

*A Life Celebration*

June 22, 1948

August 26, 2023



*Pall Bearers*  
Friends of the Family

*Flower Bearers*

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*Acknowledgments*

The family of Nellie Moore Davis would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your condolences and sympathy during this difficult time.

*Until  
We  
Meet  
Again*



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Saturday, September 2, 2023 12:00pm  
Shiloh Christian Church  
211 Durham St, Smithfield, NC 27577  
Bishop Thomas G. Davis-Officiating  
Teresa Y. Davis-Eulogist

# Order of Service

Officiating	Bishop Thomas G. Davis
Processional	
Song	
Prayer	Minister Terry Faison
Old Testament Reading	Pastor Malcolm Sowell (Ecc 3:14)
New Testament Reading	Minister Sherry Gaines (II Timothy 2:19)
Song	Asst. Pastor, LaMale Williams
Remarks from Richard B. Harrison Class of 1966 representative	Linwood Smith
Remarks on behalf of the Davis family	Pastor Nina Davis
Remarks on behalf of the Moore family	Minister Debbie Moore Stanley
Special Thanks, Letters of Resolution, and Reading of the Obituary	Sister Elsie McClain
Eulogy	Teresa Y. Davis
Solo	Sister Angel George
Sermon	Pastor Mack J. Sowell
Mortician's Brief	
Recessional	

## Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach,  
except they be sent? as it is  
written, How beautiful are  
the feet of them that preach  
the gospel of peace, and  
bring glad tidings of good  
things!

# Poem for our Mother

I hear my Savior say, My child I have need of thee.  
Your voice, Your smile, Your way with even a  
stranger's child

Your paths are set,  
But the Way to Me is made,  
Though, there will be tears, more than a few.  
Some disappointments and sorrows too.

Still, you must make this journey,  
It's not just for you,  
For, no one else can do that which I have placed in  
you.

I have weighed it all,  
The beginning, the end,  
The times you will succeed, the times you will fail,  
The times you will laugh, the times you will cry,  
The purposed four to add sparkle to your eye,

In the scales of My Purpose,  
In the light of My Plan,  
Still, My child, I have need of thee.

Your perfection is in Me.  
My righteousness will cover thee.  
Don't be afraid of their stares.  
Fix your eyes on Me.

For, I have equipped you.  
I will not leave you.  
Whatever comes, and whoever goes,  
My Love will never fail you.

I have accounted for it all,  
the times of your life.  
Weighed in the scales of My Purpose,  
Seen in the light of My Plan,  
Still, My beloved daughter, I have need of thee.

# Life's Reflections

Nellie Moore Davis was born in Pine Level, North Carolina to the late Neal Hector Moore and Tilly Josephine King Moore on June 22, 1948. Her early education was obtained at Princeton Graded School in Princeton, NC. Nellie was a proud class of 1966 graduate of the former Richard B. Harrison High School in Selma, NC. Later in life, she furthered her education by receiving an Associate's Degree in paralegal studies from Johnston Community College.

She was married for twenty years to the late Jesse Earl Davis. Their marriage resulted in the birth of four children, whom she loved.

During her life, she had the opportunity to wear many career hats. Each job showed her overall desire to be of service to people. In her early career, she thoroughly enjoyed working with children as a teacher in the Head Start program. Later she drew great satisfaction from helping migrants and those laboring in seasonal farm work to transition to more stable, better-paying jobs through education and job training. Still, later, she enthusiastically used her paralegal studies degree working as a paralegal for two different law firms.

Affectionately known as Sister Nell, she answered God's call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and was ordained as a minister on October 1, 1980. Sister Nell was a dedicated member of House of Prayer, Incorporated in Selma, NC. She served as the church's secretary for many years. Sister Nell loved to sing and greatly enjoyed being a church choir member.

She leaves to cherish her memory her four children, Teresa Yvonne Davis of Selma, Quentin Lionel Davis and his wife June Corum Davis of Goldsboro, Marlon Wayne Davis of Raleigh and Micheal Dwayne Davis of Goldsboro, her seven grandchildren (Kenyatta, Joshua, Rashaun, Marcus, Devonte, Alexis, and Micheal Jr.), her three great grandchildren (Rashaun Jr., Atlas, and Sydnee), three brothers Neil Lee Moore of Fayetteville, NC, Phil Edward Moore of Selma, NC, Robert Earl Moore and his wife Emma of Plymouth, NC, three sisters JoAnn Allen of Spring Lake, NC, Lucel Lassiter of Selma, NC, Debbie Stanley and her husband Robert of Smithfield, NC, her beloved brother-in-law Bishop Thomas Davis and his wife Eloyce of Selma, NC, her beloved sister-in-law Lillian Moore, eleven nieces and four nephews, her body of Christ family at the House of Prayer, Incorporated, her long time neighbors and close friends Vernice Godwin and Patricia McDonald, her adopted McClain family who lovingly referred to her as "cousin Nell", her dear friends, Sarah McClain, Mary Womack Sowell and Cecilia Laney, her children from other families, Malcolm Sowell, Rueben Sowell, Dr. Stacey Sowell and Eric Barnes, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, friends and classmates.

Lovingly submitted by the family