

The Fallen Limb

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, 'Grieve not for me.
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.*

Author Unknown

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The family would like to thank each and everyone of you for your love and support during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you.

~The Family~



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Celebrating the Life of Bessie Lou Banks

Sunrise
February 23, 1962

Sunset
September 17, 2017



***Saturday, September 23, 2017
2:00 p.m.***

Service Held At
White's Chapel C.M.E. Church
Elberton, GA
Rev. Carlton Taylor, Pastor

~ Interment ~
White's Chapel CME Church Cemetery
Elberton, GA

Bessie Lou Banks

“The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; bless be the name of the Lord.”
Job 1:21

It is a fact that life is uncertain. We are born to die; therefore, we must watch and pray and be ready when we must end our earthly stay. Mrs. Bessie Lou Sanders Banks was the daughter of the late Mr. Roosevelt Sanders, Sr. and the late Mrs. Lucille Simpson Sanders. She was born February 23, 1962 in Newberry, SC. She departed her earthly life on September 17, 2017.

At an early age, she moved to Elberton, GA with her grandmother, the late Mrs. Tereepa Cook and grandfather, the late Mr. Claude Simpson. She attended school in Elberton, GA.

Mrs. Bessie Banks married Walter Banks and later joined White’s Chapel CME Church. She was employed by the Elbert County School System. She was known to all her friends as Bessie. She was known by many people and she will be deeply missed.

Preceding her in death were her parents, grandparents, and a brother Roosevelt Sanders, Jr.

Those who will cherish her memories are her devoted husband of 36 years, Mr. Walter O’neal Banks; her children: Bryant Banks, Gwendolyn Banks, Tracy (Sasha) Banks, Travis (Jacqueline) Banks, all of Elberton, GA; four grandsons and five granddaughters all of Elberton, GA; four aunts: Janie M. Lanford, Lauren, SC, Hattie Gibson, Pamaria, SC, Thelma Harp, and Elizabeth Sanders both of Saluda, SC; four uncles: Ralph Harp, Saluda, SC, Deacon Ulysses Gibson, Pamaria, SC, Ernest L. Simpson, Elberton, GA and Freddie Wicker, Newberry, SC; a host of in-laws: Ella Mae Wells and Dorothy McCalla, Athens, GA, Ora (Robert) Hamm, Elberton, GA, Betty (Turn) Singletary, New Jersey, Rev. Dallas Martin, Jessie (Mary) Johnson, Willie Fred Johnson, Lem Ardister, Henry Heard, Barbara Banks, Lula Johnson, and Pete Johnson, all of Elberton, GA, Delery Christian, Atlanta, GA and many other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

<i>Processional</i>	<i>Soft Music</i>
<i>Selection</i>	<i>White’s Chapel Choir</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Rev. Freddie Wicker</i>
<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Rev. Joe Glaze</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Dorothy Holems</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Open 2 Minutes</i>
<i>Acknowledgement</i>	<i>Lucile Stribling</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>Yvonne Dean</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Rev. Carlton Taylor</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>White’s Chapel Choir</i>

Interment ~ White’s Chapel CME Church Cemetery

Repass ~ White’s Chapel CME Church

Honorary Flower Bearers

<i>Kasey Burton</i>	<i>Kandance Echols</i>
<i>Glebra Dubose</i>	<i>Mia McIntosh</i>

Flower Bearers

<i>Teresa Hendley</i>	<i>Barbara Griffin</i>
<i>Dorothy Holems</i>	<i>Phyllis Highsmith</i>
<i>Sheena Wicker</i>	<i>Tiffany Griffin</i>

Honorary Casket Bearers

<i>Brian Gaither</i>	<i>Rando Griffin</i>
<i>Victory Wicker</i>	<i>Charles Sapp</i>

Casket Bearers

<i>Robert Sanders</i>	<i>Joe Glaze</i>
<i>Donald Teasley</i>	<i>Renzo Sims</i>
<i>Junior Gibson</i>	<i>James Brown, Jr.</i>

Ushers

White’s Chapel CME Church