



Mrs. Gladys Council Little

February 16, 1931 - July 16, 2025

Gladys Louise Council Little, daughter of the late Arthur and Virginia Dare Hyman Council, was born February 16, 1931 in Martin County, North Carolina. On Wednesday, July 16, 2025, Mother Little peacefully departed this earthly life and fell asleep in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mother Little attended Post Oak School in Pitt County, NC, with her great friend and sister-in-law, Mother Darlene Little Mizelle. As they grew older, they often reminisced about the “good old days,” and the sad days as well; losing her younger sister, Leatha Mae Council Bernice, her husband, William Bernice and infant niece.

Mother Little accepted Christ at an early age and began her Christian journey as a faithful member of Belmont Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville, NC. She had a thirst for God’s word, and loved attending and participating in church services, Bible studies, prayer meetings, revivals, and functions that uplifted the name of Jesus.

Mother Little was united in marriage to the late William Mayo Little, in November 1947. They initially made their home in Stokes, NC, and began their lives together as sharecroppers before starting their family. She loved her husband and her children and kept them before the Lord. It was commonplace to find her on her knees at home, praying in her secret closets, making supplications, and interceding for them all. She was there for them and lovingly helped raise some of the grandchildren. Her church family was also her heart, and she made it known by her words and actions; acknowledging

with a smile and a voice of enthusiasm, "I love my Pastor and my Church Family!" She was always there to do everything she could for her Church Family.

Mother Little loved studying the Bible and hid the Word of God in her heart. She walked by faith and possessed many qualities of a virtuous woman and was never ashamed of the Gospel. She was very active on the usher board for many decades and held several positions serving the Lord at Belmont Missionary Baptist Church. Mother Little had a few meaningful sayings that will live on in our hearts. A couple of them are "Thank God for Jesus!" and "I never would have made it without Him. I'm so glad to have Him in my life!" Some of the songs Mother Little lived by were "Lead Me, Guide Me, "Come to Jesus," "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," and "Hallelujah Any How!" Over the years, she completed a plethora of at-home Bible correspondence courses and received numerous certificates of completion. She truly loved visiting and worshiping with other church families and was a very active member in the Middle Ground Association.

Mother Little was meticulous at everything she did, from balancing the checkbook, washing, drying and folding clothes were some responsibilities she genuinely loved. She enjoyed cooking delicious meals and baking some of the most scrumptious cakes. In her early years, canning, pickling, and sewing were some of her favorite ways of helping to provide for the family. Mother Little leaves behind a legacy that glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. She leaves to cherish her memories five beloved children: William Lumus Little, Evelyn Louise Little, Joyce Yvonne Little Powell, Patricia Ann Little Ryan (Tim), and Keith Cornell Little. Sadly, Glenn MacArthur "Pappy" Little passed away January 2022. In addition, she leaves her late husband's son, Marshall Wilmer Fleming, her god-children: Grover and Daisy Everett, Daphane Goddard, Evangelist Mary Alice Everett, Deacon Eddie and Evangelist Faye Chance; 12 grandchildren: Derrick Little, Charlene Rochester, Sabrina Alston, Kalsey Little, Thomas Powell (Sylvia), Joseph Powell, Kenny Ryan, Matthew Ryan (Kate), Heather Baker (Caleb), Rachael Taylor (Joshua), Keith Little II,

and Reginald Fleming; 24 great grandchildren (1 deceased), a host of sisters and brothers in Christ, sisters and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Council Cemetery

14777 NC Hwy. 11
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL **26.** 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Belmont Missionary Baptist Church
1388 Belmont Church Road
Robersonville, NC 27871

Celebration of Life Service

JUL **26.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 28, 2025 at 11:42 AM

ST

“ *Rev21:5. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." My sincere condolences*

Stephanie - July 29, 2025 at 01:06 PM

KB

“ *Thinking of The Little family & extended family & friends in the loss of Ms Gladys Little. Sending our condolences 🙏 & hugs. May you all be comforted during this difficult loss of someone so precious & dear to everyone she encountered.*



Kathy Bonds - July 28, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Cecily Sene - July 26, 2025 at 10:05 PM

NA

“ Mother Gladys Little truly praised and worshipped her Lord. I believe she loved the Lord with all her heart, mind and soul. She had a beautiful spirit and would always greet you with a warm loving smile. My heartfelt sympathy is with the Little family during this difficult time.

Nada Albritton - July 25, 2025 at 02:57 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Gladys was an amazing lady, and I know she will be deeply missed. Know that you are all in my thoughts, and prayers.

