



Felecia Maynor Locklear

September 24, 1957 - August 22, 2018

Have you ever been in the presence of an angel?

Today, thousands of people can profess that they have had the gift of coming face to face with an angel. She walked our schools, hugged our children, sang heavenly praises in our choirs, prayed over our homes and served us well with her humor and her baking abilities. That angel's name was Felecia Maynor Locklear, and on Wednesday, August 22, our Father in heaven called His angel home.

For 60 years, Felecia happily poured out her heart, her love and her life to everyone she came in contact with. But her ability to love others so well didn't come by happenstance. Raised alongside her brother Bryan Kennedy Maynor in Pembroke, N.C., by the late Kenneth Ray Maynor and Geraldine Bullard Maynor, Felecia witnessed daily demonstrations of hard work, dedication, service, selflessness and Christ-like love. It was in her parents' house, during those formative years, that she discovered her love for baking, her love for music and her love for service.

In 1975, after graduating as Pembroke Senior High School's class valedictorian, she made her way to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she earned her undergraduate degree in music education. After marrying the love of her life, Anthony Locklear, Felecia's career eventually brought her back to the Robeson County public school system. It was there, as the Pembroke Elementary School music teacher, that Felecia earned a master's degree in education administration. In 1994, the Lord

eventually led Felecia, Anthony and their two daughters – Anjelica Cummings and Francesca Carter – to move to Cary, N.C., where Felecia lived out the final 24 years of her life story on this Earth.

With the Lord's provision and her obedience, Felecia entered into the greatest chapters of her life as she served and stewarded the hearts and minds of children and teachers for 18 years as the principal of Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School.

After 38 years of service to the state of North Carolina and seeing her professional accomplishments be recognized on local, regional and national levels, her greatest role on this earth was not defined by her professional career – rather it was her role as a servant of God, family and others.

In 2014, Felecia adopted a new name. Above the joy she gained from being called wife or mom, Felecia's greatest title came from the two little Lumbee girls who called her Honey—Annabelle Juliette Cummings and Elizabeth Kennedy Cummings.

While her physical body may no longer be walking, talking, baking, teaching or singing on this earth, we must not be dismayed. Her angelic light still shines – and it can be seen in every soul she touched.

We will celebrate the life of this wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, leader, mentor, servant and angel on Saturday, August 25, at 2:30 p.m. at Apex Baptist Church in Apex, N.C. A time for fellowship with the family will follow immediately after the service. Felecia's presence will certainly be felt as we reminisce on her life over conversation, laughter and decadent Felecia-inspired desserts. Please wear red, blue or yellow in honor of her beloved Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School. A private family burial will be held at 6 p.m.

We will celebrate again on Sunday, August 26, at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke, N.C. Come brightly dressed to celebrate her life at 3 p.m., and join our family for another round of Felecia-inspired desserts and fellowship with the family directly following the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 25. 2:30 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church
110 S. Salem St
Apex, NC 27502

Visitation

AUG 25. 3:30 PM (ET)

Apex Baptist Church
110 S. Salem St
Apex, NC 27502

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

Berea Baptist Church
120 N Odum St
Pembroke, NC 28372

Tribute Wall

AT

“ It's now 7 years later. The last time I saw her, I was walking down a street near the school, she gave me a wave and a huge smile. Now, she had fired me because I had done something illegal. Yet she was still kind. I waved back -- I knew this was all my fault.

I had put my kids through Brooks from my son at second grade, through my daughters until 5th grade. I saw the changes at that school 13 years. She took a school that need her particular enthusiasm and devotion to make the school into a true Museum Magnet.

I worked there for 10 years. She was inspirational and so caring. All the administration, the teachers, and the rest of the staff were all SO-00 inspired by her work ethic and devotion.

When I heard of her death (around Mccain's death, I hung the only flag I had on my house. Now, I am not Republican, but I did appreciate his service and he was from Arizona -- I was a Democrat born in New Mexico. Mrs. Locklear was another who had survived health issues and still ---like that bunny rabbit -- Always, always kept on going.) You got to love a real leader and Mrs Lockleat always was. I am so grateful my kids had her as a principal, and that I worked at her school. Wake County was truly blessed to have her.

