



Vivian Tallent Browning

Feb. 19, 1939 - July 16, 2025

Born nestled deep in the mountains of Avery County along a beautiful valley called Stamey Branch. Mom learned at a very young age the value and importance of having a close relationship with Jesus.

The youngest of seven siblings and the granddaughter of Wilson Stamey, the founder of Stamey Town Baptist Church.

She was saved and baptized at the age of twelve. She never veered from her beliefs and stayed loyal to her Lord and Savior all her life. She went on to sing with her late husband Pete Tallent wherever the Lord would call them.

She instilled those same beliefs in all of her family starting with her five children, one already gone home; Brenda Tallent Hunt, waiting for her in Heaven. Also having 15 Grandchildren and 22 Great Grandchildren and many more who would look to her as a mother. She would teach us all at an early age to put Jesus 1st and a family that prays together would stay together.

Things wasn't always easy for mom she completed her GED at the age of 32 while raising five kids and working often two jobs to just get our family by. Vivian became a care giver and worked for eighteen years at Western Carolina Center, now known as J. Iverson Riddle before retiring. She often spoke of her patients referring to them as her babies and how much loved them and they loved her, often calling her Moma when she came to work.

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She was a Caregiver to everyone around her it seemed. Taking care of her husband Pete before cancer took him in 1996. God would later send her another husband in 1999 Paul Cornett; known as Praying Paul. They were able to travel a lot to Camp Meetings spreading the Gospel Message until Cancer took him.

A short while later God sent a New Love James Paul Browning. and they were married in 2001. Remaining together for 24 years until she took her last breath.

She was also blessed to gain his three precious daughters. She told the youngest Laura she would never try to take the place of their mother. But she would love them as her own, if they would let her. Mom never failed to show her love to all she knew.

Often known for her delicious Pound Cakes she would bake for anyone in need in the community.

She was a dedicated member of Nowlings Chapel Free Will Church and would be there still if she had been able to attend. She loved her church family and her Pastor and his family.

She often talked about how much she missed her family since she was the last one to go, especially her sister Marie, recently gone home herself.

Mom no doubt preached her own funeral; and will always be remembered for her Love for Jesus and her family and all who knew her.

Mom although we will miss you each day, we are all at peace knowing that you are finally at Home with your family and most of all with your Sweet Jesus.

Preceding Mom in going home was her Precious Grandma Poe Morris, Father Floyd Stamey, Mother Linnie Mace Stamey, her husband of forty-three years Pete Henry Tallent and late husband Paul Cornett, her daughter Brenda Tallent Hunt, Son in law Pastor Steve Chapman, Daughter in law Sherry Tallent. Her siblings, Brothers McDonald Stamey, Elmer Stamey, Melvin Stamey, Ellis Stamey, Sisters Artie Clark and Marie Williams.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, Husband James Paul Browning and Three daughters Glenda (Rev. Mike Wakefield), Janie Browning and Laura Thomas, her four Children Gary Tallent, Debbie (Pastor Douglas) Mathis, Rhonda (Preacher Tony) Gosnell, Jeffery (Janet) Tallent. Also left to cherish her memory are her grandchildren, Misty Todd (Rev. Chris), Andy Mathis (Katie), Jamie Hunt (Melanie), Jennifer Street (Pastor Kevin), Kayla Tallent, Beau Tallent, T.J Gosnell, and Daniel Gosnell (Cat); Great Grandchildren: Gloria Harvalis, Emmit Todd, Emma Kate Mathis, Camden Mathis, Ashley Vance, Trevor Webb, Luke Street, Toby Street, Linley Street, Dallas Street, Delavon More, Buck and

Hawk Ivy, and Rylee Hunt; Step Grandchildren: Traci Wakefield, Talon Wakefield, Daniel Wakefield, Abel Wakefield Grace Warren, Cassie Gabriel and Cameron Thomas; Step Great Grandchildren: Brooklyn, Logan, Dylan, Luke, Carter, Zoey, Clara, Gwen and Elinor; and great-great-grandchild, Truett Street.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, July 21, 2025 at Nowlings Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. in the church with Rev. Darvy Hensley and Rev. Doug

Mathis officiating. Burial will follow in the Lake James Community Church Cemetery with scripture reading and prayer performed by Tony Gosnell.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice VIA Health Partners for helping us through this difficult time. We also wish to thank Nowlings Chapel and all of the members and Pastor Darvy Hensley for their loving care and Prayers. Thank you Patrice, Lisa and Amy for helping care for mom. We also wish to thank our Friends and family for everything they have shared and for attending the celebration service today.

Rest in Peace our Dear Sweet Mother In Jesus arms. May you jump for joy at your amazing Home Coming. WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



—Cindy Tallent



Sending prayers to the family she was such a sweet humble lady absolutely had a loving family and heart of God she's in such a better place then we are one day we will meet again I love u and u will always be missed I enjoyed seeing u every time we had family reunion she absolutely enjoyed the gathering Sharing the love to one another

—Christy sprouse



We are so sorry for the loss of your precious mother. She always had a beautiful smile on her face when we saw her, and always kind words to say. She will be greatly missed. Love & Prayers, Johnny & Pam Stamey

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Your precious mom is missed already. Praying for comfort for your family.

—Marty & Dena Peterson

Jeff and family, so sorry for your loss, God bless you all, prayers for the days ahead,

—Carolyn Powell Johnson



I had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Vivian while attending Gilead Baptist Church. She was a Godly woman with a servants heart. My prayers are with each family member. May each of you have peace in knowing your mother is in heaven.

—Carla Lane

So sorry to hear of Vivian's passing, I knew her for a very long time, but I hadn't seen her in a number of years, she was a Precious Lady, I know she is well and rejoicing in Heaven, May our Lord give you all Peace and Comfort in the days ahead

—Ozelle Greene Sotelo

What a wonderful legacy your mom left behind! But, what lies ahead in Heaven is something we all should long for! We are earnestly praying for you all! With our deepest sympathy & love, Caleb, Kayla & the boys!

—Caleb and Kayla Moore

Such a wonderful tribute to a lovely lady. You only had to be with her a short time to know she was a faithful Christian and to love her sweet, sweet spirit.

—Linda Johnson

Vivian was a light shining for her Savior. The world lost a beautiful soul, and

Heaven gained a true and faithful servant. So sorry for your temporary loss, for you'll all be with her again one day. Our prayers are with you.

—Steve& Linda Johnson

So sorry for your loss. I met your mom many years ago, when your family sang at my church. Godly women. She put her God first . Now she is with her precious Lord and Savior. No more pain or heartaches. Till we meet again.

—Judy Butler



—Judy Eller



So sorryfor your loss.

—Carolyn Lail



—Debbie Rhoney



Im so sorry for your loss.. Vivian was a wonderful person.. prayers lifted for all the family during this difficult time.



—Debbie Patton



The lord has a precious soul in his presence. Vivian will be missed by everyone we love u tell Marie and all are sweet love ones hello and we miss them all love them all until we meet on the other side love prayers and are deepest condolences to all the family

—Steve & Penny Williams