



## Master Elias Carter Dukes

July 11, 2016 - May 1, 2026

Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory...announces this earthly transition of Elias Carter Dukes, of Hope Mills, NC, who departed this life on Friday, May 1, 2026, at the age of 9. We extend our deepest condolences to the family and all that is connected. Services are entrusted to Colvin Funeral Home & Crematory of Fayetteville. Please keep this family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving mother, Kristen Pone Dukes, of the home; and his father, Marquise Dukes, of Fayetteville, NC.

He is the beloved grandson of his maternal grandparents, The Honorable Edward and Beverly Pone of Grays Creek, NC; and his paternal grandparents, Lora Johnson and Mike (Vicki) Dukes, both of Fayetteville, NC.

He is also survived by his maternal uncle and aunt, Jared (Charnel) Pone of Holly Springs, NC; his paternal aunt and uncle Crystal (Corey) Robinson of Raeford, NC; and his first cousins Na'Omiy Robinson, Matthieu Robinson, Jeshua Robinson and Christian Pone. Elias also leaves behind his Godmother, Kevona Bethune, his Godfather, Morris Braxton, Jr.; his Godsiblings, Lola Jones, Morris III, Melody, Mykel, Migel, and Myron Braxton; two teachers who were committed to supporting him through this journey, Ms. Allison Phipps and Ms. Leah Skarie and his best friend, Henry Bartos.

Special neighbor and honorary grandfather, Mr. David Messer (“Mr. Dave”), who faithfully cared for both Elias and his mother.

He also leaves behind a host of extended family members, relatives, and friends who were blessed to know him and will continue to carry his light forward.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Simon Temple AME Zion Church  
5760 Yadkin Rd  
Fayetteville, NC 28303  
(910) 867-1182

## Funeral Service

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Simon Temple A.M.E. Zion Church  
5760 Yadkin Rd.  
Fayetteville, NC

## Burial

MAY 8 (ET)

Fayetteville Memorial Gardens  
Fayetteville, NC 28306

# Tribute Wall



“ *Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Master Elias Carter Dukes*



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**H. M. Colvin Funeral Home** - May 08 at 10:03 AM

EF

*My sincerest condolences to family, friends and love ones. Praying God gives you peace and comfort.*

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**Elisha and Camie Freeman** - May 08 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ *Elias I was praying for you without ever seeing your beautiful smiling face. Seeing all of your pictures and knowing that you were a DUKE fan just like me I hate that I never got the pleasure of meeting you. I know that you were the shining star in your mother eyes and she chatted about you on many occasions with me while working. Now I will pray even more that you will watch over her from Heaven and I pray that God will bring her comfort and peace. My condolences to the family and friends of Elias. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Weeping may endure for a night, but Joy will come in the morning light.*

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**Shenita Sneed** - May 13 at 05:55 PM

SS

“ *Shenita Sneed lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Shenita Sneed** - May 13 at 05:42 PM

KC

“ *Sending my deepest and sincere condolences to the family. My heart goes out to you all.*  
*Keisha Cohen*

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**Keisha L Cohen** - May 11 at 12:45 PM

WB

“ *Wendell And Brenda Baggett lit a candle in memory of Master Elias Carter Dukes*



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**Wendell and Brenda Baggett** - May 08 at 07:02 PM

Jl

“ *SENDING MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ELI'S. HE WAS SUCH A SWEETHEART, I FEEL IN LOVE WITH THAT BEAUTIFUL SMILE FROM DAY ONE. I PRAY FOR YOU ALL AND YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. JOANN ISOM ( RADIATION LOT).*

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**Joann Isom** - May 08 at 12:47 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to the parents and family of Elias. We pray that God comforts and strengthens you daily.

*The Bethea family*

David and Desiree Bethea - May 08 at 12:29 PM



JM

“ Deacon John and Sister Debra Morning  
Our sincere condolences to the Parents and Family of Elias. Our prayers are with you.

JOHN & DEBRA MORNING - May 08 at 12:04 PM



KD

“ My sincerest condolences to the parents, grandparents, extended family and friends!

Karen Daniels - May 08 at 09:52 AM



TC

“ Thomas Farmer- Male Chorus lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes

Thomas Farmer- Male Chorus - May 08 at 09:11 AM



TF

“ Thomas Farmer lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



Thomas Farmer - May 08 at 09:05 AM

LS

“ Lela McLaughlin Shaw sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes



Lela McLaughlin Shaw - May 08 at 09:05 AM

DC

“ Deliverance Temple of Faith Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



Deliverance Temple of Faith Church - May 08 at 09:00 AM

DC

“ On behalf of Pastor Felicia L. Robinson and The Deliverance Temple of Faith Church offer our sincerest condolences, love and prayers are with and to the parents, grandparents, extended family and friends. Praying for the peace of God during this difficult time.

Deliverance Temple of Faith Church - May 08 at 08:53 AM

PS

“ Pamela S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.

