



Reverend Robert Bland

July 6, 1933 - June 18, 2018

Reverend Robert Bland, Sr., the son of the late Joe and the late Lenora Spruill Bland was born in Martin County on July 6, 1933. Robert was the fourth of fifteen children born into the Bland family. On Monday morning, June 18, 2018, an angel of peace entered Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC and released Reverend Robert Bland, Sr. from suffering.

Robert was educated in the Martin County Public Schools. At an early age, he accepted Christ as his personal savior. He served Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church for many years as a Sunday School facilitator, deacon and minister. Reverend Robert Bland later served as Pastor of two churches, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and Pleasant Grove in Hyde County, North Carolina. Robert became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church of Oak City until his health failed.

On July 11, 1954, Robert married Bertha Lee Draughn. To this union, seven beautiful children were born.

Robert loved serving the Martin County community. He worked in the Martin County School System at Williamston High School. "Mr. Bland" worked in facilities maintenance as well as a bus driver for the students at Williamston High School until his retirement. Robert was also a great entrepreneur, managing with his wife, Bland's Cleaners and Bland's Taxi Service. He also found time to work in the Funeral Service industry with JD Everett Funeral Home and Congleton Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by one son, Roy Lionel Sr.; two grandsons, Tarik and Darnell; one great- grandson, King ; six siblings, Beulah Mae, Edward Lee, Joe, Dollie, William “Mack” and Alma Marie.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted wife, Bertha of the home; two sons, Robert Bland, Jr. (Bobby) of Williamston, NC and Antonio Bland of Brooklyn, NY; four daughters, Brenda Bland Rodgers(Michael), Linda Kay Bland both of Williamston, NC, Gwenda Bland of Greenville, NC, Marilyn Demetrice Bland of Charlotte, NC; 10 grandchildren, 10 great- grandchildren; seven great -great grandchildren; three brothers, Oscar Bland of New Haven, CT, Arthur Bland and Vernon Bland (Peggy) both of Williamston, NC; five sisters, Lucy Ebron of Stokes, NC, Lou Gladys Duggins of Williamston, NC, Elsie Warner of New York, Millie Washington (Orlando) of South Carolina, Rachel Williams (Nate) of Portsmouth, VA; two sisters- in- law, Dr. Rae Newson (Dr. Roosevelt) of Kennesaw, Georgia and Janice Coleman (Will) of Baltimore, MD.; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

J. D. Everett Cemetery

Faulk Street
Williamston, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
8750 NC-142 Hwy
Oak City, NC 27857

Service

JUN 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Oak City, NC 27857

Tribute Wall



“ *Reverend Robert Bland*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Sandra Whitfield, Durham,NC lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Sandra Whitfield, Durham,NC - June 25, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Gloria Jean Highsmith, Phialdelphia,PA lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Gloria Jean Highsmith, Phialdelphia,PA - June 25, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ *Mickey lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



mickey - June 24, 2018 at 12:55 PM

KI

“ On the behalf of Kingdom Empowerment Ministries, Inc. and Apostle Emma Speaker Dickens (Senior Pastor), we extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family during your time of bereavement. We will continue to lift your family up unto the Lord. We are assured he will be the peace and comfort that you need now and the days to come. Know that God is with you, he loves you and he cares.

*With love and prayers,
K.E.M. and Apostle Emma S. Dickens*

KEM Inc. - June 24, 2018 at 07:34 AM

KR

“ Keeda Rochelle lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland



Keeda rochelle - June 22, 2018 at 11:15 PM

CR

“ Christian Rascoe lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland



Christian Rascoe - June 22, 2018 at 01:29 PM

ER

“ *Elder Tracinia Rascoe lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Elder Tracinia Rascoe - June 22, 2018 at 01:27 PM

L&

“ *Louise Bland &family lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Louise Bland &family - June 22, 2018 at 07:24 AM

MB

“ *To the Bland Family
You have my deepest condolences in loss of your beloved husband , father , grandfather, brother,uncle, and friend. May the Peace of God sustain you now, in the days, weeks, and months ahead.*



And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13

Minister Milton Bryant - June 22, 2018 at 12:37 AM

AG

“ Archie L. Green secretary of the Hyde County Missionary Association, Swan Quarter light a candle in memory of Rev. Robert Bland.



Archie L. Green - June 21, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Life Tributes



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - June 21, 2018 at 12:29 PM

SM

“ Stephanie P Miller lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland



Stephanie P Miller - June 21, 2018 at 11:11 AM

DA

“ *Donnie Andrews sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Donnie Andrews - June 21, 2018 at 08:52 AM

LB

“ *Lou Bland lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Lou Bland - June 20, 2018 at 09:38 PM

KS

“ *Keishawnia Speller sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Keishawnia Speller - June 20, 2018 at 05:52 PM

KS

“ *Keishawnia Speller lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Keishawnia Speller - June 20, 2018 at 05:51 PM

SE

“ *Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal. Praying God will give the entire family strength and peace in the loss of your love one. Sonya Ewell & Family*❤️



