

In the Quiet

... as I study my mother's hands
I am in awe of all that she has given,
all that she has faced,
and all that she has endured
who never once wavered,
even in the face of giants
that could have crushed her,
waves that could have swallowed her,
and yet she stood..

as my eyes meet her face,
I fall in love all over again
with my first example of all
that is good and merciful,
all that is like God,
all that I ever could have imagined...

and then I realize that all her dreams,
her desires,
and wishes
were willingly sacrificed for us...
and it is in this moment that my heart swells
with endless words of gratitude
as I marvel at my momma...

Pallbearers

Greg Peterson
Juan Jeter

Marcus Banks
Adrian Brown

Sylvester Jefferson
David Davis

Floral Bearers

Brittany Brown
Ashley Banks
Charmaine Noble

Sadaria Williams
Nataisa Banks

Maya Belton
Jasmine Banks
Ms. Martha Ward

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Evelyn Delores Banks, would like to thank and extend our heartfelt gratitude for all the love that has been shown, during our time of bereavement. For the many expressions of kindness, visits, phone calls, cards, food, prayers, and comforting words, we say "Thank You."

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In Loving Memory

of
Mrs. Evelyn Delores Banks



Saturday, December 31, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel

1831 Taylor Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Deacon Nathaniel Stewart

- Officiating -

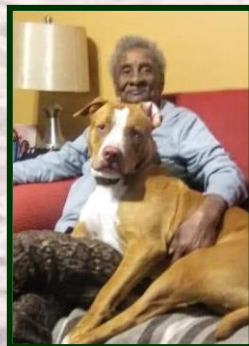
Obituary

Mrs. Evelyn Delores Banks was born in Ideal Georgia, on December 17, 1938. She was the eldest of four children born to Otis Ronald Brown, Sr. and Mrs. Lucy Joseph Brown, both preceded her in death. At the tender age of three, the family moved to Columbia, SC, where Evelyn attended Richland District One Schools, graduating from C.A. Johnson High, Class of 1956. She would have her first born son, Charles Angelo Ford. She would meet and marry, Arthur Banks, together they had two sons: Bruce Antonio Banks and Kenneth Banks. She would have three more children by Lawrence Gilliard (Deceased), Larry Darnell Banks (Atlanta), Janice Michelle Banks Whaley (Deceased), and Daryl Banks (Spartanburg).

Evelyn worked at the State Hospital and later in life, became a housewife where she would impart invaluable knowledge into the lives of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, friends, and neighbors. **EDB**, as she is affectionately known by many, was mother to children from various neighborhoods and all walks of life. From Waites Road to Victory Street, Victory Street being her last place of residence, these same neighborhood friends would congregate in her front yard for food, fun, warm hugs, and a "few choice words" if needed. They would refer to her as "mom" and spent more time in the residence than her actual children at times! To which mom found such delight! Mom's health challenges would begin later in life and despite medical intervention, cause her demise on Monday, December 26, 2022, at the early hour of five o'clock a.m. Mom transitioned convalescing at Wellstar Tranquility at Kenestone Mountain following a stay at Sacred Journey Hospice Center, both located in Georgia. Despite though, God would be so merciful as to allow her to see her 84th birthday on December 17, 2022, as well as Christmas Day 2022. Prior to her passing, mom spent a wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration amongst her relatives in her home on Victory Street.

Mom was preceded in death by: her parents, Otis R. Brown, Sr. and Lucy Brown; a beloved sister, Cassandra Renee Brown; a brother, Otis Ronald Brown, Jr.; a daughter, Janice Michelle Banks Whaley; a son, Charles Angelo Ford; granddaughters, Daresha Banks and Agnes "Ki-Ki" Webb. She has one surviving brother, Mr. Anthony Brown (Jacqueline Brown), of Columbia SC; four sons, Kenneth Boyd Banks, Bruce Antonio Banks, both of Columbia SC, Larry Darnell Banks, of Atlanta Georgia, and Daryl Banks, of Spartanburg SC; her immediate grands: Marcus N. Banks, of Columbia SC, Brittany R. Brown, of Lancaster, SC, Jasmine Banks, Charmaine Noble, both of Columbia SC, Dominique Banks, Bruce Antonio Banks, Jr., Rachel Banks, all of Indiana, Martel Banks, Tyree Banks, both of Columbia SC, Ashley Banks, of Greenville SC, Nataisha Banks, Sadaria Williams, both of Columbia SC, David Davis, of Greenville SC, and Maya Belton, of Columbia, SC; her immediate nieces and nephews, Kali Brown, Otis R. Brown, Jr., Anita Brown, all of Columbia SC, Adrian Brown, of Greenville SC, Phillip Wells, David Williams, Antonio Williams, and Kenneth Liverman, all of Columbia SC; and a host of great nieces and nephews as well as her adopted sister and neighbor, Ms. Martha Ward; all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2

- Prelude Dr. Carl A. Hall, Esquire
- Processional.....“Oh Lord, Please Hear My Prayer”
(Recording by Callie Day)
- Viewing Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn “The Center of My Joy”
(Recording by Richard Smallwood)
- Old Testament –Psalm 23..... Mr. David Williams, *Nephew*
- New Testament-Revelation 21 Deacon Marion Wright
- Prayer..... Mr. Robert Reese, *Family*
- Solo “Precious Lord”..... Ms. Donna Newsome
- Remarks..... Mr. Kenneth Banks, *Son*
Ms. Brittany Renee Brown, *Granddaughter*
C. A. Johnson High School Class of 1982 Representative
- Solo..... Mr. Greg Peterson
- Words of Comfort..... Deacon Nathaniel Stewart
- Committal and Benediction
- Selection..... “Mama”
(Recording by Boyz II Men)
- Recessional
- Postlude