Daphne Davis - July 25, 2025 at 10:26 AM

ET

Mother Little was an inspiration to me. I visited the home with her mother being a patient with MTW Health Department. Mother Little helped me do my job as a NA at that time. Thank you family for sharing an awesome Mom 🙏❤️

Ella Thigpen - July 26, 2025 at 08:08 AM

VR

“ Vanessa Roberson-Powell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Vanessa Roberson-Powell - July 24, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ *Jakora Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Jakora Harris - July 24, 2025 at 06:45 PM



“ *Mother Little as we called her was a kind and sweet lady. She loved the Lord and her church family at Belmont*



Alton and Linda Powell and Family - July 23, 2025 at 11:31 PM



I remember Mother Little when she would visit Christian Chapel in Parmale she would give her testimony and did not mind praising GOD her face would be red with tears running just praising GOD! From her labor to reward remember Mother you can't crown HIM until I get there but until then good night

Pastor Lester Andrews &family - July 24, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *To the family:
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lucy Bland-Ebron*



Izora - July 23, 2025 at 10:31 PM

RJ

“ To The Little Family, Evelyn (my Little Sis.) I am sending my love, condolences and prayers to you and your family. May God bless all of you and give you peace & strength that surpasses all understanding during this difficult time.

Rev. Chaneta Johnson - July 23, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RJ

“ Rev. Chaneta Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Rev. Chaneta Johnson - July 23, 2025 at 09:04 PM

CB

“ How wonderful it is to know how much Aunt Gladys loved The Lord...what comfort that brings in such a time as this. Love you all.

Cynthia Barnes, Uncle Marion and Aunt Alma's daughter



Cynthia Barnes - July 23, 2025 at 11:30 AM

BD

“ Betty Dupree lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Betty Dupree - July 23, 2025 at 08:30 AM

RW

“ Greetings Family, our thoughts are with you during this time. Be encouraged!!



Reverend Gary and Pastor Harriet Wallace - July 22, 2025 at 09:41 PM

EG

“ Ella Grimes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Ella Grimes - July 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JW

“ To the Family,
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may God give you peace and strength today and the days to come.



James and Evangeline Smith Wilson/ Family

James and Evangeline Wilson - July 22, 2025 at 03:24 PM

MP

“ Michael A Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Michael A Purvis - July 22, 2025 at 10:53 AM

RR

“ *Ruth Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Ruth Randolph - July 21, 2025 at 10:13 PM

RN

“ *Roberta And David Nickelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Roberta and David Nickelson - July 21, 2025 at 09:54 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Hollis-Carr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Barbara Hollis-Carr - July 21, 2025 at 09:00 PM

WB

“ *To the family, my deepest condolences. May she rest in peace forever more* 🙏🕊️🕊️🕊️🙏🙏🙏

Wm. Oscar Bland - July 21, 2025 at 07:55 PM

RK

“ My sincere and deepest sympathy to the Little-Ryan-Powell Family. May God grant you All peace, strength and comfort during this difficult time. God bless, Renee & Jeff Kelly

Renee Kelly - July 21, 2025 at 07:08 PM

SM

“ Praying for this beautiful family! It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you over the last few years! Here's hoping Mrs Gladys has all the fountain Coke she can handle! Much love, the family of Estelle Pulaski (Stan, Stella, Sandy, and Gail)



Stella Matthews - July 21, 2025 at 03:20 PM

GB

“ A beautiful spirit that will truly be missed. “Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy cometh in the morning” Praying for the family for courage and strength. 🙏💪❤️



Gregory “Sooky” Bonds - July 21, 2025 at 01:14 PM

DC

“ My prayers are with you at this time of bereavement.



Donte Crowell - July 21, 2025 at 02:00 AM

JC

“ Patricia and family, So Sorry for your lost. We are praying for y'all! GOD BLESS Y'all! James and Diana Cratt



James and Diana Cratt - July 20, 2025 at 10:53 PM

LP

“ Ms Gladys Little was a Sweet Christian Lady!! Praying for Strength and Peace for the family!!



Lisa Stancil Perkins - July 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

TW

“ Tiponya Stanley Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Tiponya Stanley Williams - July 20, 2025 at 07:03 PM

DL

“ Donny Lynch lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Donny Lynch - July 20, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DC

“ My prayers are with you at this time of bereavement. May God give you the strength to get through. 🙏🕯️



Donte Crowell - July 20, 2025 at 01:17 AM

HS

“ My sincere condolences and prayers to the family during this most difficult season. May God grace the family with comfort

Howard Eaves Sr - July 19, 2025 at 09:34 PM

JW

“ Jackie Lee Ward & David Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Jackie Lee Ward & David Ward - July 19, 2025 at 09:18 PM

AB

“ My sincere condolences to the Family. May God grant you peace throughout this difficult time.