Pamela S. - May 08 at 07:11 AM

AM

“ Douglas and Alberta Murphy, light a Candle in memory of Elias Carter Dukes.



Alberta Murphy - May 08 at 12:11 AM

JC

“ Jenna McKee & Ragan Copeland purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



Jenna McKee & Ragan Copeland - May 07 at 10:52 PM

LF

“ Lionell D. Greene & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



Lionell D. Greene & Family - May 07 at 09:38 PM

LF

“ *Lionell D. Greene & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*

Lionell D. Greene & Family - May 07 at 09:38 PM

RK

“ *Rev. Sarah Kelly lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



Rev. Sarah Kelly - May 07 at 05:35 PM

J#

“ *Jennifer Mc and Lowe's store #2906 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



Jennifer Mc and Lowe's store #2906 - May 07 at 04:51 PM

J#

“ *Jennifer Mc and Lowe's store #2906 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*

Jennifer Mc and Lowe's store #2906 - May 07 at 04:51 PM

SJ

“ Dear Family,  
You have my heartfelt sympathy. My prayer is that the Lord grant you comfort, peace, and understanding during this most difficult time 🙏. Prayers go out to you today and in the days to come! Much love 💕!



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**Sandra McDonald Jewell** - May 07 at 04:03 PM

IA

“ Ida, Aurora, Khalil, Simere, Aalimah purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



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**Ida, Aurora, Khalil, Simere, Aalimah** - May 07 at 03:48 PM

IA

“ Ida, Aurora, Khalil, Simere, Aalimah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.

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**Ida, Aurora, Khalil, Simere, Aalimah** - May 07 at 03:48 PM

PM

“ Percresa Mitchell and Family



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**Percresa R. Mitchell** - May 07 at 03:14 PM

JS

“ Jeneen Sinclair lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



Jeneen Sinclair - May 07 at 02:54 PM

F(

“ Fayetteville District (Buds) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



Fayetteville District (Buds) - May 07 at 02:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



May 07 at 01:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.

May 07 at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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May 07 at 01:27 PM



“ *VISN 6 Classification Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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**VISN 6 Classification Team** - May 07 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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May 07 at 08:30 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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May 07 at 07:53 AM

CF

“ *Christina Holston & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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**Christina Holston & Family** - May 07 at 12:37 AM

UG

“ *Uncle Gerald lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Uncle Gerald** - May 06 at 11:00 PM

UP

“ *Uncle Gerald & Aunt Broxie Pone lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Uncle Gerald & Aunt Broxie Pone** - May 06 at 10:57 PM

MP

“ *Minister William & Shirley Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Minister William & Shirley Patterson** - May 06 at 09:41 PM

KQ

“ There are no words that can truly ease the pain of losing a child. My heart breaks for you and your family during this unimaginable time. Your sweet son brought so much light, love, and joy into the lives of everyone who knew him, and his beautiful spirit and smile will never be forgotten. My mother would say often Elias still smiles even now he was going through so much.

Please know that you are surrounded by love and prayers. I hope you find strength in the precious memories you shared and comfort in knowing how deeply he was loved. May God hold you close and give you peace one day at a time.



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**Kecia Quinn** - May 06 at 08:35 PM

RB

“ Robert & Pamela Brown lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Robert & Pamela Brown** - May 06 at 07:34 PM

FP

“ Fayetteville District Buds of Promise lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Fayetteville District Buds of Promise** - May 06 at 07:32 PM

DM

“ Dorothy Mclean lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



Dorothy Mclean - May 06 at 07:29 PM

CW

“ Cravon Williams lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



Cravon Williams - May 06 at 06:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



May 06 at 05:53 PM

RP

“ Rockfish Elementary PTA purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.



Rockfish Elementary PTA - May 06 at 04:32 PM

PB

“ Percy & Rosa Bethea lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Percy & Rosa Bethea** - May 06 at 04:10 PM

BC

“ Praying that God will uplift and keep each of you in this difficult time. Sincerely, Pastor and First Lady Kareem Buck

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**Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church** - May 06 at 03:54 PM

AD

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Praying that God will strengthen you in this difficult time. Love, Deacon Greg and Ann Davis



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**Ann Davis** - May 06 at 03:50 PM

BW

“ Brenda and Mickey Walters lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Brenda and Mickey Walters** - May 06 at 03:05 PM

BW

“ *Brenda & Mickey Walters lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



**Brenda & Mickey Walters** - May 06 at 03:00 PM

MF

“ *Mary Fennell-Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes*



**Mary Fennell-Williamson** - May 06 at 02:34 PM

FC

“ *FBC Adventure Zone Summer Camp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



**FBC Adventure Zone Summer Camp** - May 06 at 12:33 PM

“ May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ comfort you during this most difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*A Child Of Mine*

