



Ms. Velma Langley

October 14, 1938 - August 9, 2025

Ms. Velma Bee Langley, a devoted daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and cherished friend, was born on October 14, 1938, to the late David and Susie Langley. She was raised in Pitt County, North Carolina, and received her early education at Whitfield High School in Grimesland, where she excelled both academically and athletically, proudly representing her school on the basketball team.

After graduating, Velma attended North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, where she furthered her education and prepared for a lifetime of dedication to hard work, service, and family.

In 1964, she relocated to Washington, D.C. and began a distinguished career with 8 O'Clock Coffee. For over three decades, she faithfully served the company, earning the admiration of her colleagues through her exceptional work ethic, steadfast loyalty, and warm personality. During her years in the city, she built deep and lasting friendships with both neighbors and co-workers.

In 2001, Velma returned to her beloved Pitt County to lovingly care for her mother and brother—a role she embraced with grace and commitment for the next 20 years. Her life was a shining example of selflessness, compassion, and unwavering devotion to family.

Velma was preceded in death by her parents, Susie and David Langley; her sisters, Betsy White, Louise Johnson, and Annie Mae Langley; her brothers, Wilton Langley, June Langley, Noah Langley, and Moses Langley; and her beloved only son, Wade Plater. Wade was the pride and joy of her life and her closest companion. The deep love she held for him was evident to all, shining through her words, her actions, and the affection she so generously shared with her grandchildren.

She leaves to cherish her memory her two beloved grandsons, Wilton and Gregory Langley, whom she cared for as if they were her own children. Velma's love for "her boys" was boundless—together they shared countless laughs, precious memories, and a bond that was unbreakable. Inseparable in life, their hearts will remain forever united.

Velma is also survived by two sisters, Mamie Reese of Washington, D.C., and Doris Berry of Baltimore, Maryland; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended relatives, and dear friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

A faithful servant of the Lord, Velma was a member of Sycamore Chapel Baptist Church for more than thirty years under the leadership of Pastor B. T. Waltson.

"The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away." — II Timothy 4:7

We will forever cherish the beautiful life we shared with you—the joys, the peace, and the happiness. Your passing has left an unfillable void in our hearts.

With love always,
Your devoted family

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Chapel Baptist Church
1610 Farmville Blvd
Greenville, NC 27835

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Congleton Memorial Mortuary - August 19, 2025 at 04:56 PM



“ *Cecily Sene lit a candle in memory of Ms. Velma Langley*



Cecily Sene - August 18, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *Vivian Whitfield-Daniels lit a candle in memory of Ms. Velma Langley*



vivian Whitfield-Daniels - August 16, 2025 at 07:16 AM



“ *Ms. Velma, was the sweetest person on the planet. She will truly be missed!!!*
Sharon Paige

Sharon Paige - August 13, 2025 at 05:17 PM

SP

“ Sharon Paige lit a candle in memory of Ms. Velma Langley



Sharon Paige - August 13, 2025 at 05:16 PM

BV

“ Brenda Vines lit a candle in memory of Ms. Velma Langley



Brenda Vines - August 13, 2025 at 01:45 PM

EH

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



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - August 13, 2025 at 11:43 AM