



## **LOUISE BUTLER**

July 27, 1943 - August 6, 2025

Louise Butler was born on July 27, 1943, to the late Sammy and Ida Mae Griggs in Bethel, North Carolina, the oldest of ten children. She was united in marriage to the late George Butler, and together they built a life centered around faith, love, and family.

On August 6, 2025, Louise passed away peacefully at George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Butler, Jr.; her son, Gary Butler; her parents, Sammy and Ida Mae Griggs; her brothers, Alton and James Griggs; and her sisters, Shirley Griggs, Evelyn Key, and Barbara Crooks.

Louise had a gift for storytelling, weaving vivid memories of her childhood in North Carolina and the special bond she shared with her siblings and relatives. Her stories, often told with warmth and humor, became treasured memories for those who heard them-sometimes more than once. She possessed a listening ear and a heart ready to offer advice, whether it was sought or not, always speaking from a place of love.

Resourceful and determined, Louise had an innate talent for making the most of every opportunity. She was a natural entrepreneur-baking and selling cakes and pies, styling hair, or delighting customers with her famous Katydids candy. Her simple joys included watching westerns, especially Gunsmoke, and

everyone knew better than to touch the television when Marshal Dillon was on.

As the eldest sibling, Louise was a pillar of strength and support in the family. She opened her home to relatives, providing a supportive place where they could actively pursue employment. While her siblings worked, she lovingly cared for her nieces and nephews, making sure they were well cared for and loved.

Louise dedicated several years of service working at the Senate Office in Washington, DC, where she was respected and admired for her strong work ethic and warm, friendly demeanor. She was a committed wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, and loving babysitter to many. Her nurturing presence left a lasting and lovable impact on everyone she met. Her warm and inviting spirit made everyone feel like family.

She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children: Jacqueline Griggs, Shelia Butler, Greg Butler, and Cathy Butler Mathews. She was a proud grandmother to Donte Butler, Marcus Butler, Sloane Butler, Shannon Mathews, Katelynn Mathews, Taylor Brigman, and Gregory Bryce Butler. Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren: Reign Hilliard, Dylan Butler, Hendrix Butler, and Legend Butler.

Louise is also lovingly remembered by her dear siblings: Marjorie Powell (William) of Bowie, MD; Joyce Griggs of Savannah, GA; Samuel Griggs (Pat) of Richmond, VA; and Larry Griggs (Gail) of New Bern, NC, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Her strength, warmth, and unwavering love will forever be remembered by all who knew her. Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure. She was beloved beyond words and will be missed by all family and friends.

Among the many lessons she shared, one piece of advice continues to guide us: "Always remember, life is not a straight line."

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

800 Woodyard Rd  
Clinton, MD 20735

# Previous Events

## Wake

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

## Funeral Service

AUG **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of LOUISE BUTLER*



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**Pope Funeral Homes** - August 14, 2025 at 11:15 AM

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“ *Condolences to the Butler and Griggs families....prayers for strength and comfort as you celebrate the life of Louise*

*Brenda Dixon Akles*

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**Brenda Akles** - August 14, 2025 at 11:01 AM