CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Alpha
May 24, 1932

Omega
April 9, 2024

Mother Bessie Louise Lockhart-Berkhalter

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 12:00 P. M.

Mount Carmel COGIC

466 Clem Road

Prentiss, Mississippi 39474

Elder Bobby Gray, Officiating

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Master of Ceremony
Elder James Harrell

Processional

Prayer…….……..…….....Elder Donnis Hawthorne

Scriptures……..……Old & New Testament.....….Pastor Joseph Taylor

Musical Selection…..……..……...Brother Jerry Vaughn

Expressions (3 Minutes Please)

As a Church Mother……...Sis. Katrina Gray
As an Aunt……..Sis. Barbara Buckley & Sis. Bernita Feazell
As a Neighbor.....Mrs. Alice Jean Hathorn & Mrs. Bridget Shield
As a Friend…….....Mrs. Eddie Jane Easterling
As a Grandmother……Kierra "KeKe" Davis & Candace Berkhalter
As a Mother…….……...Bro. James "Duke" Berkhalter

Musical Selection…..……..……..Bro. Clint Hooker

Acknowledgements…..…….

Words of Comfort……..…….……..Elder James Harrell

Special Tribute……...Bro. James "Duke" Berkhalter & Male Choir

EULOGY
Elder Bobby Gray, Pastor

Recessional……

Obituary



"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."
John 11:25

Mother Bessie Louise Lockhart Berkhalter **was born to the late Needom and Millie Lockhart on May 24, 1932. She was the 8th child of 15 born to this union. She completed her earthly journey on April 9, 2024.**

Bessie **joined the Mount Carmel COGIC where she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and savior at an early age. She remained a faithful member until her health failed. She attended Gray School in the Clem community and later on went to high school at Prentiss Institute in Prentiss, MS.**

Bessie **married the late Jack Berkhalter and to this union six children were born.**

Bessie **was preceded in death by her late husband: Jack Berkhalter; her father and mother: Needom and Millie Lockhart; son: Jerry Lockhart, Sr.; five grandchildren: Adrain "Taeon" Davis, Alexis "Lexie Bee" Berkhatler, Gregory Lott, Yatasha Johnson and Renada Taylor; seven sisters: Lillie Mae Richardson, Rosie Lee Brown, Mary Walker, Baby Ruth Buckley, Iris Sims, Annie Mae Lockhart and Bettie Lou Strickland (twin); four brothers: N. L. Lockhart, S. L. Lockhart, Johnny Lockhart and Junior Lockhart.**

Bessie **is survived by those to cherish her memory; her loving daughter: Brenda Berkhalter Davis of Prentiss, MS; four sons: Larry (Mildred) Berkhalter of Mendenhall, MS, Bobby Earl (Brenda) of Prentiss, MS, James (Ellen) Berkhalter of Pearl, MS and Billy Ray Berkhalter of Prentiss, MS. She leaves her memory to nine grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren; her sister: Edith Blake of Rockford, IL; and her brother: Joe Lockhart of Tucson, AZ. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.**









"Remember Me"

Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy, through all the years.
Recall a closeness that was ours,
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again.
I am at peace...try to believe,
It was my time... I had to leave.
But "what a view" I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near,
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.
And when God calls you...you will be,
Right by my side...right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,
We'll be united...evermore!

~Bessie~



Our Beautiful Mom

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come with Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you suffer and saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove, he only takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you, we miss you more each day,
Life doesn't seem the same, since you've gone away.
When days are sad and lonely, and everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper, "Cheer up and carry on."
Each time we see your picture, you seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's Hands, we'll meet again someday.

Love, Brenda Ann, Duke, Bobby Earl, Larry and Bill









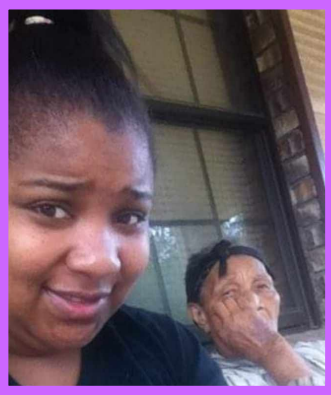


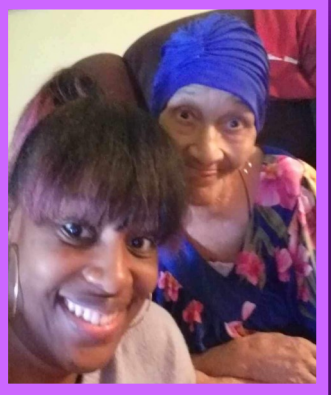


If Flowers Grow in Heaven

If flowers grow in heaven, Lord then pick a bunch for us.
Then place them in our grandmother's arm and tell her they're from us.
Tell her that we love and miss her and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day,
But there's an ache within our hearts that will never go away.

Love, your grandchildren, great grandchildren and great -great grandchildren











Precious Memories





































Active Pallbearers

Kedric Craig
Taurus Davis
Robert Buckley
Christopher Thompson
Sedrick Durr
Jamison Feazell

Honorary Pallbearers

Bobby Earl Berkhalter
James "Duke" Berkhalter
Larry Berkhalter
Billy Ray Berkhalter
Andre Davis, Jr.
Jermaine Berkhalter

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of Mother Bessie Louise Berkhalter wishes to express profound gratitude and appreciation for the many prayers, encouraging words, expressions of sympathy, words of comfort, visitations, and other acts of kindness shown during our bereavement. Your gracious outpouring of love has been a blessing and has brought comfort to us. A special thank you to everyone who showed our mother love by visiting with her at the hospital.

We would also like to personally thank Arrington Living Center in Collins, MS and Gentivea Hospice for taking such good care of our dear mother during her final days. From the depths of our heart, we convey this special message of thanks for all services and acts of love to the numerous doctors, nurses, caregivers and therapists that aided in providing care to our dear mother over the years.

May God's blessings forever be upon you. ~The Berkhalter Family~

"Let not your heart be troubled" John 14:1

Services Entrusted To:

Interment

Mt. Carmel Cemetery
466 Clem Road
Prentiss, MS 39474

J & M Funeral Home
732 Dixie Avenue
Mendenhall, MS 39114

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Home of Bessie Berkhalter
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