08, 2025 at 11:26 PM

MB

“ Marian Peele Boith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Marian Peele Boith - August 08, 2025 at 11:26 PM

PW

“ *Phileria Evans Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



Phileria Evans Washington - August 08, 2025 at 10:10 PM

AJ

“ ANGELA WYNN JARRETT



Angela Wynn Jarrett - August 08, 2025 at 09:38 PM

RT

“ *I remember Sister Wallace Fondly. I met her as a young woman through the Pitt County Mass Choir. My sincere condolences and prayers that our Father will give you strength for the Journey 🙏*

Rev. Sylvia Teele - August 08, 2025 at 07:52 PM

DW

“ *Dr Arnie & Pamela Wynn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



Dr Arnie & Pamela Wynn - August 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM

LM

“ *Lorie Massenburg lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Lorie Massenburg** - August 08, 2025 at 03:20 PM

GS

“ *Gloristine Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Gloristine Smith** - August 07, 2025 at 06:01 PM

GS

“ *Gloristine Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Gloristine Smith** - August 07, 2025 at 05:03 PM

AW

“ *Michael and I send our heartfelt condolences to the Wallace family!*  
*Michael and Anissa Walker*



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**Anissa Jarrett Walker** - August 07, 2025 at 03:50 PM

TC

“ Thomas Nancy Chavis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



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**Thomas Nancy Chavis** - August 07, 2025 at 03:06 PM

BG

“ Belva Greenage lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



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**Belva Greenage** - August 07, 2025 at 02:39 PM

RW

“ Roxanne Willie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



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**Roxanne Willie** - August 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM

RW

“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Sheila Wallace and the entire Wallace family on the passing of your beloved mother-in-law, Mrs. Doris Wallace.

*Though I did not know her personally, I know that a life well lived leaves behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and strength. From all I've heard, Mrs. Doris Wallace was a woman of grace whose presence touched the hearts of many.*

*Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. May your memories bring you peace, and may her spirit continue to shine through each of you.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Mrs. Roxanne Willie Black*

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**Roxanne Willie** - August 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



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**Patricia McNeil Modica** - August 07, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CH

“ Calvin L Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



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**Calvin L Hudgins** - August 06, 2025 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Council lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Barbara Council** - August 06, 2025 at 03:45 PM

JW

“ *Jacqueline Beaudoin (Tootsie Wallace) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Jacqueline Beaudoin (Tootsie Wallace)** - August 06, 2025 at 01:46 PM

DE

“ *To the family of Doris Wallace,  
My sincere condolences to her family and dear friends at this time. I  
‘ve know Doris Wallace for many years back during the Community  
Action era. Later at St Mark where I played for various choirs  
including the Senior Choir to which she loved and supported. Since  
that time I called her one day to sing a song that the choir would  
sing, ‘ Just tell Jesus. She and I sung right on the phone together.  
May God’s abiding love continue to surround each of you today and  
the days ahead.  
Sincerely  
Deborah Ebron*

**Deborah Ebron** - August 06, 2025 at 01:39 PM

CC

“ *Carrie Cotten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Carrie Cotten** - August 06, 2025 at 01:33 PM

JW

“ *Jimmy Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Jimmy Wynne** - August 06, 2025 at 01:08 PM

BS

“ *Britney Stewart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Britney Stewart** - August 06, 2025 at 12:38 PM

SJ

“ *Condolences to Ms Doris family and friends. She was always warm and welcoming to me at St Mark Church. We laughed at each other about our knees. She would say something like we are hobbling, wobbling, our knees keep on knocking and we keep on moving with the help of the Lord. Prayers of peace and comfort she will be missed.* 🙏🌹🙏

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**Sallie C. Jones** - August 06, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Teresa Fleming - August 06, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Joyce Purvis - August 06, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MB

“ Marissa Brake lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Marissa Brake - August 06, 2025 at 09:04 AM

HD

“ Hazel Brown Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



Hazel Brown Davis - August 06, 2025 at 08:30 AM

BW

“ *Brian & Barbara Wallce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Brian & Barbara Wallce** - August 06, 2025 at 04:13 AM

