

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Jackson departed this life on July 9, 2022, at Baptist Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina. She was born on December 23, 1949, to the proud parents of Mary E. Bannister (Smith) and James Bannister, Sr.

A native of Gadsden, South Carolina, and the second eldest of nine siblings who knew her as **Tootie**, little to be known at that time, her journey of selfless acts began. She helped and cared for her younger siblings, exemplifying leadership and guidance to those surrounding her. She attended Gadsden Elementary, Hopkins High, and later Midlands Technical College, where she obtained her Certified Nursing Assistant certification. During the course of her professional years as a Nurse Aid, she secured and performed a range of duties to include: working for the State Hospital, Baptist Hospital, and Still Hopes Nursing Home, to name a few. She also contributed her work efforts to Oxford and Hopkins Middle School. She provided over 16 years of benevolent care for an array of patients at Still Hopes Nursing Home, and retired from her final post in 2011.

Mary met James **BoBo** Jackson, and they married May 15, 1970. She was a dedicated wife, loving mother, and cherished grandmother. She and James had three wonderful sons who now have families of their own, and have blessed them with seven grandchildren: Antonia, Christian, Jordan, Barrett, Tyler, Sean, and James, Jr.

Mary loved church and was a loyal member. During her time at St. Mark Baptist, she was known for teaching the intermediate Sunday school class. She always had the best treats for her students. She was also a member of various organizations, ministries, and committees. At home, Mary would often be seen reading the written Word. With her passion for the church, she loved and enjoyed visiting those who were sick, and was a faithful prayer warrior.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, James Bannister, Sr.; her sisters, Susie Watson, Alfreda Harmon, and Geneva Bannister, and her sister-in-law, Shirley Bannister.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, James **BoBo** Jackson, Jr.; her three loving sons, Reginald (Lauri) Jackson, Kevin (Natalia) Jackson, and James Adrian (Kahwane) Jackson; her mother, Mary Bannister; siblings, James Bannister, Jr., Heyward (Shirley) Bannister, Dennis Bannister, Martha Jones, Larry Bannister, and Mitchell (Valerie) Anthony; a multitude of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, who will greatly miss her.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....St. John Baptist Church Choir

Scriptures Reading.....Reverend Jack Wilson

Prayer.....Minister Elizabeth Edwards

Solo.....Sister Margaret Gunter Dantzler

Remarks.....Mr. Reginald Jackson
Mr. James Adrian Jackson

Selection.....St. John Baptist Church Choir

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Sammy Wade

Viewing.....*In the Vestibule*.....Funeral Directors

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

St. John Baptist Church
230 J.W. Neal Circle
Hopkins, South Carolina



Safely Home

I am home in heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright.
There is a perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
trod the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus' love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
in the way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on
could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
for I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond death's shadows;
Pray to trust our Father's will.

There is work still waiting for you,
so you must not idly stand.
Do it now, while life remaineth;
you shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting;
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Pallbearers

Reginald Jackson Kevin Jackson Jacob Bannister
James Adrian Jackson Brian Watson Daryl Watson
Kendall Benjamin Andrew Jones Rayechon McQueen
Terrance Bannister

Floral Bearers

Shayla Jones Keyosha Oree Latoya Bannister
Raven McQueen Latonya Bannister
Sonya Nelson-Gilmore Lauren Bannister

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late Mary Elizabeth Jackson, would like to thank each of you for your many acts of kindness and love shown to us, during the passing of our loved one. We pray that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

Services Entrusted To:

Taylor Street Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	Leevy's FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	Lower Richland Chapel 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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Homegoing Celebration *for* *Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jackson*



Wednesday, July 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

St. John Baptist Church
230 J.W. Neal Circle
Hopkins, South Carolina

Reverend Sammy Wade
-Pastor-