

*“TOOTSIE”*



Sunrise  
June 22, 1948

Sunset  
December 18, 2019

*Floral Bearers*

Sharon Swann  
Kim Perez  
Crystal Jones  
Stephanie Rollins Ivy  
Friends of the Family

*Pall Bearers*

John McIver  
Ricardo Davis  
Thomas “Mack” Jackson  
Tony Wade Johnson  
Charles Patterson  
Edward Adams

*Acknowledgment*

The family wishes to acknowledge their deep sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during their hour of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

~The Family



**Professional Services Entrusted To:**

*Knott's Funeral Home*

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Homegoing Celebration  
Of  
*Ms. Gloria Jean McLain*



*"Tootsie"*

Funeral Services

1:00 pm

Monday, December 23, 2019

*Christian Provision Ministries*

2300 Courtland Drive  
Sanford, North Carolina

Bishop Charles & Pastor Pattie Mellette  
Pastors



# Order of Service

Prelude.....Musician

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Selection.....Apostle Joe Green and God’s Glory

Scriptures:

Old Testament....Pastor Annie Allen

New Testament.....Elder Kim Williams

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Curtis Boykin

Selection.....Aneesha McLain, {granddaughter}

Acknowledgements

Video Tribute

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection.....Apostle Joe Green and God’s Glory

Eulogy.....Bishop Charles Mellette

Recessional



## Interment

Lee Memory Garden  
2600 Hawkins Avenue  
Sanford, North Carolina



# Obituary

**Gloria Jean McLain**, a resident of Lee County, departed this life, Wednesday, the 18th of December, 2019. Born June 22, 1948, in Sanford to Polly Ann McLean and Silas Lee Newby. Raised by her grandmother, Ruth Catherine McLean McIver and husband, Obie McIver.

Gloria received her education in the Lee County School System, and was a 1966 class member of W. B. Wicker School. She went on to receive her CNA license from Central Carolina Technical Institute in 1987.

She was a member of Blandonia Presbyterian Church on Wall Street, in Sanford, NC since childhood and frequently visited Robinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, in Sanford, NC, with long-time friend, Verta Mae Jackson. Gloria was compassionate and enjoyed helping others, providing in home healthcare with Parkview-In-Home Aide and was a medical technician and supervisor with Oak Haven Retirement Home, a resident facility where she worked for 25+ years.

Affectionately known as **“Tootsie,”** she loved socializing with family and friends, dressing up for social events, and most of all, she loved to cook. She was not only well-known, but a cheerful person, who had a smile that warmed your heart. Tootsie did not meet strangers. She was a mother to many and gave supportive advice to all she encountered, making all who came in contact with her feel loved and welcomed. She was a straight-forward person and didn’t mind letting you know it. Tootsie was well loved by both young and old and her legacy will harbor positive influence for generations to come.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Cynthia Newby, the love of her life, Freddie Lee Sanders and her friend, Kathryn Snipes.

Cherished memories are left to her three children, Adolphus Frazier McLain, Loletta McLain, and Vernell Maurice McLain (Karen); fourteen grandchildren, Sade’ McLain Wicker (Delorian), Adolphus Frazier McLain Jr., Kelsey Vondra Marsh, Dwayne Lamont Solomon, Jr., Chasatie Vernell Toomer, Maurice De’Quann McLain, Margrianna Verna’ McLain, Aneesha Vernell McLain, Adonijah La’Frazier McLain, Amari Tyrek McLain, Vernell Maurice McLain, Jr, Dylan Carter McLain, Josiah Avent Dowdy and Jahloni Izaih Reaves; two great grandchildren, Amaria Yarborough-McLain and Ryleigh Starr Solomon, six siblings, Willie Newby (Wanda), Silas Newby (Laverne), Henry Newby (Lorraine), Clyde Newby (Ola Faye), Ralph Newby (Freda), and Gervis Newby Kelly (Paul); two very special sisters, cousins and friends, Ms. Lula Knotts Thomas and Betty Louise Palmer; special children that she loved as her own; John Frazier McIver, Ricardo Davis, Tonya Davis and Casaundra Davis, Revonia Belcher, Cheikeida Belcher, Thomas “Mack” Jackson, Edward Adams, Charles Patterson, Angela Smith-Martin (Tracy), Yolanda Williams-McIver and a host of other relatives and friends.

