



# Homegoing Services

*In Loving Memory of*

## *Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant*

1930

2015

*Service*

*Saturday, February 28, 2015 - 11:30 a.m.*

**Zion Fair Baptist Church**

**(Dry Branch Community)**

Aiken County, South Carolina

*Reverend Bruce Wright, Pastor*

*“So we are always of good courage.  
We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,  
for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we  
would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord”  
(2 Corinthians 5:6-8)*

## *In Loving Memory of:*

**Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant** was born on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1930 in Aiken County, South Carolina to the late Coleman Oakman and Rosa Jane Oakman. She was one of nine children. Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant was educated in the Aiken Public School System.

At an early age, she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized at Zion Fair Baptist Church in Aiken County, South Carolina. She met her husband, Marion Bryant, at Zion Fair Baptist Church. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1950, she was united in Holy Matrimony to Marion Bryant (who predeceased her on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2001). Later, the married couple relocated to Newark, New Jersey to start a new life and begin a family.

Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant was an employee of the city of Newark Board of Education in New Jersey until her retirement.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1982, under the leadership of Dr. Elton T. Byrd, the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church was founded. Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant was a faithful and dedicated member of the church. Her life exemplified genuine love for her pastor, the church family, and the community. She will truly be missed for her kindness, warm smile and eternal faith in Christ.

Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant was a faithful and devoted wife and a loving and kindhearted mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law and friend. She was most happy in her kitchen where she perfected her cooking skills. In her spare time, she also loved planting flowers, working in her garden, making blankets, praying and reading her Bible religiously on a daily basis, and traveling with her loving family.

On Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Willie Mae Oakman-Bryant departed this life to continue her spiritual journey to be with the Heavenly Father.

She leaves to cherish her memories...three sons: Eric Bryant, Darryl Bryant, and Dwayne Bryant; two daughters: LaSondra Bryant-Williams and Yolanda Bryant; one brother: James Oakman; six sisters: Elizabeth Barton, Geneva Torian, Margaret Scott, Minnie Jones, Samella Beckles and Alecia “Ann” Gleen; five brothers-in-law: George Barton, Elijah Jones, Franklyn Beckles, Leroy Marks and Raymond Gleen; six sisters-in-law: Annie Mae Oakman, Minnie Marks, Fairy Stalling, Ida Mae Bryant, Thelma Bryant and Pearl Chavious; one aunt: Matilda Bryant; two daughters-in-law: Jennifer Bryant and Cynthia Bryant; sixteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her two sons: Marion “Milton” Bryant, Jr., and Charles Bryant; and two brothers: Earl Oakman and Birdell Chavious.

*I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.  
2 Timothy 4:7*

# *Order of Service*

**Reverend Bruce Wright, Presiding**

**Processional**.....Viewing of Remains

**Opening Song**.....Senior Choir

**Scriptural Readings**.....Pastor Wallace Stallings  
Old & New Testaments

**Prayer**.....Deacon Dan Glover

**Solo**.....Lula Heath

**Reflections**.....Deacon Daniel Glover

**Cards of Condolences**.....Angelica Walker

**Words of Comfort**.....Pastor Bruce Wright

**Opening Song**.....Senior Choir

**Eulogy**.....Pastor Bruce Wright

**Recessional**

**Committal & Benediction**.....Pastor Bruce Wright



## **Interment**

Zion Fair Baptist Church Cemetery  
Aiken County, South Carolina

## **REPAST**

Zion Fair Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path 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.  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes!! these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He has set me free!!!*

*With Love Always, Willie Mae*

## **Pall Bearers**

*Nephews*

## **Floral Bearers**

*Nieces*

## **Acknowledgement**

*The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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