



*"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Psalms 23:1*

*Annie B. Witherspoon* was born January 28, 1923 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Walter and Maggie Witherspoon. She departed this life at home, peacefully, February 13, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Pauline Witherspoon Davis and her brother, Walter Earl Witherspoon.

She accepted Christ at an early age and united with Tabernacle AME Zion Church located in the Castle Hill community. Her formal education was in the Tuscaloosa public schools. After living her early years in Tuscaloosa, she moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she lived and worked for a short period of time. She then returned to her hometown of Tuscaloosa, where she remained until death.

*Annie B.* was known for her excellent culinary skills. She was always in the kitchen and shared her cooking with family and friends. She loved the old Hymns and would read her Bible every night before going to bed.

She leaves to cherish her memories: one son, Kenneth Witherspoon and one daughter, Eleanor Gail Witherspoon, both of Tuscaloosa, AL; one brother, Thomas Eubanks (Pat), of Chicago, IL; one sister, Alice D. Eubanks Carter (Manuel), of Tuscaloosa, AL; for grandchildren, Angela Witherspoon Skehan, of Fisher, IN, Brian Keith Witherspoon (Patricia), of Vancouver, WA, Kendra Witherspoon Ellis (Timothy), of Tuscaloosa, AL and Amber Witherspoon Lomack (Lorenza), of Vancouver, WA; seven great grandchildren; one niece, Cassandra Witherspoon (Lynn), of Pedria, AZ; two nephews, Walter Earl Witherspoon, Jr., of Chicago, IL, and John Carter, of Tuscaloosa, AL; and several grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins and many other relatives and friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	
Selection	Choir & Congregation "Walk Up the King's Highway"
Reading of Scriptures	Lucinda R. Byrd, Associate Pastor Tabernacle AME Zion Church
Old Testament	Psalms 91:1-9
New Testament	I Corinthians 15:51-58
Prayer	Rev. Camisha Thomas-Shabazz, Pastor Tabernacle AME Zion Church
Expressions	Mrs. Keisha Seck, R.N. Comfort Care Mr. Keith Witherspoon, Grandson
Acknowledgements	Mrs. Annie Pearl Brown
Selection	Choir & Congregation "We'll Understand It Better By and By"
Eulogy	Rev. Claborn May, Pastor Holly Springs Baptist Church
Recessional	Choir & Congregation "I'll Fly Away"

*Repast*  
Tabernacle AME Zion Church  
(Immediately following the service)

### ***Crossing the Bar***

*Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.*



### ***Interment***

Cedar Oak Memorial Park  
Tuscaloosa, AL

### **Pallbearers**

Family & Friends

### **Flower Bearers**

Ladies of the Church

### **Acknowledgement**

The family of Annie B. Witherspoon wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many acts of kindness extended to us through your prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards and other expressions of love extended to us over the years. We would like to thank Comfort Care Hospice and especially Keisha Seck, who was with us to the end. We appreciate the Tabernacle AME Zion Church for its strong support of our family for many years. We pray that God will bless you and keep us all in His care.

### **Professional Services provided by:**



Rainey Mortuary Service  
4807 20<sup>th</sup> St. – Tuscaloosa, AL  
205-758-1300

## *Homegoing Celebration*

*for*

## ***Annie B. Witherspoon***



*Sunrise*

*January 28, 1923*

*Sunset*

*February 13, 2019*

Saturday, February 23, 2019 \* 11 AM

Tabernacle AME Zion Church  
522 13<sup>th</sup> St. E  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

Reverend Camisha Thomas-Shabazz, Officiant