

## THE FAMILY *Expressions* OF LOVE

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you prayed a sincere prayer or came to pay a call. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there or just thought of us that day. Perhaps you rendered a service unseen, near at hand or from afar. Whatever you did to console our hearts, by word or deed or touch; whatever was the kindly part, as a Family, we thank you! May God bless and comfort each and every one of you.

~ The Family of Mother Lizzie Sumler ~

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Lloyd Stephens • Claude Bailey, Jr. • Tony Jerod – Eddie  
Vincent Eddie, Jr. • Micah Eddie

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Vincent Eddie, Sr. • Willie Wheeler, Jr. • Al DeJohnette • Dennis Miller  
Bobby Miller • Raymond Johnson • Raymond Watts, Sr.  
Trenton Turner • Triston Turner • Terrence Turner

### FLOWER BEARERS

Friends of The Family

### FINAL EARTHLY RESTING PLACE

Laurel Land Memorial Park  
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THE SUMLER FAMILY LOVINGLY RECEIVED A  
*"Platinum Experience"* at



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## THE *Homegoing* CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE, LOVE, AND LEGACY

— of —  
*Mother Lizzie Sumler*



*From Labor to Reward*  
OCTOBER 18, 1934 - MARCH 18, 2021

### *The Celebratory Service*

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021  
11:00 AM

GRACELAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
310 SOUTH CLARK ROAD  
CEDAR HILL, TEXAS 75104

REVEREND NATHANIEL CHANEY  
Interim Pastor - Graceland Community Baptist Church  
—OFFICIANT & EULOGIST—



# THE LIFE REFLECTIONS OF *Mother Lizzie Sumler*

October 18, 1934 - March 18, 2021  
"A VIRTUOUS WOMAN"

MOTHER LIZZIE SUMLER was born in Monroe, Louisiana on October 18, 1934 to the late Rev. Odie Miller and Bertha Burks Miller. She was the fourth child of seven siblings: Odie Miller, Jr. (deceased), Lester Miller (deceased), Lannie Miller (deceased), Ethel Murray (deceased), James Miller (Pastor) of San Diego and Hill Collins Miller of New York.

Mother Sumler graduated from Little Flower High School in Monroe, LA in 1952. She received her degree in Early Childhood Development with Honors from Eastfield College in 1994. She married the late Phillip Sumler on October 18, 1953. To their union, six wonderful children were born. She was an accomplished business owner of Sumler Child Care and provided professional day care services in Oak Cliff for over 40 years and raised multiple generations. The kids were trained up according to God's Word each morning with devotion, song & scripture.

Mother Sumler accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized as a child at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. She served as a doorkeeper for 42 years; 9 years at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, 3 years at St. John Baptist Church in Fairbanks, Alaska, 15 years at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Lawton, Oklahoma and 15 years at Jordan Baptist Church in Lancaster, Texas. She taught beginning and primary Sunday School, was an instructor in BTU, served as Sunday School secretary and Assistant Junior Superintendent of Sunday School.

She was a Charter Member and Mother of Graceland Community Baptist Church, which began in her home on January 26, 1993 under the direction of her son in the ministry, the late Cedric D. Stricklin. She was fervent in spirit as she passionately served the Lord in ministry. Until her health failed, she was an active member of the Adult Women's Class, Mother's Board, Deaconess and Bible Class.

