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The family of Mrs. Odessa Burnette Vaughan gratefully acknowledges the many expressions of love, kindness, prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and every act of compassion shown during her illness and at the time of her passing.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Hospice Home Health staff, the Mount Zoar Baptist Church family, and the many relatives and friends whose care, support, and encouragement meant so much to Odessa and to our family. Your love and generosity will forever remain in our hearts.

We ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers as we find comfort in God's grace and in the precious memories we will always cherish.

With Love and Gratitude,
The Family of Odessa Burnette Vaughan



Interment

Glenview Memorial Park
2515 NC Highway 55
Durham, NC 27707

Services Entrusted to

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Celebration OF Life



Odessa Burnette VAUGHAN

Life's Entrance **: May 11, 1937** ***Life's Departure*****: July 23, 2026**

Service: Saturday August 1, 2026 | 1:00 PM

Mt. Zoar Baptist Church
2423 Cheek Road | Durham NC 27704
Reverend Burnice L. Allen, Eulogist and Pastor

Order of Service

Processional
Clergy and Family

Musical Selection
Mt. Zoar Traveling Choir

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
Psalm 23: Minister Irving

New Testament
James 5:7-19 Minister Irving

Prayer of Comfort
Minister Irving

Selection
Sister Carolyn Goss

Obituary and Acknowledgements
(Please Read Obituary in Silence)
Cathy Waddell

Reflections (Please Limit to 2 mins)

Musical Selection
Derrick Moore

Eulogy
Reverend Burnice Allen

Musical Selection
Mt Zoar Traveling Choir

Recessional
















Obituary

Mrs. Odessa Burnette Vaughan, daughter of the late Henry Burnette and Elma Edwards Burnette, was born on May 11, 1937, in Chatham County, North Carolina. After a long illness, she peacefully entered eternal rest on July 23, 2026. She lived a beautiful life marked by faith, love, generosity, and service to others.

Odessa accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She was a faithful and devoted member of Mount Zoar Baptist Church, where she worshipped alongside her late husband, Chester Vaughan, and their three beautiful daughters. Throughout the years, she faithfully served on the Senior Usher Board, sang in the Gospel Choir, and worked diligently on the Culinary Committee. Odessa was known for her loving and giving spirit. She found joy in visiting the sick, encouraging others, and lending a helping hand wherever it was needed. Countless members of Mount Zoar fondly remember her warm smile, kind heart, and uplifting words.

Odessa graduated from Merrick-Moore High School and dedicated many years to serving others through her work. She worked at various jobs, including at Memorial Hospital, before beginning a career with Blue Cross Blue Shield, where she worked for more than 20 years as a Claims Representative until her retirement.

Family was at the center of Odessa's life, and one of the many ways she expressed her love was through cooking. Her kitchen was a place where family gathered, laughter was shared, and lasting memories were made. She was well known for her homemade ice cream and famous biscuits. Pam always looked forward to her delicious cornbread, while Alma's favorite was her fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. Jackie especially loved her delicious blackberry dumplings. Every meal Odessa prepared was seasoned with love, and those treasured family traditions will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Odessa was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Chester M. Vaughan, and her grandson, Derrick Gibson.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her three loving daughters, Jacqueline Vaughan, Alma Vaughan, and Pamela Vaughan Rollins (Wilbur); her aunt, Dora Burnette; her half-sister, Deborah Muse; her sister-in-law, Anne Dixon; her grandchildren, Solomon McDonald (Kristen), Lydia Harris (Dante), and Destiny Vaughan; along with many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends who will forever treasure her love, kindness, and enduring legacy.

Though she will be deeply missed, Odessa's life serves as a lasting testament to unwavering faith, selfless service, and unconditional love. Her gentle spirit and beautiful example will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7