

The Homegoing Service

For

Mother Vera Alice Strickland

Sunrise

January 26, 1935

Patrick County

Stuart, VA

Sunset

March 20, 2015

Surry County

Dobson, NC



Saturday

March 28, 2015

Samuels Grove Progressive Primitive Baptist Church

Ararat, VA

Elder Jeffrey Gravely/Officiating

Dr. W.E. Martin /Pastor/Eulogist

Interment

Samuels Grove Church Cemetery

Ararat, VA

Order of Service

Presiding	Elder Jeffrey Gravely Pastor of Chestnut Ridge P.P.B. Church
Processional	
Family Visitation	12:00-1:00pm
Invocation	Guest Minister
Words of Comfort	Elder Jeffrey Gravely
Selection.....	Choir
Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Guest Minister
New Testament	Guest Minister
Selection.....	Choir
Obituary	(Soft Music)...Read Silently
Church Resolution /Acknowledgements.....	Sister Bernette Joyner
Family Reflections	Anastasia Sullins (granddaughter)
Selections	Choir
Eulogy	Dr. W.E. Martin
Recessional	
Committal/ Benediction	Dr. W.E. Martin
Interment	Samuels Grove Church Cemetery Ararat, Virginia
Final Flight.....	Spencer Funeral Home Staff

Repast will follow in the Samuels Grove Church Fellowship Hall

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Casket Bearers

Howard Roberts • Gary Roberts • Lewis France

Anthony France • Brad Carter • Barry Pilson

Obituary

Mother Vera Alice Strickland was born in Patrick County to the late James Sawyers and Mary Tilley Sawyers. She passed away peacefully at Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home, Dobson on March 20, 2015.

Mother Vera was a God fearing person and a praying mother. She was a mother of the church and past Superintendent of Sunday school. She was a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother. God needed her more than we did, and so with heavy hearts we must lay her to rest peacefully.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alvin Strickland, and her sisters and brothers Nannie Illery, Rosella Hatcher, Lillie Jones, Nellie Travis, Clara Douthit, Hallie Jessup, Robert Sawyers, Ralph Sawyers and Raymond Sawyers.

She is survived by 5 children Gracie Brim (J.D. Gwyn) of Mount Airy, Wallace (Angela) Strickland of Mount Airy, Melvin (Verna) Strickland of Mount Airy, and Jerry Strickland and Brian Strickland of the home; 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, 1 sister Josephine (Robert) Strickland of Mount Airy and a special niece Mary Ann Braxton of Bronx, New York, sisters-in-law Creola Sawyers, Mayola Jones, Lois (Elder Brooks) Tatum, Anise (Eddie)Hickman, brothers-in-law Waymon (Dorothy) Strickland and James Strickland; and a host nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

I'M FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!."*

Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness shown to them during this time of our bereavement. Your continue prayers are appreciated. Special Thanks to Joan & Howard Woltz Hospice Home, Team Nurses and caregiver Louise Valentine.

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