

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Pallbearers

Nephews

Floral Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mrs. Nettie Bell Griffin Benson, would like to thank each of you for your presence, love, and support during this very difficult time in our lives. May God bless each of you for your countless acts of kindness. A special thank you to: SC Oncology & Staff, MSA Hospice Care Team, Annie Mae and Fletcher Goines, Sue and Woodrow Green, Amanda Robertson-Edger, Dorothy P. Wilson, Andrenna Hagler, Ruby Brown, and Ronnie Palmer. We would also like to thank her caregivers, Tracy Goins, Emmancie Singleton, Teresa Kelly, Constelena Kelly, and a very special thank you to our rock and glue that held it all together, Leanora "Ball" Griffin.

Homegoing Services Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Nettie Bell Griffin Benson



Friday, December 19, 2025
2:00 p.m.

Macedonia Baptist Church
72 Macedonia Church Road
Ridgeway, South Carolina

Reverend Terry O. Feaster
-Pastor-

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Obituary

of Mrs. Nettie Bell Griffin Benson

Mrs. Nettie Bell Griffin Benson was born on Saturday, February 10, 1934, in Blythewood, South Carolina. She was the sixth oldest child of eleven children born to the late Deacon William Griffin, Sr. and Ida Bell Jones Griffin. Nettie peacefully departed this life 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 15, 2025, surrounded by family members and her caregivers.

Nettie, affectionately called “Big Mama,” was educated in the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina. She was a 1953 graduate of Bethel High School. After high school, Nettie became employed with Craft Farrow State Hospital, in Columbia, South Carolina.

She was baptized at an early age and became a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

Nettie married and moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and soon after made Bronx, New York her home. There she joined Solomon Temple Baptist Church and became employed at Rockland State Hospital, in Orangeburg, New York, retiring in 1995. After retirement, she returned home in 1997, picking up where she left off.

She loved life and was no stranger to anyone that she met. Her laughter rang out in the air with a loud echo. Her greatest love was her family and friends. Nettie loved her church, talking on the phone, watching soap operas, daily trips to the park to watch the kids play, others walking, and meeting new friends.

In addition to her parents, Nettie was preceded in death by five brothers, William, Jr., Wesley, Sr., James W. Jones, Henry and Harry Griffin; five sisters, Alice L. Palmer, Ella M. Belton, Margaret Crump, Elizabeth Hagler, and Hannah Crump; and a grandson, Stacy L. Brown.

Mrs. Nettie Bell Griffin Benson leaves to mourn her passing: two sons, Larry D. “Griff” (Leanora) Griffin, of Blythewood, South Carolina and Ethan B. (Carolyn) Benson, of Elgin, South Carolina; three grandchildren, Dr. Jennipher C.K. (James) Frazier, Ethan X.J. Benson, and Christopher D. Reeder; two great-grandsons, Caleb J. Adams and Jordan L. Frazier; one brother, Reverend John Griffin, of Lancaster, South Carolina; one sister-in-law, Bernice Griffin, of Blythewood, South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Memories



A Service of Remembrance

- Prelude
- Processional.....Macedonia Baptist Church Musical Choir
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection.....Macedonia Baptist Church Jubilee Choir
- Old Testament.....Pastor Quentin Chavis
Belmont Baptist Church, Camden, SC
- New Testament.....Reverend Robert Levine
Associate Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church
- Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Fleming O. McClinton
Round Top Baptist Church
- Selection.....Macedonia Baptist Church Musical Choir
- RemarksMs. Mattie L. Squirewell, Friend
Deacon Fletcher Goines, Neighbor
Mr. James Woods, B.H.A.A.A.
Deacon Robert Squirewell, Church
Elder Tommy Belton, Eldest Nephew
Grandchildren
- Acknowledgements.....Sister Virginia O’Neal, Church Clerk
- Selection.....Macedonia Baptist Church Musical Choir
- Final Remarks.....Pastor Terry O. Feaster
Macedonia Baptist Church

Recessional

Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery
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