

*Celebration of Life*



*Sarah Ann Pate Styron*

JULY 1, 1932 ~ MAY 2, 2024

A Service of Worship and Celebration  
*Sarah Ann Pate Styron*

Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church  
Monday, June 17, 2024  
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Worship Leader  
Dianne Riley-Gray

The Gathering and Welcome

\*Processional

*Victory in Jesus*

Catherine Styron Marx, Piano  
Congregation, Singing

*I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.*

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him – He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

*I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.*

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him – He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

\*Invocation

"A Prayer of Thanksgiving"

\*Hymn of Praise

*To God Be The Glory*

Everyone

*To God be the glory--great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory--great things He hath done!*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher and greater will be Our wonder our transport, when Jesus we see.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory--great things He hath done!*

## Family Tributes

Scripture Reading Proverbs 31:31; Psalm 121 “The Christian Mentor” Pat Willis

Reflections “Favorite Hymns – a Piano/Guitar Medley” Catherine and Kerry Marx

### Words of Comfort

Psalm 23, Matthew 11:28, Isaiah 40:31, Romans 8:28-39

The Promise *More Than Wonderful*

A Time of Silence, Remembrance and Meditation

### A Prayer for Strength

\*Hymn of Commitment *Because He Lives* Everyone  
*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus, He came to love, heal, and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.*

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow, Because He lives all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

### \*Closing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Everyone  
“Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen”

\*Recessional *Songs of Faith* Alan Jackson

Please remain standing as the family leaves the sanctuary.

The Family looks forward to visiting with you in the Fellowship Hall.

*Thank you for sharing your time with us today in honoring our mother.*



*Sarah Ann Pate Styron, 91, of Davis, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Morning Pointe Assisted Living in Nashville, Tennessee.*

*Sarah was born on July 1, 1932, in New Bern, to the late Larry Benjamin and Evelyn "Lucille" McLawhorn Pate, Sr. of New Bern, NC. She grew up outside of New Bern in the farming community of Spring Garden. If you ever talked to her about her home place, she would undoubtedly make sure you knew it was her favorite place to be. She was a member of the Spring Garden First Baptist Church throughout her childhood and later on it was where she would get married. She graduated from Jasper High School where she and her sister, Jean, played basketball. Sarah's lifelong love for playing, as well as, watching basketball, especially NC State basketball, never waned. She watched the ACC and NCAA Tournaments every year.*

*She went on to attend Meredith College in Raleigh and graduated with a degree in Sociology. Her first job was with the Carteret County Social Services Department in Beaufort, NC. This was where a good friend and co-worker, Ms Andra Pond of Beaufort, introduced her to her future husband, Reginald "Reg" Styron. Sarah and Reg were married on June 16, 1956, and they settled in Davis, where they raised their two daughters.*

*Miss Sarah, as she was known, was an active member in the Davis Original Free Will Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher, and the church treasurer over 40 years.*

*Sarah loved the simple things, like growing vegetables in the family garden every year and sharing them with her neighbors.*

*A great source of happiness throughout her life, was her love of country music. Sarah and her husband were blessed and proud to have their daughter, Catherine, become a prominent musician and live and work in Nashville, TN. They took several trips each year to visit Catherine and to see her playing with well-known country music stars, like Reba McEntire, or performing at the Grand Ole Opry.*

*Sarah's older daughter Sarah Ann, gave her the gift of becoming a grandmother to her son, Chris. Throughout his childhood Chris loved spending time in Davis with his Mammoo,*

as he called her, and his Pop-pop. Later she was proud to become a great-grandmother to Chris's daughter, Carolina. Sarah loved spending time with Carolina and she loved her Mammoo very much.

Sarah also stayed involved with her nieces and nephews as they grew up. She always wanted the children in the family to have her support.

Those remaining to cherish her memory are her daughters, Sarah Ann Styron Hepler of Newport, NC and Catherine Dail Styron Marx (Kerry) of Nolensville, TN. Grandson, Christopher Styron Hepler and great-granddaughter, Carolina Sweet Hepler, both of Newport, NC. Sister-in-law, Violet S. Pate, aunt, Rebecca Ann Pate McLawhorn, and cousin, Nicholas Leon "Nick" McLawhorn III, all of New Bern, NC, and cousin, Betty Ann Bedsworth of Greenville, NC. Nieces and nephews, Betty W. Davis of Davis, NC, James Stephen "Steve" Woolard, Jr. (Joanne), Larry "Pate" Woolard (Tina), Ellen Lucille Pate Corey (Scott), Larry Benjamin "Ben" Pate, III (Miranda), all of New Bern, NC, and Janet Ruth Pate Mannel (Mike) of Saluda, SC. Great nieces and nephews, Charles Dawson "Chuck" Mason, Jr. (Gay), Leslie "Paul" Mason (Jeff), all of Davis, NC, and Angela Carroll Davis of Beaufort, NC, Tyler Scott Corey (Katelyn) of New Bern, NC, Cameron Pate Corey (Brittany) of Vanceboro, NC, James "Stephen" Woolard III, Austin Pate Woolard, Emma Jean Pate, and Grace Olivia Pate, all of New Bern, NC, and Petra Caroline Mannel of Saluda, SC. Great-great nieces and nephews, Chandler Dawson Mason, Saylor Caroline Mason, both of Davis, NC, Carter James Corey of New Bern, NC, and Clara Lucille Corey of Vanceboro, NC. And special neighbors and friends that always provided good food and conversation, Ms. Hazel Williams, Ms. Ruby Styron, and Ms. Audrey Salter of Davis.

In addition to her parents, Sarah was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald Thomas Styron; sister, Sylvia "Jean" Pate Woolard (Steve); brother, Larry Benjamin "L.B." Pate, Jr.; sister-in-law, Alma Lois Styron Davis (Percy); uncle, N. L. "Leon" McLawhorn, Jr.; cousin, Harvey Dail McLawhorn; niece and nephew, William Carroll Davis and Barbara Ann Davis Mason (Charles D.); and her favorite grandmother, Lela Dail McLawhorn of New Bern.