Ann Taylor - June 20, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry for and cannot imagine your loss. Felecia gave me a chance in starting a mid-life career, and I will always remember and thank her for that. My prayers and deepest sympathy to her precious family.

Jeany Hicks - August 28, 2018 at 12:33 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Locklear was a genuine and sincere person! It was obvious that she truly cared about her students!! I appreciate the role she played in my child’s life more than words can say!! We suffered the unexpected loss of my child’s father. Mrs. Locklear attended the funeral along with other staff members. Her presence meant the world to us. We were blessed to have known her and will miss her. To the family we send our condolences ❤️
With Love, Melanie and Myana Farrow

Melanie Farrow - August 28, 2018 at 11:53 AM

PL

“ Dear Anthony and your beautiful daughters,
I just read of your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Felecia was such a beautiful lady inside and out. May the wonderful memories you have help sustain you and may you continually feel God's hand holding you.
Sincerely, Phama and Jim Johnston

Phama Larsen-Johnston - August 27, 2018 at 10:54 AM

DH

“ We have loved Mrs . Locklear since she was the music teacher at Bugg Elementary many years ago . We are so thankful to have had her in our lives. Prayers and love to all the family 💕.
Michael and Debbie Hostetter



Debbie Barber Hostetter - August 26, 2018 at 08:00 PM

SE

“ *Suzanne Ems lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear*



Suzanne Ems - August 26, 2018 at 01:51 AM

CM

“ *Peace be with you Anthony.*

RIP Felecia.....

charles mccurry - August 25, 2018 at 07:54 PM

WP

“ *Such a wonderful person and leader. She will be missed by the educational community. My condolences to her family during this time.*
Wetonah Rice Parker



Wetonah Parker - August 25, 2018 at 05:39 PM

BH

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. Charley and Billie Harrington Chesnee, SC*

Billie Harrington - August 25, 2018 at 05:37 PM

PF

“ Pam Jackson And Family lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear



Pam Jackson and family - August 25, 2018 at 04:46 PM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss. Ms. Locklear helped so many, but this story is vivid...she not only helped one of her students, Jesica, when her Mother passed away when she was a student at Brooks, but she came or see her every year she was a student at Carroll, when I was her Counselor, & had lunch with her. So incredibly caring...above & beyond the duty of a Principal, she was truly an angel. I am so thankful to have known this loving & beautiful soul. ❤️



Tanya Guinn - August 25, 2018 at 03:14 PM

DK

“ Felecia,
Few will have the opportunity to cross a path of an individual that was true in every aspect in the meaning of life. Enjoying the process is a gift we can only wish for during the journey. Loving small interactions with a smile, an exhale, and a prayer is a form of art that will guide so many. Every moment counted, Caring for the little ones, and Interacting with everyone. A heart that was shared with so many has no timetable to expand our purpose. You sure did it right!
Thank you for these gifts,
From the rest of us
#makeherproud

Dan Kerwin - August 25, 2018 at 03:04 PM

AS

“ With my deepest sympathy to the family. She will be missed..She touched the lives of so many people..Thank you Felicia.

Andre Smith

Andre Smith - August 25, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 25, 2018 at 02:44 PM

AM

“ I would not have survived UNCG without Felecia, or Bubba as I lovingly called her. She taught me so much about how to be a good human being. What a loss for everyone.

Andy Mock

Andy Mock - August 25, 2018 at 01:13 PM



“ Anthony, girls & family, I am so sorry for your loss. When we don't understand, He will be there to help you. Be thankful for the memories He allowed you to share and never forget her spirit will always be with you. We shared many memories at the NC Commission of Indian Affairs years ago, and thank God for Facebook, that's how we kept-up with each other. Felicia will be missed by all who knew her.