Sonya Ewell - June 20, 2018 at 05:38 PM

KH

“ *Kumasi Hines lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Kumasi Hines - June 20, 2018 at 04:59 PM

KS

“ *Kelisha Smallwood lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Kelisha Smallwood - June 20, 2018 at 04:59 PM

TO

“ *TonicaBland(Nikki) lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



TonicaBland(Nikki) - June 20, 2018 at 04:59 PM

KE

“ *KekeeBland*Kids lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



KekeeBland*Kids - June 20, 2018 at 04:57 PM

BH

“ *Bobby Hines lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Bobby Hines - June 20, 2018 at 04:56 PM

C-

“ *Praying for you all*



Chrystal Cooper -Rhone - June 20, 2018 at 04:44 PM

DP

“ *Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Donna Pierce - June 20, 2018 at 04:24 PM

KL

“ *Kemonric Little lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Kemonric Little - June 20, 2018 at 04:07 PM

KL

Granddad u proved the doctors wrong. U did exactly what the doctors said u would not/could not do. Then u & GOD teamed up & said I PROVED U WRONG NOW N OUR OWN TIME WE GET 2 SAY THE RACE IS OVER. IT AIN'T OVER UNTIL GOD SAYS IT'S OVER(U PROVED THAT)

Kemonric Little - June 20, 2018 at 04:30 PM

TL

“ *Tavarus Little lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Tavarus Little - June 20, 2018 at 04:06 PM

TL

Granddad I thought I was tough but u showed me what tough really is.... U R THE REAL MVP

Tavarus Little - June 20, 2018 at 04:22 PM


Michelle
Smith

“ *Michelle Smith lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Michelle Smith - June 20, 2018 at 03:59 PM

GB

“ *Gwenda Bland lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Gwenda Bland - June 20, 2018 at 03:58 PM

GB

*Daddy, I LOVE U ENDLESSLY! MY HEART ACHES 4 U BUT I KNOW UR N A BETTER PLACE! IM DEFINITELY GOING 2 MISS U! I LOVE U *MY DADDY* BUT GOD LOVE U BEST.. U RAN UR RACE, NOW TAKE UR REST WITH A BROKEN HEART (DADDY'S GIRL)
GWEN*

Gwenda Bland - June 20, 2018 at 04:04 PM

LF

“ *Love, Erin Ogunsua and Morgan Johnson & families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Reverend Robert Bland.*



Love, Erin Ogunsua and Morgan Johnson & families - June 20, 2018 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ *Shelia Stokes lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Shelia Stokes - June 19, 2018 at 09:44 PM

JD

“ *Joy Duggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Joy Duggins - June 19, 2018 at 07:12 PM

JD

“ *Joy Duggins lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Joy Duggins - June 19, 2018 at 07:08 PM

LD

“ *Mr. Bland was one of my favorite people while I was teaching at Williamston High School. My thoughts are with the family. I am sending many prayers to you.*

Lisa Davis - June 19, 2018 at 05:33 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bland lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Linda bland - June 19, 2018 at 03:52 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - June 19, 2018 at 11:39 AM

GB

2 Congleton Funeral Home And Staff ... I have grown 2 love u all with all thanks 2 my father MR. REV ROBERT BLAND, SR. working with this funeral Home until his health declined. I will continue 2 love u all. Love Gwen Bland (Rev Mr Robert Bland Sr. Daughter)

Gwenda Bland - June 20, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ *Annette Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Annette Rodgers - June 19, 2018 at 10:54 AM

KM

“ *My prayers&condolences to you Gwenda&the family! Love Kim, Nickolas,&Alexis Miller*



Kim Miller - June 19, 2018 at 10:50 AM

GB

Awww... Thank u Mrs. Kim, Nickolas & Alexis ...Love Gwenda

Gwenda Bland - June 20, 2018 at 04:16 PM

GB

Thank U So Much Mrs Kim, Nickolas & Alexis

Gwenda Bland - June 20, 2018 at 05:33 PM

LB

“ *Lou Bland sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Lou Bland - June 19, 2018 at 07:26 AM

BR

“ *Brenda Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Reverend Robert Bland*



Brenda Rodgers - June 19, 2018 at 06:12 AM

BR

*Dad the fight is over ..U showed us how strong the Blood is n our Veins
.We Love u 4 all u have taught us through these years. Rest now u did
your Part 84 yrs. Well Done !!!!*

Brenda Rodgers - June 19, 2018 at 06:27 AM

BR

*To all who have crossed the Bland Family....we thank u . You showed
us what Love And Prayers can do .Strengthen Us...we are forever
grateful. Mr. Congleton well done....Ridgewood; Beaufort Hosp. Vidant
Medical .Love u ... Aunts and Uncles .Grandkids Great grands you are
Awesome...To my 2 Sisters who fight the fight alone with me every Day
makin sure Dad was treated right . Not 1 day did he not see us. No
thanks needed ..WELL DONE....Family continue to pray and check on
your Love Ones....there is no Cost*

Brenda Rodgers - June 27, 2018 at 10:18 AM