

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. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. 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 set me free!

-author unknown

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Our family would like to express Their appreciation and gratitude for the many acts of kindness during this time of bereavement. May God bless you all for your concern.



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Sunrise February 7, 1938

Sunset **February 22, 2021**

Service Monday, March 1, 2021 - 10:30 AM

New Hope Memorial Baptist Church

91 Division Street • Elizabeth, NJ Rev. Steffie Bartley Sr., Pastor



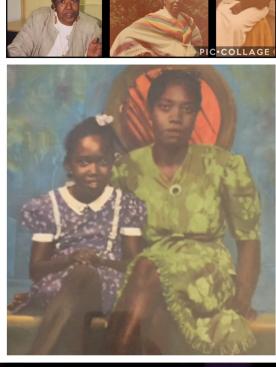
The Chain Will Link Again

Little did we know that morning, God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same. But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.









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Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Joseph L. Adair

Selection Ms.Nancy Salters

Scripture Readings Rev. Joseph L. Adair

Family Tribute

Acknowledgment and Resolutions

Obituary

Selection Ms.Nancy Salters

Eulogy

Rev. George E. Britt, Pastor Mt. Teman A.M.E. Church Elizabeth, New Jersey

Committal

Recessional

Interment

Monday, March 8th, 2021 - 1:00pm Rosehill Cemetery Linden, New Jersey R D E F

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Willie Mae Banks born February 7, 1938, to the late Elizabeth (Guy) and Willie Poston in Hartsville, SC. She departed this life on February 22, 2021 at Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, NJ.

Willie Mae, affectionally known as Buttons grew up on a tobacco farm, had a love for all animals especially her pet cow, and attended school in Hartsville, SC.

At an early age Buttons traveled back and forth from South Carolina to Potters Crossing, Cranford, and Elizabeth, NJ.

Buttons met and married Joseph Banks and from this union came a 45-year marriage and ten children raised in Elizabeth, NJ: Joseph Jr., Janeese, Jerome, Daniel, David, Robert, Rasheed, Lateef, Sharifa, and Fatima.

Willie Mae has always been a strong presence in our community and everyone's life she has touched.

As a community advocate Willie Mae has received numerous commendations, certificates, and awards for her commitment and dedication to shaping minds and helping families fight the good fight. She has sat on the boards and has affiliations with various community organizations such as Caffio, The Women's Committee for Quality Education, The National Parent Organization, CORE, The NAACP and The Kinship Connection and Title 1.

Willie Mae started working for the Elizabeth Board of Education in the late 1970's with the Title 1 program and was placed at Lafayette School #6. As her work responsibilities grew, her title also grew to becoming the first Parent Liaison in the city of Elizabeth. She enjoyed being able to work in her community and keep a close eye on her children. Wille Mae always believed in keeping her family strong and keeping them together. After decades of defining her role as a Mother, Educator and Community Advocate, she retired in 2003 but never stopped working. She was still a pivotal part of her community.

She is predeceased by her parents Willie and Elizabeth Poston, husband of 45 years Joseph Banks, sons Joseph Jr, Daniel and David, siblings Samuel (Ruby), Hannah (Dick), Robert, JC, Zeeda (William), Romie, Nathaniel (Genevieve), Leonard (Edna), Brodus, and Albert.

She leaves to cherish her loving and lasting memories three daughters; Janeese Faison (Ricky) of Tacoma, WA., Sharifa and Fatima of Elizabeth, NJ, four sons Jerome, Robert, Rasheed (Mildred), and Lateef (Tasha) all of Elizabeth, NJ. One brother; Winston Guy of Elizabeth, NJ, and one sister-in-law; Ida Bea Guy of Plainfield, NJ, her grandchildren; Lisa, Lakeisha, Jamillah, Jerome Jr., Joseph III, Traya, Mary, Nate, IBN, Jamar, Nydirah, Rasheed Jr, Shakiir, Lateef Jr., Giannee, Shanaya, Khatierah, Adina, Aliyaa, and Shawon. nineteen great-grandchildren, numerous adopted children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.