

Obituary

Mary Ella Brooks, 82, left us on April 21, 2016 with her family by her side.

Mrs. Brooks was born on April 7, 1934 to the proud parents, William and Vivian Rush in Spartanburg, SC. She was united in holy matrimony to the late Rev. Charles D. Brooks.

From a very young age, Mrs. Brooks expressed the characteristics of a caring, compassionate woman, with a sincere desire to help those around her. She had many different talents and served the public as a hair dresser, seamstress and dietician. Mrs. Brooks enjoyed cooking, gardening and spending time with her friends and family.

Together with her husband, the late Rev. Charles D. Brooks, she raised nine beautiful children and assisted in the rearing of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and others in her neighborhood. Mrs. Brooks was known for her cooking, especially her locally famous caramel cakes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two daughters, Annie L. Yarbrough and Priscilla M. Brooks; four sisters, Genelle Rush, Louise Rush, Nancy Rush and Sadie Rush; three brothers, Samuel Rush, Johnny Rush and Jimmy Lee Rush.

Mrs. Brooks leaves to cherish her memory: *seven children*, Charles D. Brooks, Clarksville, TN, Doris Johnson, Sheffield, AL, Julia Brooks and Edward G. Brooks of Moulton, AL, Oscar D. Brooks and Kenneth D. Brooks of Decatur and Thommy L. Brooks, Cadiz, KY; *two sisters*, Geneva Young and Rosa Lee Deloach of Spartanburg, SC; *two brothers*, William Rush, Jr and Samuel Rush of Spartanburg, SC; *21 grandchildren*, *28 great grandchildren* and *5 great great-grandchildren*; and *a host of other relatives and friends*.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Choir

Affirmation of Faith

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick
And the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayer

The Rev. Janice Lewis

Scripture Reading-

Old Testament

The Rev. Janice Lewis

New Testament

Elder Ann Rush

Gloria Patri

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Read Silently

Acknowledgment

Sis. Pearl J. Green

Selection/Solo

Choir

Eulogy

Thommy Brooks

Closing Prayer

The Rev. Oscar Brooks

Interment

Moulton Memory Garden

Callbearers

Dermon McDaniel ~ Clyde Pruitt
Leroy Mason ~ James McDaniel
Lebron Clark ~ Benny Russell

Flower Girls

Lela Redes ~ Audrey Priest
Peggy Taylor ~ Heather Lawson
Barbara Mason

Acknowledgment

The family of Mrs. Mary Brooks would like to thank you for
your kind expressions of sympathy shown to them at
this time. May God continue to bless you is our prayer.

POEM

*When I think of you moma, all I can do is smile,
How you made situations better
When I felt my world was tumbling down.
Your arms were my safe place
when life had a bitter sting
I always confined and trusted you
with every little thing, words just can't express
everything you are to me, but now
you are his angel finally flying free, though
my heart is broken that God chose to call you home.
I have peace about it gran gran. I promise I'll be strong,
All the lessons you taught me and the love you supplied,
It lives on inside me and it will never die.
So, when I face hard times and life gets rough,
I'll remember those things, and that will be
Enough, today I chose to smile because I
Love you so, and I give you life's greatest gift
The gift of letting go.*



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Homegoing Celebration for

Mrs. Mary Ella Bush Brooks

Friday, April 29, 2016
12:00 Noon

Smith Chapel C.M.E. Church
2735 Byler Road
Moulton, Alabama 35660

Bro. Thommy Brooks, Eulogist
The Rev. Janice Lewis, Presiding Elder
Bishop Teresa E. Snorton, Presiding Prelate