



## Minerva Bullock

October 24, 1937 - March 17, 2020

Minerva Hoffman Bullock passed away on March 17, 2020 with her loving daughter close by her side. She was born in Freeland, Pennsylvania in 1937 and was the only child of Clarence and Louise Hoffman who loved, adored and cherished her. In 1941, her family moved to Flemington, New Jersey when she was 4 years old. She was involved in the band playing the clarinet, honor society, choir school, Sunday school, church, she played on the school basketball team and had a lifelong best friend named Shirley. She was baptized and confirmed in the St. John's Reformed Church in Freeland, Pennsylvania. She was a graduate of Flemington High School class of 1955 and belonged to the Flemington Children's Choir School which was a training school for junior choirs of various Flemington churches. A nationally known institution, it was respected and recognized for its religious musical programs, continuing in operation until the last graduation class of 1958. She was engaged to David Gary Bullock at the Senior Ball in 1955 and they were married on August 4, 1956 at the Flemington Episcopal Church. They resided in Flemington for a short time until 1957 when they moved to the small, quaint town of Neshanic Station, New Jersey where they made their family home and raised four children. In 1983 they moved to Davidson, North Carolina forging a new path and new journey for their life and retirement years.

Following in her parent's footsteps, Minerva joined New Jersey's Darcy Chapter #138, of The Order of Eastern Star in 1957. Through the years she has held many offices including Chaplin, and Electa which she loved the best. She served as the Grand Chapter of NJ Emblem Bearer for the Electa Cup circa 1980 and as Worthy Matron in 1982-83 with her husband, David, by her side as Worthy Patron. Upon moving to North Carolina, she joined the Davidson Chapter, which merged with Mecklenburg Chapter #90, which further merged with Long Creek Chapter #151 where she most recently held the office of Associate Matron. She was presented with her 50 year pin in 2007 and 60 year pin in 2017. She has remained faithful, supportive and active with the organization and her chapter ever since she was initiated. The rituals, words, lessons, meanings and sisterhood have provided her support and guidance throughout her entire life.

Along with her husband, she was a long-time member of the national organization of the Hudson Essex Terraplane Club from the early 1960's to present day. She was also a member of the HET Dogwood Chapter of North Carolina. They spent many family adventures together traveling to car shows all across the country in one of their Hudson automobiles and made many life-long friends. During their retirement years they spent many days traveling in their GMC Greyhound bus which they self-converted into a motor home and belonged the Converted Coach Chapter, Busnuts, Dixie Traveliers.

Her deep, strong faith, belonging to Mt Zion UMC in Cornelius and church family were very important to her as well as being a part of the Prayer Shawl Group. During her time with the Prayer Shawl group she contributed approximately 18 shawls, 26 baby blankets, and 390 crocheted cross bookmarks. All her life she has held one scripture from Bible very close to her heart which she has repeated many, many times to sustain her in both goods times and bad. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart. Lean not into thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy path.

Minerva loved being a daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all she came in contact with and continuously had a smile on her face and always seemed to radiate joy. She knew how to make a house a home, she was a wonderful cook, enjoyed all kinds of crafts and hobbies, she was creative and artistic but most of all, she loved flowers all of her life and would often tell of memories she had as a young child picking flowers with her grandmother or parents or helping in the gardens. From that very young age, her love of flowers grew more and more with each passing year and sustained her all her life. Most every day she would spend time in her gardens and throughout the whole year there always seemed to be something blooming. She would take or give flowers to every place she went or to everyone she came in contact with. Flowers to her are like the air that we all breathe - -they were her love, passion, inspiration and lifeline. They brought her happiness, peace, serenity and closer to God. One of her favorite plants to share was the Confederate Rose Bush and she became well known for giving "sticks" to anyone who was interested. Minerva created quite a legacy for herself and it is no wonder she has also become well known as "The Flower Lady" and will long be remembered for her ministry of flowers.