Angela Byrd - July 19, 2025 at 08:26 PM

ZB

“ Zachary Bunns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Zachary Bunns - July 19, 2025 at 08:24 PM

AH

“ Alice And Mike Hinkley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Alice and Mike Hinkley - July 19, 2025 at 08:12 PM

DW

“ David & Mary Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



David & Mary Williams - July 19, 2025 at 07:40 PM

VW

“ Veronica Wallace lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Veronica Wallace - July 19, 2025 at 04:06 PM

VW

Prayers for the family

Veronica Wallace - July 20, 2025 at 09:28 PM

CH

“ *Calvin L Hudgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Calvin L Hudgins - July 19, 2025 at 03:09 PM

KP

“ *A life well lived. May God give the family, peace that surpasses all understanding.*



Kay Peele - July 19, 2025 at 11:11 AM

PW

“ *I've known Mother Gladys my entire life. She was a woman of great strength and integrity. She loved the lord and she would tell you about his goodness. She will be truly missed by the Whitfield family.*



Patricia Whitfield-Dorsey - July 19, 2025 at 08:23 AM



“ Joyce Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Joyce Purvis - July 18, 2025 at 11:47 PM

R(

“ RAMONA PIERCE (HIGHSMITH) sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



RAMONA PIERCE (HIGHSMITH) - July 18, 2025 at 08:38 PM

WA

“ Willie And Mary Andrews lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Willie and Mary Andrews - July 18, 2025 at 08:27 PM

AW

“ Artis Willoughby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Artis Willoughby - July 18, 2025 at 04:58 PM

CW

“ *Condolences to the family 🙏*

Kenneth and Cathy Wallace



Cathy Wallace - July 18, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CC

“ *She will be sorely miss. She was a great aunt.*



Carrie W Cotten - July 18, 2025 at 01:02 PM

R(

Sending Deepest Condolences & 🙏 to the Little family

RAMONA PIERCE (HIGHSMITH) - July 18, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SL

“ *Aunt Gladys was always loving and kind to us (Glen Earl's children)
May she rest in peace.*

*Sending love and prayers to our family,
Sheryl Little Gaynor*

Sheryl Little - July 18, 2025 at 11:23 AM

SS

“ *Shelton Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Shelton Smith - July 18, 2025 at 11:13 AM

MH

“ *Mona Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Mona Harris - July 18, 2025 at 07:52 AM

CS

“ *Cecily Staton Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Cecily Staton Sene - July 17, 2025 at 11:55 PM

LB

“ *Lou Bland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little*



Lou Bland - July 17, 2025 at 09:49 PM

HF

“ Hazel B Spruill And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Hazel B Spruill and Family - July 17, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Annette James lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Annette James - July 17, 2025 at 07:59 PM

EP

“ Elder Sharon Bush Paige lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Elder Sharon Bush Paige - July 17, 2025 at 05:42 PM

BP

“ Brenda Faye Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Brenda Faye Purvis - July 17, 2025 at 04:15 PM

HD

“ HAZEL BROWN DAVIS lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



HAZEL BROWN DAVIS - July 17, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DB

“ GRACE BE UNTO YOU



Donnie Brown - July 17, 2025 at 01:25 PM

EH

“ My Deepest Sympathy Are With The Family 🙏
🙏



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - July 17, 2025 at 12:07 PM

EH

“ Earnest Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Earnest Hudson - July 17, 2025 at 11:32 AM

PM

“ Patricia McNeil Modica sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Patricia McNeil Modica - July 17, 2025 at 11:31 AM

OK

“ R.I.P. Woman of God. You fought the good fight of faith. A beautiful person inside and out. You will be missed but always remembered in our hearts. To the Little Family, you have my sincere and deepest condolences 🙏💙

Odessa Keel-Pugh - July 17, 2025 at 08:39 AM

BL

My condolences prayers to my families. Aunt Gladys you was a special lady to me. You had so much special wisdom to share and so much special love to share with Bennie Earl and me To God Be the Glory RIP

Bennie and Evelyn Little - July 25, 2025 at 08:05 PM

DB

“ Deborah Morning Battle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Deborah Morning Battle - July 16, 2025 at 10:47 PM



“ Joseph & Peggy Slade sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys Council Little



Joseph & Peggy Slade - July 16, 2025 at 10:24 PM

SJ

“ Condolences to the family.



Shelton and Helen James - July 16, 2025 at 09:39 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.



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - July 16, 2025 at 07:24 PM

DB

Really going to miss you Ma Gladys

Deborah Morning Battle - July 16, 2025 at 10:48 PM