Teresa Jones - August 25, 2018 at 12:25 PM

SS

“ Susan Spivey lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear



Susan Spivey - August 25, 2018 at 12:21 PM

SS

“ Anthony, Angelica, Francesca and family
My deepest sympathy in the passing of God's beautiful servant Felecia. Continued prayers for your family now and for the days to come.
Susan Spivey

Susan Spivey - August 25, 2018 at 12:20 PM

BE

“ My friend I am sorry for your loss. You had a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend to us all, even the Prospect girls. We all will miss her and the beautiful heart she had, however her and JJ are singing, baking and JJ dancing. I will try and get that lunch date sooner. Love you all my friend and God's blessing.



Bernie - August 25, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 25, 2018 at 09:16 AM

RK

“ We were lucky to have Felecia as leadership at Brooks and she was a large reason we chose Brooks as a magnet school. She was always present and always engaged with teachers, students, and parents. She was so helpful and compassionate with my special needs son for whom she attended IEP meetings from K-5. We are so sad that my daughter now in 1st will not get to know her as he did. She was truly a special person! May she Rest In Peace.

Rita Kiesler - August 25, 2018 at 08:40 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 25, 2018 at 06:22 AM



“ Anthony--I am so sorry to hear about your heartbreaking loss. You and your daughters (and entire family) are in my thoughts and prayers ❤️. -Sara MacKenzie

Sara MacKenzie - August 24, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 07:24 PM



“ Felecia was the music teacher at Bugg Elementary when I did my student teaching. Years later she took me in as a brand new principal and was such a help and support. You are so loved and so missed.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown - August 24, 2018 at 07:22 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 04:11 PM



“ *Condolences to the friends, family and colleagues of Mrs. Locklear. I have 2 kids currently in WCPSS and one who graduated in 2016. WCPSS is a huge extended family and I am sending condolences even though I didn't personally know her. May God cover this family in His grace and mercy during this time.*

Mrs. V. Smallwood

Vickie Smallwood - August 24, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *I just feel more blessed to have known Felecia. She was gracious and graceful at all times. I loved the way she loved her family especially her grand daughters - the way her face light up at the mention of them. She will be missed by so many. She was a gift to all of us.*

tamani r powell - August 24, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 12:46 PM



“ *Anthony, Our prayers are with you and your family. We praise God for Felecia's faith and the impact she had on so many. We will miss her. Mike and Kathy Lambert*

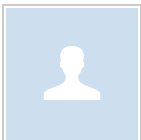
Kathy Lambert - August 24, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *I didn't know Felicia personally. I knew of her, and the love she and your family shared with my sons William and Jeremy in difficult times.*

*So sorry for the loss of this angel. May gods love lift you and strengthen you in the days to come.. God's peace and love,
Nancy Whipple Baringer.*

nancy baringer - August 24, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ *She was always smiling while being the one of the best Music 's teacher at Pembroke Elementary. Her loved her job and children as well as staff was evident in all that she did! She made everyone feel special. Her programs were always beyond perfect and beautiful. My life has been blessed having known her. She was a bright light in a world that brought joy to so many at each performance. I was sadden when we lost her to another place working. She was missed at PEMBROKE Elementary . She was using her gift that God gave her. I know her Heavenly Father welcomed her home with opened arms as well as her father. She was a beautiful lovingly mother ,grandmother and wife as well as a beautiful daughter from a beautiful loving mother. Family know you have been in many prayers now and in the future. Love*

Julia Johnson - August 24, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ *KC Holden purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



KC Holden - August 24, 2018 at 09:33 AM

CB

“ Thank you for guiding my daughter, Jasmin Nutt in her professional life. She is becoming the Pre-school teacher that she dreamed about due to your guidance and support. It was a pleasure meeting you.

Condolences to your family and friends.