BC

“ *Bernadette Chance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Bernadette Chance** - August 05, 2025 at 10:57 PM

SA

“ *Sylvia Anthony-McGeachy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Sylvia Anthony-McGeachy** - August 05, 2025 at 08:10 PM

MC

“ *Mary Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



**Mary Carter** - August 05, 2025 at 04:32 PM

KW

“ *Kenya Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



Kenya Wallace - August 05, 2025 at 04:10 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Hoggard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



Michelle Hoggard - August 05, 2025 at 11:52 AM

BW

“ *Love you grandma.*

Brandon Wallace - August 05, 2025 at 10:46 AM

CD

“ *Carrie Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



Carrie Davis - August 05, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JT

“ *Praying for your family in a time such as this.  
But we that believe know that to be absent  
from the body is to be present with the Lord.  
To God be the Glory for such a long life.*

*Rev. James E. and Doris Taybron*

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**james taybron** - August 05, 2025 at 10:10 AM



VW

“ *Vivian Whitfield-Daniels lit a candle in  
memory of Doris Wallace*

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**Vivian Whitfield-Daniels** - August 05, 2025 at 06:59 AM



CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Doris Wallace*

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**Cecily Sene** - August 05, 2025 at 01:41 AM



LF

“ *Condolences to the Wallace Family  
Lawrence Family*

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**Lawrence Family** - August 04, 2025 at 11:30 PM



HB

“ *Lit a candle in remembrance of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Hazel B.Spruill** - August 04, 2025 at 11:28 PM

MP

“ *Michelle Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Michelle Purvis** - August 04, 2025 at 10:56 PM

VW

“ *Vernadine Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**vernadine williams** - August 04, 2025 at 10:41 PM

AM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family.*

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**Amy Marshall-Brown** - August 04, 2025 at 10:20 PM

ET

“ Our condolences to the family. We pray God's comfort and strength in your time of bereavement.

*Patrick and Erica W. Thomas*

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**Erica Wallace Thomas** - August 04, 2025 at 08:34 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolences on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - August 04, 2025 at 06:49 PM

BR

*My condolences to the family, I light this candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace. ❤️🙏*

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**Brenda Rease** - August 05, 2025 at 01:18 AM

CW

“ Condolences to the family. 🙏

*Kenneth and Cathy Wallace*



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**Cathy Wallace** - August 04, 2025 at 04:01 PM

DC

“ Words can't express how my heart hurts.



**Donte Crowell** - August 04, 2025 at 02:47 PM

RJ

“ To The Wallace Family, Rhonda please know that I am sending my thoughts, prayers, love and condolences to you and your entire family. May God bless you and give you strength during this difficult time. Prayerfully,  
Rev. Chaneta Johnson(College Roommate)



**Rev. Chaneta L. Johnson** - August 04, 2025 at 11:28 AM

JH

“ Jaunese Hines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace



**Jaunese Hines** - August 04, 2025 at 09:24 AM

MS

“ Mrs. Doris was a Great leader among women & men in Martin County for many years  
Rev. Russell D. Cotten Sr.

**Mr. Russell D. Cotten Sr** - August 03, 2025 at 10:29 PM

BD

“ *Betty Baker Dupree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Betty Baker Dupree** - August 03, 2025 at 07:19 PM

DL

“ *Donny Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Donny Lynch** - August 03, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DL

“ *Mrs. Wallace was just beautiful presence of grace, dignity and vision for many of us young Afro-American youth of hour time. I always felt welcome in her home. My family and I send prayers upward for comfort and strength to our childhood friends and her family*

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**Donny Lynch** - August 03, 2025 at 04:49 PM

NI

“ *Grandma Doris, we will always love you! Thank you for the love and care that you have always given us. Nicole and Carmon*



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**Nicole** - August 03, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Doris Wallace*



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**Mona Harris** - August 03, 2025 at 07:39 AM

EH

“ *My Condolences And Prayers Are With The Family* 🙏



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - August 03, 2025 at 07:23 AM

ST

*My condolences to the Wallace and Staton Families*

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**Sandra Teel** - August 08, 2025 at 08:05 PM