

Homegoing Celebration

of

Rose Marie "Punkin" Gavin

Sunrise

March 17, 1961

Sunset

November 13, 2022



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

~Revelations 21:4 KJV

Saturday, November 19, 2022 - 2:00 P.M.

Ebenezer M.B. Church

3209 CR 8

Heidelberg, MS 39439

Reverend Eric Moffett, Officiating

Order of Service

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) we are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him."

~II Corinthians 5:6-9 KJV

- Processional..... The Family*
- Musical Selection..... Choir*
- Scripture Reading..... Appointee*
Old Testament/New Testament
- Prayer..... Reverend H.C. Hicks*
- Words of Encouragement..... Pastor Alfred Johnson*
- Musical Selection..... Choir*
- Reflections..... Two Minutes Please*
- Solo..... Appointee*
- Obituary..... Read Silently*
Soft Music
- Acknowledgment of Cards & Condolences*
- Eulogy..... Reverend E. Moffett*
Pastor, Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church
- Funeral Directors in Charge*
- Recessional..... The Family*



Obituary

"For I am not ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth, there is laid up before me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

~II Timothy 4:6-8 KJV

A TIME to be BORN:

Aster Rose Marie "Punkin" Gavin was born on March 17, 1961 to the late Adam House, Sr. and the late Annie Ruth Gavin in Laurel, MS. She professed Christ at an early age and was a member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church.

REFLECTION of LIFE:

Rose began her education at Heidelberg High School and later completed her GED. She was united in holy matrimony to the late Sheffer Gavin, Sr. on March, 17, 1979. To this union, Sheffer, Sr. gained a bonus daughter and two children were born. Her pursuit of education and training then led her to Mississippi College of Beauty Culture in Laurel, MS, where she built upon her natural ability to style hair and make others feel beautiful. Years passed before she moved to Leesville, LA, and pursued certification to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. She was employed at The Woodlands Healthcare Center from 2006-2009, where her patients became her family and her co-worker, Mrs. Lucille K. Payton, became as close as a sister. She returned to Mississippi in late 2009 to be closer to family. She was very fond of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and gladly traveled to many states to provide continual support to her family.

A TIME to DIE:

Rose was received by God on Sunday morning, November 13, 2022 at approximately 7:58 a.m., as she rested at Perry County Nursing Center in Richton, MS.

A TIME to MOURN:

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Sheffer Gavin, Sr.; her mother, Annie Ruth Gavin; her father, Adam House, Sr.; her grandmother, Annie Mae McGill; her grandfather, Garfield (Henrietta) McCormick, Sr.; two brothers, Clyde Gavin and Troy House, Sr.; her granddaughter, Shemaiya Gavin; seven uncles, W.D. Harrison, Johnny C. Williams, John Edward Williams, Thomas McCormick, Eddie Stewart, Henry Tom House, and John Henry House; two aunts, Ethel Lee Bradford and Jesse Lee Jones; her father-in-law, John Gavin, Sr. and mother-in-law, Lessie Kate Gavin; two brother-in-laws, John Gavin, Jr. and Darryl Wayne Morgan; five sister-in-laws, Vinnie Mae (Floyd) Pugh, Annie (W.L.) McDonald, Susie (William) Jones, Delois (Doiss) Abney, and Lessie Mae (Wille) Hales.

A TIME to be MOURNED:

Rose leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Felicia Singleton of Heidelberg, MS and Angelia (Izar) Moore of Chester, VA; one son, Sheffer (Jennifer) Gavin, Jr. of Crossett, AR; her stepfather, David Gavin, Sr. of Heidelberg, MS; her stepmother, Darnell House of New Orleans, LA; four brothers, David Gavin, Jr., Curtis Williams, and Michael Williams, all of Heidelberg, MS, and Adam House, Jr. of New Orleans, LA; five sisters, Janice Marie Morgan of Heidelberg, MS, Tamika (Meshach) Samuel of Hammond, LA, Nekia House of Dallas, TX, Raven (Raymond) House-Bourne of McDonough, GA, and Crystal Williams of Heidelberg, MS; two sister-in-laws, Essie (Charles) Morgan and Diana Gavin, both of Heidelberg, MS; one brother-in-law, Jenkins (Dorothy) Gavin of Heidelberg; eight grandchildren, Wysha Singleton, Skylar Singleton, Barron (Willie) Griffin, Sheffer Gavin III, Shekirra Gavin, Shenia Gavin, Abigail Moore, and Ian Moore; three great grandchildren, Brayson, Greyson, and Sheffer IV; a special uncle, Milton Williams, Sr.; two special nephews, Joshua Morgan of Houston, TX and Jarvis Morgan of Jonesboro, GA; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tribute to Our Mother

"If Tears Could Build a Stairway"

*If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane,
We would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. Our
hearts still ache with sadness, and the secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you, no one could ever know.
Now we know you want us to mourn for you no more,
But rather to remember all the happy times life still has in store.
Since you will never be forgotten, we pledge to you today—
A hollow place within our hearts is where you will always stay.*

We will always love you, Mama!