*By Edgar A. Guest*

*I will lend you, for a little time,  
A child of mine, He said.  
For you to love the while he lives,  
And mourn for when he's dead.  
It may be six or seven years,  
Or twenty-two or three.  
But will you, till I call him back,  
Take care of him for Me?  
He'll bring his charms to gladden you,  
And should his stay be brief.  
You'll have his lovely memories,  
As solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise he will stay,  
Since all from earth return.  
But there are lessons taught down there,  
I want this child to learn.  
I've looked the wide world over,  
In search for teachers true.  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes,  
I have selected you.  
Now will you give him all your love,  
Nor think the labour vain.  
Nor hate me when I come  
To take him home again?  
I fancied that I heard them say,  
'Dear Lord, Thy will be done!'  
For all the joys Thy child shall bring,  
The risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter him with tenderness,  
We'll love him while we may,*

*And for the happiness we've known,  
Forever grateful stay.  
But should the angels call for him,  
Much sooner than we've planned.  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes,  
And try to understand.*

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**Debra McAllister Slaughter** - May 06 at 11:56 AM

MM

“ *My Prayers and Condolences to the Entire Pone Family! May God Comfort You All!*

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**Ms. Regina McLaughlin** - May 06 at 10:31 AM

MM

“ *Ms. Regina and Mr. DaQuan McLaughlin lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Ms. Regina and Mr. DaQuan McLaughlin** - May 06 at 10:30 AM

FS

“Your family is being uplifted in our prayers during this difficult season.

“Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.” — Psalm 33:22

*In Christian love,*

*Faith Tabernacle Christian Ministry Church Family,  
790 Butler Road  
Salemberg, NC 28385  
Rev. Rob Williams, Pastor*



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**Faith Tabernacle, Salemberg** - May 06 at 10:12 AM

FS

“Faith Tabernacle Church, Salemberg lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Faith Tabernacle Church, Salemberg** - May 06 at 09:53 AM

RB

“ To Ed, Beverly, Kristen, Jared, the Pone, and the Dukes Families,



*May God's tender mercy comfort your hearts and may the light He placed in Elias' heart and soul shine forever. Allow that light to help guide your steps as you continue on the journey God has set before you. Though Elias' legacy wasn't a lengthy one; it was a powerful, faithful, meaningful, and loving one. It's like a bright illumination of HOPE for us all. Though you miss him, may Elias' memory be cherished in your hearts forever and may it be a special blessing to many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,  
Ronald and Audrey Bates*

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**Ronald and Audrey Bates** - May 06 at 09:51 AM

AA

“ Our deepest condolences, along with our thoughts and prayers to the family!



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**Alvin & Brittany Artis** - May 06 at 09:34 AM

EA

“ Edith M Artis lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes



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**Edith M Artis** - May 06 at 09:31 AM

AT

“ *Angelar and Cedric Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Angelar and Cedric Thompson** - May 06 at 06:57 AM

JC

“ *Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Joe L. & Lore K. Cromartie** - May 05 at 11:47 PM

SC

“ *Sarah L. Cromartie lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Sarah L. Cromartie** - May 05 at 11:44 PM

AF

“ *Sending condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family 🙏*



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**Alma Burns and family** - May 05 at 05:55 PM

MM

“ *Mary Monroe lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Mary Monroe** - May 05 at 05:51 PM

WR

“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to your family.*



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**wilma Roman** - May 05 at 05:43 PM

NB

“ *Nelson Brown lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Nelson Brown** - May 05 at 05:34 PM

GV

“ *Grandpa Dukes and Mrs. Vicki purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Master Elias Carter Dukes.*



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**Grandpa Dukes and Mrs. Vicki** - May 05 at 04:38 PM

GV

“ Grandpa Dukes and Mrs. Vicki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Master Elias Carter Dukes.

Grandpa Dukes and Mrs. Vicki - May 05 at 04:38 PM

CB

“ I met Elias and his family at the UNC Cancer Hospital in October of 2025 while we were both undergoing Radiation Treatments for Cancer. He was the bright spot of that journey for me with his ready smile and ability to engage with everyone he met. Elias and his Mother became a part of my daily thoughts and prayers and I have shared his story with everyone that has been praying for me and my journey. I miss him tremendously and look forward to seeing him again when I go home to be with my Lord and Saviour. Thank you Elias for making a huge difference in my life, and in the lives of countless other persons!

Chris D Blice - May 05 at 03:46 PM

DM

May God keep His Loving arms around you and your family today and days to come. Doretha Maxwell and Family

Doretha Maxwell - May 06 at 03:42 PM

DG

“ Dwayne, LaTika & Laila Garland sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes



Dwayne, LaTika & Laila Garland - May 05 at 01:23 PM

MB

“ *Mary F. Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Mary F. Brown** - May 05 at 01:21 PM

DP

“ *Debra Brown Patterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Debra Brown Patterson** - May 05 at 01:21 PM

BG

“ *our deepest condolences to the family !  
rev.calvin gilmore and family*



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**Brigitte Gilmore** - May 05 at 01:08 PM

EH

“ *Effie Pone Hill lit a candle in memory of Elias Dukes*



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**Effie Pone Hill** - May 05 at 12:18 PM