Minerva was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Louise Hoffman, her husband, David, and son Peter. Left to cherish her memory is her "Joy" and loving daughter Karen of Davidson, North Carolina, son Richard and wife Joann of Neshanic Station, New Jersey, Daughter in Law, Allison of Statesville, North Carolina, four grandchildren: Stephanie (Justin) and Molly of New Jersey, David and Thomas of North Carolina. She also has one son, Gary, who forever remained very close in her heart but

who chose to step away from his family and friends for reasons unknown.

Due to the current world situation, a small, intimate gathering of family and close friends will be held on Saturday, March 21st at 11AM for a graveside burial at Mimosa Cemetery with an anticipated memorial service to celebrate her amazing life at Mt Zion UMC at a future date yet to be determined. In honor of the “Flower Lady” who so willingly, generously and caringly gave flowers to everyone she came in contact with, the family respectfully asks in lieu of flowers that donations may be made to a charity of your choice or a donation to Mt Zion UMC (19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031), or Mt Zion UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Another consideration to honor the “Flower Lady” would be to contact the church office (704-892-8566) to sign up for one of the available weeks of alter flowers at Mt Zion UMC and a notation will be made in the bulletin of your gift to the glory of God and in honor of Minerva Bullock.

James Funeral Home of Huntersville is serving the family.

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# Comments

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“ As the final minutes of Christmas Eve are winding down and Christmas Day 2020 is quickly approaching, I can't help but think of both my parents and my brother, Peter with fond memories. While this will be my first Christmas without my mother physically besides me, I can't help but feel her continued presence and guidance by my side. Witnessing her faith, strength, courage and perseverance as we journeyed very closely together and had to move forward without my father, without my brother and in the challenges she faced the last 13 months of her life here on Earth have provided me with faith, strength, courage and perseverance all of which allows me to face this holiday season with peace, calmness and hope for the future as I continue on without them. I am truly thankful to have had each of them in my life even though our time together ended much too soon however I am quite confident that I will see them again and what a wonderful reunion that will be.

In the words of Agnes Pharo:

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.



**Karen Bullock** - December 24, 2020 at 11:49 PM

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“ I have just learned of the passing of Minerva. She was one of my Mom's dear friends and I remember many pleasant days at her home as a child. She showed us how to make ice cream from scratch and how to make rugs. My brother and I enjoyed playing with Karen, Peter, Richard and Gary.

Of course the main thing I remember are the many Hudson Club meets all around the area. She made my Dad a very cool Hudson sweater one year.

Karen I know you were close as I was with my Mom. I know they are both in heaven now chit chatting and enjoying the ever loving embrace of Jesus.

Lets keep in touch, Laura Morgan-Hemmerle



**Laura Morgan** - December 24, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ October 24th 2020 is a bittersweet day for me as 83 years ago today my mother was born in Freeland PA and 7 months and 7 days ago she was destined to step off the path we were traveling on so closely together to touch the face of God and start tending His gardens forevermore. While I must now continue forward on my journey without her physically beside me, I am forever grateful that God chose me to place in her arms and I am also very thankful for the close mother/daughter/best of friends relationship we had and for all the many years of fun times we spent together. I have no doubt that I will see her again one day and in the meantime, her love, guidance and influence can't help but be mirrored in me, adding sustenance to my life. Her presence is still very close to my side and she will forever remain in my heart and mind. I am counting every blessing, letting go an trusting what I cannot see and I know without a doubt that my life has truly been blessed beyond all measure.



**Karen Bullock** - October 24, 2020 at 08:18 AM

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“ I am grateful many years ago today that God chose me to place in the arms of Minerva. I am thankful for the very close relationship we had and all the time we spent together. And while she is no longer physically besides me, she is still very close to my side and forever in my heart and mind. My life has been blessed beyond all measure by this amazing woman.



**Karen Bullock** - June 01, 2020 at 08:29 AM

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“ Happy Mother's Day to my mother!

In the words of Cardinal Mermillod:

A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.

**Karen Bullock** - May 10, 2020 at 08:57 AM

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“ The Southeast Bus Nuts send our deepest sympathies to the Bullock family. Dave and Minerva were stalwart members and are perhaps best known for hosting our 'April in the Carolinas' rally at Saw Mill Hill Campground in Salisbury through most of the 1990s.