Mother Sumler's family includes six children: Patricia Ann Stephens (deceased), Donald Phillip Sumler (deceased), Barbara Jean Sumler-Watts (deceased), Gloria Jean Sumler-Wheeler (Willie Jr.) of DeSoto, Pamela Kay Sumler of Cedar Hill, Lisa Marie Sumler-Eddie (Vincent Sr.) of DeSoto. Grandchildren: Stephanie D. Stephens, Lloyd A. Stephens (Kristina) of Austin, Ashley D. Watts, Whittney L. Johnson & Brittney K. Johnson (twins), Micah E. & Makayla A. Eddie (twins), Tony D. Jerod-Eddie, Vincent E. Eddie, Jr., Kyra D. Eddie. Great Grandchildren, Diamond Robertson, Trenton & Triston Turner (twins), Addisyn & Aubrie Turner (twins), Aeriana & Terrence Turner (twins). She was Mother #2 to her sister, Ethel Murray's children, Alcides DeJohnette (Janice), Dennis Miller (Eva), Wanda Carey (Michael), Regina Jackson, Brenda Robinson (Donald), Dr. Linda Murray & Stanley Murray. She leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, relatives and her GCBC church family.

## "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 his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah 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 savoured 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.

## *To Our Loving Mom*

"IF ROSES GROW IN HEAVEN"

-By Dolores M. Garcia

If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy, I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away.







MOTHER LIZZIE SUMLER

# Favorite Scriptures

PSALM 23: 1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

MATTHEW 6: 9- 13

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.



# Order of Celebration

REVEREND NATHANIEL CHANEY  
INTERIM PASTOR - GRACELAND COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH  
— Officiant —

*"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."*  
-2 Corinthians 5:1

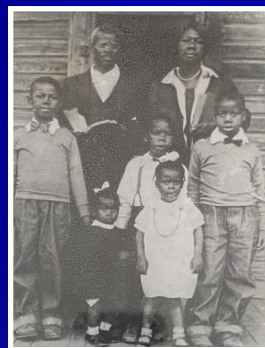
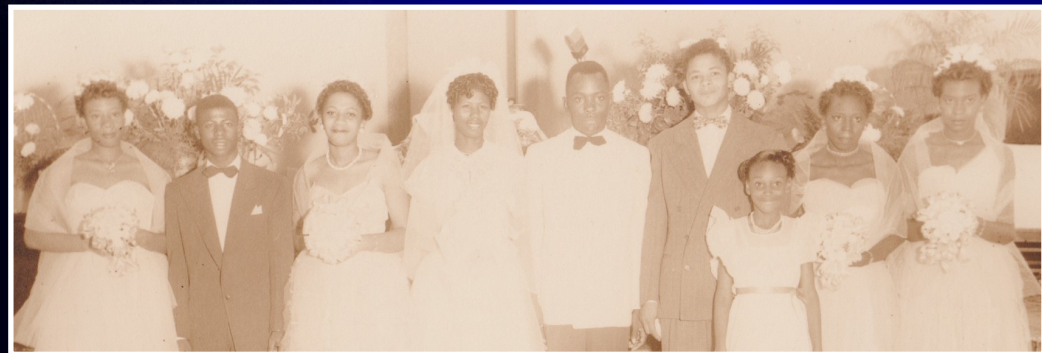
- Processional ..... Clergy, Pallbearers, and the Family
- Hymn of Comfort ..... Chadney Christle
- Scripture Readings:
  - Old Testament ..... Pastor Jessie Green  
Outreach Church of the Rock DFW
  - New Testament ..... Pastor Victor Jackson  
Building the Kingdom Community Church - Cedar Hill, Texas
- Prayer ..... Pastor Edsel Dureus  
Thanksgiving Tabernacle Bible Fellowship - Cedar Hill, Texas
- Solo ..... Debette Draper – Britton
- Resolutions ..... Church and Other Affiliations
- Remarks ..... Limit 2 Minutes, Please
- Special Remarks ..... Reverend Ty Rone Traylor  
Claude Bailey, Jr.  
Dr. Linda Murray  
Pam Sumler
- Solo ..... Stephanie Stephens  
"Trouble of the World"
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Julius Ralph Sumler  
New Rocky Valley Baptist Church - Grambling, Louisiana
- Parting View ..... Sacred Funeral Home Directors
- Recessional ..... Funeral Cortege





"TODAY'S LITTLE MOMENTS  
BECOME TOMORROW'S

*Precious Memories"*



*Memories to Cherish*