



## Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard

October 26, 1927 - January 16, 2026

Jaine Estella Maynard, 98 of Washington NC, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2026 at River Trace Nursing Center. Family and friends called her Estella

Estella was born in Beaufort County on October 26, 1927, to the late Solomon and Lillian Pierce.

During her life she worked as a cook, did factory work and later worked at a funeral home. She loved to sing and traveled over NC with her singing group, 'Spring of Hope:' spreading the gospel in song.

She committed her life to Christ many years ago and was a faithful member of Freemont WFB Church.

Estella was a strong Christian woman and lived her life grounded in faith. Her gentle demeanor, loving heart, and easy friendship left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She will be remembered for her sweetness, her warmth, and her ability to make others feel loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; her sisters and brothers, Handy, Walter, Sarah & Catherine; a foster sister, Jean and a devoted niece & nephew, Catherine and Alonzo St. Clair.

Estella leaves to cherish her precious memory her foster siblings, Phyllis Ackin, Bernice Thomas and Thad Credle; nephews, Willie Lee & Clarence; niece, Barbara; a great niece & nephew, Sharon & Jeffrey Carmichael, Tony St. Clair, and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, church members and friends.



# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Redeeming Faith International Ministries  
1000 Howell Street  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard



Cecily Sene - January 22 at 02:45 AM

YM

“ With a voice, that voice, that could raise the roof of any sanctuary, Mrs. Estelle serenaded us for many years. I remember as a child being totally enthralled. My admiration continued throughout my adulthood. Thank you Lord for giving us this songstress to help lighten the load along the way. RIP Mrs. Estella 🙏

Yulonda Moore-Hayes - January 21 at 10:43 AM

PM

“ Mrs. Estelle once sang at my mother's and grandmother's funerals. She had honored them with her friendship for many years. After their deaths, she and I became very close, and I continued to visit her before and during her years at River Trace. "To God be the glory" was her favorite phase to until she had to just wait on the Lord. I will truly miss her.



Patricia McCullough - January 20 at 03:55 PM

AC

“ Annie Charles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard



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**Annie Charles** - January 20 at 12:59 PM

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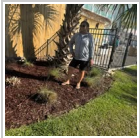
*Mother Maynard, RIP. I remember you well and your happy spirit showed to others. You welcome our father (Rev. Foreman) and mother with open arms when he was your pastor. Our deepest, deepest Condolences and our prayers to her family. Rest on Mother Maynard.*

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**Forenan Family** - January 21 at 03:15 PM

DM

“ *Mother Maynard seemed to always have a joyful spirit & when she sang she sang with such enthusiasm. My prayer is for peace & comfort for her family & her church family. Blessings.*

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**Dr. Akira Nicole Moore** - January 20 at 10:11 AM



“ Jerome Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard



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**Jerome Ward** - January 19 at 04:57 PM

WP

“ *My Auntie were very dear to my family She lived a long life, Auntie may you rest in peace.*

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**Willie Pierce** - January 19 at 03:32 AM

EH

“ *May Jesus Christ Continue To Comfort And Strengthen The Family 🙏🙏🙏*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - January 18 at 05:34 PM

AC

“ *Annie Charles lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard*



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**Annie Charles** - January 18 at 04:06 PM

CS

“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janie "Estella" Maynard*



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**Cecily Sene** - January 18 at 01:24 PM

DO

“ *So saddened to hear this she was one of the mothers of our church she will be greatly missed. Our songbird has gained her wings. You can now take your rest. Dolly Warren and the Freemont Freewill Baptist Church Members.*

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**Dolly** - January 16 at 08:32 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** - January 16 at 12:51 PM

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*Tribute to Mother Maynard*

*Freemount OFWB Church*

*Today, we honor the life and legacy of Mother Maynard, a devoted servant of God and a cherished pillar of Freemount Original Free Will Baptist Church. Her passing leaves a deep void in our hearts, yet her spirit continues to shine through the ministries, programs, and people she touched.*

*Mother Maynard lived her faith with purpose. She was active in every corner of the church—supporting programs, uplifting families. Her dedication was not just seen; it was felt. Whether she was sponsoring initiatives, offering guidance, or quietly helping behind the scenes, she carried a heart for service that strengthened our entire church family. Her legacy is woven into the life of Freemount OFWB. The programs she supported continue to bless others. The wisdom she shared continues to guide us. And the love she poured into this congregation continues to inspire us to serve with the same grace, humility, and steadfast faith.*

*We thank God for her life, her leadership, and her unwavering commitment to God's work.*

*May her family find comfort in knowing she was deeply loved, highly respected, and will forever be remembered as a true Mother of the Church.*

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**Freemount OFWB Church** - January 20 at 01:19 PM

SJ

*She will be miss rest no take yur rest I remember you at the frist Sunday choir union. I I ok to hear u sing 🎵*

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**Scottie Johnson** - January 20 at 03:15 PM