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Home Going Celebration for

Sunrise
May 2, 1917



Sunset
December 28, 2019

Mother Johnnie Mae Register Terry

Woman of Valor

Saturday | January 4, 2020 | 1:00 In The Afternoon

Browntown Community Church

Graceville, Florida

Reverend Willie Barkley, Pastor/Teacher

Service of Memory

Reverend Norris Danzey, Officiating

Processional Clergy and Family
Selection Choir
Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Willie Barkley
Pastor of Browntown Community Church | Graceville, Florida
Selection Choir
The Holy Scriptures
Old Testament.....Reverend James B. Dawsey
Pastor of Countyline Missionary Baptist Church | Slocomb, Alabama
New TestamentReverend Willie Barkley
Pastor of Browntown Community Church | Graceville, Florida
SoloCrystal Walker
Reflections..... Limit, Two Minutes Each Please
Family Tribute
Resolutions/ Acknowledgments Christian Memorial's Staff
Solo Sister Donna Pittman
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Norris Danzey
Assistant Pastor of Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church | Cottonwood, Alabama
Final Viewing
Recessional..... Clergy and Family

When Tomorrow
Starts Without Me
When tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand, That an
angel came and called my name, and
took me by the hand; The angel said
my place was ready, In Heaven far
above, And that I'd have to leave be-
hind all those I dearly love. But
when I walked through Heaven's
Gates, I felt so much at home, for
God looked down, smiled at me, And
told me "Welcome Home." So when
tomorrow starts without me, Don't
think we're far apart, for every time
you think of me, I'm right there in
your heart.



The Pallbearers

Friends of the Family

The Flower Attendants

Family and Friends

Earthly Resting Place

Saint John Cemetery
Campbellton, Florida

The Repast

St. John's AME Fellowship Hall

Acknowledgment

The family of Mother Terry, would like to convey our sincerest gratitude to all of you for many acts of kindness, love, and thoughtful deeds you showed her during her time of illness. May God bless you.

Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Johnnie Mae Register Terry was born Wednesday, May 2, 1917 to Aaron and Donnie Register in Houston County, Alabama. She was converted at an early age and joined Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church, Campbellton, Florida.

In 1938, Johnnie Mae moved to Newark, New Jersey to make a better life for her son, William McKinney (son of Harry McKinney, Sr.) and her nephew, Roy Boone. She attended college and earned credentials in nursing. She later landed her dream job as Chief Nurse at Willowbrook State School, New York City, New York. In the early 1950's, Johnnie Mae met and married Thomas Terry.

She retired from the State of New York in 1973, moved back to Dothan, Alabama, built her home and became caregiver to her parents and others as well. She loved taking care of others and also worked as a Patient Sitter for several years. To her family, she was affectionately known as "Love" and "Other Mother".

In 1993, Johnnie Mae moved her church membership to Browntown Community Church, Graceville, Florida, where she was essential in building the church, along with her brother, Samuel Register and sister-in-law, Willie C. Register. She literally mortgaged her home to provide funds to build the church and was repaid in full at the end of construction. She became known as "Mother Terry" and served at Browntown Community Church until her health no longer allowed.


She was a faithful member of the Melodious Chapter #107, Order of the Eastern Star in Dothan, Alabama.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Aaron and Donnie Register; her son, William McKinney; her siblings: Aaron Register, Jr., Samuel Register, Willa Register, Thomas Register, and Autry Mae Register; grandson: Jonathan Davis.

On Saturday, December 28, 2019, Mother Terry transitioned from this life to her eternal life with our Heavenly Father. She was blessed to walk on this earth for 102 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: grandchildren: Joyce E. Jeffries, Patrice McKinney, Cassandra Cureton (Larry) all of Newark, New Jersey, Michelle Davis (Nathaniel) of Cocoa, Florida and Siqueeta Harris of Dothan, Alabama; eleven great grandchildren; nineteen great-great grandchildren; two great-great-great grandchildren; a special niece: Christilla Godwin and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Special acknowledgement to her caregivers: Ruby Jewel Anderson, Jacqueline Faulk Glover of Dothan, Alabama, Gwen Baker of Abbeville, Alabama and the staff of Day Spring Hospice of Dothan, Alabama.



"In My Own Words"

I am the granddaughter of Amos Register who was a slave. His home was Charleston, South Carolina. His name before he was sold was Amos Abner. He was sold to the Registers' of Dothan, Alabama area. He had a lot of sisters and brothers in Charleston, South Carolina. He never went back. All Registers descended from him. He married Mathilda Ward, my grandmother and had seventeen (17) children by his wife and also had some outside children. He named some of his children after his sisters and brothers of Aaron Register, one of his sons. His other children names are as follows: West, Amos Jr., Andrew, Moses, James, Aaron (my father), Bonnie, Ezekiah France-Ann, Jennie, Ella, Amy, Martha, Winnie, and Lena Register. These are the ones I know of. This was told to me by my father, Aaron Register. He used to sit with us at night and tell us what his father told him. He said he was sold from a block in Charleston, and they had to pull him from his mother. He had his arms wrapped around her legs. I am the granddaughter of this great man. My name is Johnnie Mae Register Terry. My father, Aaron, was married to Donnie Bogar. From this union four children was born. I have four brothers and one sister, their names are as follows: Samuel, Willer, Thomas, Aaron Jr., and Autry Mae Register.

If there are any decedents with the last name of Abner in Charleston, South Carolina, there are my relatives.

"I Have Done What I Could"