Chicqueta Britton-Nutt - August 24, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 24, 2018 at 08:25 AM

KH

“ *There are many of us who have worked with Felecia for years who are mourning with you today. She was an incredible woman and a brilliant leader who created a model school in Raleigh. Her positive spirit will live on within the walls, the halls, and the staff (both past and present) of Brooks Museums Magnet Elementary School. She taught us much and we will never, ever forget her and the impact she made on our lives. Heaven has received an incredible person with her passing and her legacy will continue on earth through those of us she mentored, counseled, and inspired. Thank you for sharing her with us all of these years.*

KC Holden - August 24, 2018 at 08:11 AM

DB

“ Wonderful memories of Ms. Felicia as a music teacher at Pembroke Elem. I know she will be missed at the Brooks school. RIP Ms. Felicia.

diane brooks - August 24, 2018 at 07:59 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 24, 2018 at 07:07 AM

KM

“ Ms. Locklear was such a gift. I admired her quiet tenacity, her unwavering support of my children's education, and her sense of humor.

Our condolences to her family and the Brooks community.

The Mercers- Kerri, Fred, Evan, Allison

Kerri Mercer - August 24, 2018 at 06:47 AM

CR

“ *Earth's lost ...heavens gain. Prayers for family.* ”



Crese L. Ransom - August 24, 2018 at 03:23 AM

MH

“ *Margaret And Nick Hiraldo lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear* ”



Margaret and Nick Hiraldo - August 23, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.* ”



August 23, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.* ”



August 23, 2018 at 10:17 PM

MH

“ Mickey & Clem Hunt lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear



Mickey & Clem Hunt - August 23, 2018 at 10:00 PM

CH

“ Anthony and Family we are so sorry.

Corky & Joanne Hayes



Corky Hayes - August 23, 2018 at 09:44 PM

RF

“ Ray & Kimberly Griffis & Family purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



Ray & Kimberly Griffis & Family - August 23, 2018 at 09:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 23, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ Julie Privette lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear



Julie Privette - August 23, 2018 at 09:23 PM



“ My heart and prayers are with the family. Felecia was a joy to know and work with- we all lost a special person. But we do have joy knowing she's home with our Lord.



Wilma Jenkins-Flythe - August 23, 2018 at 09:19 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rhonda G. Dellinger - August 23, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rhonda G. Dellinger - August 23, 2018 at 09:03 PM

PL

Anthony, great picture of you and your beautiful wife, Felecia!

Phama Larsen-Johnston - August 27, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 23, 2018 at 09:02 PM

MA

“ *Much love, Jon, Dianna and Sara Ablang purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



Much love, Jon, Dianna and Sara Ablang - August 23, 2018 at 07:57 PM

LS

“ *Letha Dial Strickland lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear*



Letha Dial Strickland - August 23, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 23, 2018 at 06:15 PM



“ *Jesus Christ surely deserves the Best and He surely got that when He chose Ms.Felecia to be a part of His heavenly Kingdom. We will surely miss her presence here but that can not compare with her presence there. She recognized our son's talent in her chorus class at Union Elementary. Now it will be his honor and privilege to celebrate her life and legacy with her family and friends. We loved her and her family. Praying for you All.
Helen & Willie Collins Rowland, NC*

Helen Collins - August 23, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ *Both of kids, Peyton and Caleigh, benefited from their time at Brooks. Ms. Lock Kear was a big part of that educational process. As my kids enter Enloe HS I am most grateful for her leadership during their early years.....*

*The Moore's
Wake Forest, NC*

Ray Moore - August 23, 2018 at 05:15 PM

EB

I met Mrs Locklear when she became the music teacher at Bugg Creative Arts School. She was a creative, innovative and brilliant teacher. She helped to spearhead the Arts department to the extent of putting Bugg Creative Arts School on a level that we became known in Wake County. She wrote the first School song for Bugg. She was truly a spiritual woman who excelled in dignity, grace and kindness. How blessed all of us are who had the priveledge of knowing Mrs. Locklear.
Ellen Bryant

Ellen Bryant - August 23, 2018 at 05:16 PM

KL

“ Kelly Laveroni-Schuler purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



Kelly Laveroni-Schuler - August 23, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.