*~Love your children,
Lisa, Ouba, and Angie*



Tribute to Our Grandmother

*It's always sad, but comforting, to silently recall
Your smile and your dear familiar face, so loved by one and all.
Though the world may keep turning and changing from day to day,
Our precious memories of you will never fade away.
And here's to hoping that this message carries so much love--
That it will somehow find its way to you in Heaven up above.
We hope it lets you know, dear Grandma, that although you are at rest,
You'll live forever in the hearts of all of us who love you best.*

*We will always miss you, Granny/GooGoo!
~Your Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren,
Barron, Wyeshia, Sheffer III, Skylar, Shekijra,
Shenia, Abigail, Ian, Brayson, Greyson, Sheffer IV*



Tribute to Our Sister

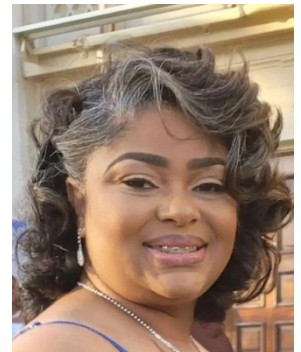
*A million times we needed you, a million times we have cried.
If love could have saved you, you never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still;
And in our hearts, you hold a place that no one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
Because a part of us went with you, when God came and took you home.*

*~Your Loving Sister & Brother,
Janice & David Jr.*

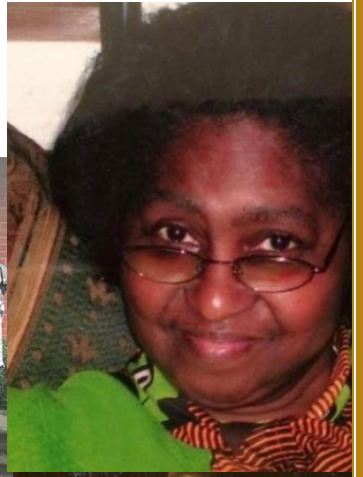


*We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds,
For the days we do not think of you are very hard to find.
Each morning when we awake, we know that you are gone,
And no one knows the heartache, as we try to carry on.
Our hearts ache with sadness and secret tears still flow;
What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.
There will always be heartache, and often a silent tear,
But always precious memories of days when you were here.*

*Love you always,
~Tamika, Nekia, Adam, Jr., and Raven*



Reflections of Life



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"I'm Free"

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm just following the path that God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that place at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things, I truly miss!*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I only wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I have savored much--
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
But don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heads and hearts,
For God wanted me now.
Please find true comfort in knowing,
We will see one another again somehow.*

*So please don't grieve for me, my dear friends and family,
For now, my Lord & Savior,
He has set me free!*



Honorary Pallbearers

*Sheffer Gavin, Jr.
Sheffer Gavin III
Sheffer Gavin IV*

*David Gavin, Sr.
David Gavin, Jr.
Ian Z. Moore*

*Adam House, Jr.
Troy House, Jr.
Greyson Singleton*

Active Pallbearers

*Izar Moore
Willie Griffin
Michael Williams*

*Joshua Morgan
Jarvis Morgan
Curtis Williams*

*Raymond Bourne
Jerome Morgan
Kerry Gavin*

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters & Nieces

Acknowledgments

We thank you for the many calls that continue to come our way.

We thank you for the visits to comfort us during the day.

We thank you for the cards, plants, and flowers.

We thank you for the food sent or brought, for the blessing has truly been ours.

We thank you for all of your prayers and kind words of encouragement.

You must truly understand that we cannot express how much they have meant.

We thank you for the hugs of consolation and every shake of our hands.

Once again, we thank God for you, for He knows and understands.

Special Thanks to:

*Perry County Nursing Center
Compassus Hospice - Hattiesburg*

~From the Family~

Interment

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery | Heidelberg, MS

Services Entrusted to:

*Chapel of Angels
823 Martin Luther King Drive
Laurel, MS 39440
601.428.2011*

Repast

*Beat Five Community Center
3870 CR 8 | Heidelberg, MS 39439*