A fine couple.

R.I.P.

Mike Heron, newsletter editor

**Mike Heron** - April 01, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ Only had a chance to know her for a short time, she and her daughter. I sold Karen a vehicle and every time they come for service Minerva always brought me beautiful flower arrangement for my wife. This lady had a awesome spirit and she is now in her eternal flower garden receiving the flowers she deserves. MAY GOD BLESS HER, AND THE FAMILY. JOHN MYKINS

**JOHN** - March 30, 2020 at 08:24 AM



“ I am so sorry Minerva but you are in a much better place than we are now. May you rest in peace.

**Becky Bishop** - March 27, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“ Always will remember Miss. Minerva as my favorite flower lady. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

**Daniel Skotzko** - March 26, 2020 at 03:34 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. My mom was Shirley and I must say, when I lost my mom, your mom gave me strength with a beautiful note and a cross which I keep with her ashes.

I am sure they are up there giggling and reminiscing.

**Jamie VanDerveer Pickell** - March 23, 2020 at 08:40 PM

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“ Karen,

Condolences to and your family. The relationship between you and your mom was so special, and such a blessing for you both. When you describe your mom, it's clear that the apple didn't fall far from the tree. God did know what he was doing when he gave you each other. I will be holding you close to my heart and keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Please take care of yourself - and be safe out there.

Warmest Regards,  
Mindy



**Mindy Ginelli** - March 22, 2020 at 10:06 PM



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“ Karen and family our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Minerva was always a kind and thoughtful friend. When I was housebound with cancer and not allowed around people, Minerva called often and left me flowers on my front porch. My treadmill looked out on the porch. Cheered up my day. Our love, Jane and Jack Molle



**Jane Molle** - March 20, 2020 at 02:30 PM

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“ Karen, family and friends,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Mom. With the different stories and memories you have shared with me over the years, I felt like I had met your Mom. The letter you wrote informing us was so eloquent and anyone would know how special she was in your words of love you honored her with.

"Mothers never really leave us, they just keep the house up in the sky. They polish the sun by the day and light the stars that shine at night. They keep the moonbeams silvery bright. And in the heavenly home above, they wait to welcome those they love."

Karen, family and friends may you smile, be filled with love and fond memories as you walk through your garden ..."If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my own garden forever." Alfred Jennyon

**Debbie Book** - March 19, 2020 at 09:04 AM

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“ Minerva was one of the most kind and sincere women Ai have ever known. We will miss her dearly!



**Allison Bullock** - March 18, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ Karen and Family,

I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I know she has been fighting and undergoing many trials and hardships. It has been easy to see how much you love and care for her. I hope you can find joy and comfort in your memories. I am sure your mom will continue to be a strength and influence in your life and the life of your family. Your devotion and care for your mother was inspiring. I hope you and yours find solace in your shared faith knowing that your mother is in a better state. I love the song you shared: may the anchor hold you at this time of grief and loss.



**Lynn Koberstein** - March 18, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ When I first met Minerva (1 year ago this past February) she was so happy that I was joining the Prayer Shawl Group at Mt. Zion. Very willing to work with me and teach me how to crochet. She wasn't sure how it would go because I'm left handed and she could only show me right handed. Always encouraging me even though I'm sure I frustrated her. I have come a long way since learning from her. I only wish she was here to teach me more . Our group will miss her a lot. She always sat to my left. She will forever be with me, not only on my left, but in my heart. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

**linda bauer** - March 18, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



**Karen Bullock** - March 18, 2020 at 02:19 PM

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“ Karen and family, This is Charlotte Colleague, Wen. I read your email and can feel how much you love your mom through the letter. She is a great lady and you are a great daughter! Take good care of yourself because she wants you too. HUG!



**Wen Gao** - March 18, 2020 at 01:46 PM

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“ Karen and Family, this is New York (aka Debbie) I'm really going to miss her wonderful stories and gifts that he had given me. My prayers and thought are with you and your family.

**Debbie Cooper** - March 18, 2020 at 01:15 PM