August 23, 2018 at 04:38 PM

BK

“ Betty Keith lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear



Betty Keith - August 23, 2018 at 04:36 PM

NM

“ *Felecia was a kind and caring leader and an inspiration to so many. I taught under her for 5 years and respected her so much, she helped mold me into the teacher I am today. My heart goes out to her family and the Brooks community- I am praying for you all!* ”

natalie mayur - August 23, 2018 at 03:46 PM

MA

“ *Mr. And Mrs. Bobby Allen lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear* ”



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Allen - August 23, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ *Both of my children attended Brooks from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Felicia was always there to greet them in the morning and say good bye in the afternoon. She was a cheerleader and advocate for them both. One of my boys had special needs and she was in every yearly IEP meeting and always supported him in everything he needed. My boys have both graduated HS now and they still talk about her and would even visit her occasionally at Brooks. We are all so very saddened by her passing and send prayers and hugs to her family and friends. We have truly lost an Angel on this earth. Sharon, Sam and Ryan Cooper.* ”

Sharon Cooper - August 23, 2018 at 03:43 PM

CB

“ I can only echo what many have said before- she was such a light to so many- an encourager, a leader, a friend. I basically begged her for a k job when I came for a transition meeting for a Prek special ed student and to my surprise granted me an interview. She took a chance on me and I am forever grateful! Some of my best years teaching came from under her guidance at Brooks! My children both attended Brooks and had amazing years there. She would often roll her eyes at my crazy ideas but she believed in me... she had faith. From the best teacher/student to the struggling teacher/student - that faith inspired everyone to be great!!!
I will miss her as well as so many. I know she is singing in the heavenly choir rejoicing with Jesus! I know she will mother and be a blessing to those who have gone before us too. Like the 2 Brooks students who passed during the tornado- so sudden- so tragic. Now, they can hold her hand as I'm sure their smiles welcomed her into heaven.
Praying for the family and her Brooks school family 🙏🙏

christine burkhart - August 23, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ Ms. Locklear was truly an Angel! She coached, lead and encouraged our Son Rhett for the 5 years he attended Brooks along with all her Teachers! We are indebted to her and will always carry her beautiful memory with us. RIP Ms. Locklear, you are remembered! Dave, Jennifer and Rhett Thomas

Dave Sr. - August 23, 2018 at 03:15 PM

LF

“ *Le Blanc Family lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear*



Le Blanc Family - August 23, 2018 at 02:12 PM

GB

“ *So sorry. Gina, Milton & Joseph Bryant . Zebulon, NC*



Gina Bryant - August 23, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 23, 2018 at 12:31 PM

PP

“ *Patricia Poe lit a candle in memory of Felecia Maynor Locklear*



Patricia Poe - August 23, 2018 at 10:57 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 23, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Anthony and family,
When I first met Felecia I was desperate for that art job at Brooks. I don't think I interviewed well so she asked me to come back and talk with her in her office alone. That was it. I guess I showed her what she was looking for. Thank god because that school was where I needed to be. I learned to teach in a way that I loved. I'll never forget the road trip I took with she and Joan to a conference in South Carolina. I was in the back seat of the Explorer with all our brooks stuff and we were talking about all the plans we had for the school, projects, integrations, museums...we created a school that was brimming with possibilities. That era came and went in wake county but it lives in my memoery and my heart. I'll never forget the night she met my mother at a school event. She took my mother's arm and gushed about me and the work I had done at the school. No one had ever gushed about me before. She made me feel so special and able to do anything... she made me want to try harder, be a better version of myself. I hear her in my head every day. When you work with a person as much as we worked with her you wonder why she gave so much of herself to that world. Why wasn't she more selfish of her time? I do know that she touched millions of children and peoples careers and lives by what she did and for what she gave me.... I promise to pass it on. I am so deeply sorry for your loss. She was the greatest woman I've ever known.*

kimpadron - August 23, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Felecia Maynor Locklear.*



August 23, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Your cousin Susan Cummings, Pembroke, N.C.*

Susan Cummings - August 23, 2018 at 07:46 AM