IN LOVING *Memory*



Bertha Mae Hayes

"Aunt Bert"

February 17, 1951 - February 17, 2025

Saturday, February 22, 2025 | 1:00 p.m.

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church
374 Zion Hill Church Road, Mendenhall, Mississippi 391114

Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell, Pastor and Officiant

ALWAYS REMEMBERED, NEVER FORGOTTEN

Tributes to Our Beloved "Sunshine Lady"

From Your Children

Mom Agape (Love)

A task that can only be given by God. The true meaning of unconditional love "Bert." Her words, her smile, her cooking, and her laughter could ease your pain away. Oh, what an honor it is to be called your children. You had a personal relationship with every one of us.

If everyone was as lucky as us, oh but they were. The love you gave to us, you shared with the world. There will never be another Bertha Mae. You are truly a Sunshine Lady. The words to this song explains how you light up our life. Even though you are gone you will never be forgotten.

As a Grandson

You were home away from home for me Bert, my safe haven when life was unfair, a person I could go to and feel unconditional love and finger licking cooking. A love like yours gave me the strength to overcome anything life put in my path. Your love was undeniable, unforgettable, and contagious. Your smile and laughter filled my heart with joy, and though you're no longer here, your legacy lives on. You were a light in this world, and that light continues to shine within each of us.

I promise to always carry myself with love and integrity, just as you taught me. A final kiss on the cheek from you sealed that promise along with a bite of your famous sweet potato pie.

P.S. Your mac and cheese will always be my favorite. I'll miss sitting with you, watching your favorite shows, and laughing until we couldn't breathe. And don't worry I'll never forget how I used to threaten to tell my Mama when you whopped me for meddling with stuff and you said go right ahead.

I love you, Bertha Mae. Always. & Forever. - your grandson Markus

To My Auntie Bert "Mom"

I'll miss your kindness and your love,
I'll miss your happy smile,
And I promise that every single day
I'll remember for a while. We shared something truly special.
Something that can never be replaced. A bond that the years can never fade.
Memories that time cannot erase. To lose you brings such sadness. But I know that you will live on, in my heart and in my memory. Shining the guiding light you shone.
Get your rest my Angel.
To have called you my Auntie/Mom
Was truly a blessing
Love Always ,
Queta and Anthony "Booman"

Aunt Bert

A beacon of love and light, “her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew her." "More than an aunt, a pillar of strength and support," her kindness touched countless lives. "A cherished memory, forever in our hearts," she bridged generations with love and her good food especially that cornbread. "Her legacy of love will endure on through us all."

Love Always your nieces and nephews Stephanie (Pnut), Timothy (O' Man), Lorenzo (Bookie), Sharekia (Nae-Nae) and Kimberly (Tweety Bird)

You’re home in heaven sweet auntie. Oh so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty in God's everlasting light. All the pain and grief is over, they are both a thing of the past. For God's love is everlasting, it warms our heart that you are home at last.

Paula, Cassandra, Corey and Anisha

Bertha was a Rose that blooms in December. A face that's remembered. She is Heavenly bound.

Anita Rougeau



Bertha Mae Hayes

The Obituary

"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."
Proverbs 31:29-31

Bertha Mae Hayes, "Aunt Bert," was born February 17, 1951. Bertha graduated from Harper High School and dedicated her life to hard work and caring for those around her. She built a career as both a cook and a seamstress, using her skills to bring warmth and comfort to many. Whether preparing a meal or crafting something by hand, Mom, "Aunt Bert's talents reflected her deep love for others.

Her legacy of love, hard work, and compassion will forever live on in her children, Henry Funches, Tracey Washington, and Latisha (James) King; her grandchildren, Anfrenee Funches, Markus Floyd, II, Kevanna Funches, Joychell Rogers, Marquise King, Jamea Funches, Zoey Washington, Henry Funches, Jr.; great grandchildren, Zy'mirah Rogers, Kaiden Womack, Afrenee Funches, Jr., Mateo Funches; daughter/niece, LaQueta Funches; and nephew/son, Anthony Funches.

She is survived by her siblings: Ida Crosby, Brenda Womack, Romana Mangum, Percy (Emma) Funches, Jr., Charlie (Frances) Funches, Lorenzo (Barbara) Funches; and sister-in-law, Shirley Funches.

Bertha was preceded in death by her husband, Cleveland Hayes, Jr; parents, Percy and Bertha Funches; and brothers, Roy Lee, Lavern and Nathaniel Funches.

Above all else, mom took immense pride in her children and grandchildren. Bertha will be deeply missed but always remembered for the light she brought into the lives of those around her.



The Order of Service

Clara Jaynes, Mistress of Ceremonies



Processional ..... *Pastor, Clergy and Family*

Musical Selection ..... *Zion Hill Male Choir*

Old and New Testament Readings ..... *Reverend E. Darnell Moffett*

Prayer ..... *Reverend Namon Womack*

Musical Selection ..... *Jason Tillman and Zion Hill Male Choir*

Tributes

As A Friend ..... *Jean Traxler*
As A Neighbor ..... *Patsy Magee*
Grandchildren ..... *Jamea Funches*

Musical Selection ..... *Reverend E. Darnell Moffett*

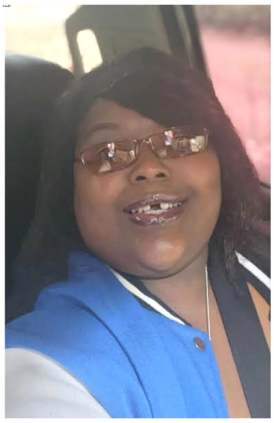
Obituary Reading ..... *Read Silently*

Eulogy ..... *Dr. F. Bernard Mitchell*

Recessional ..... *Funeral Directors of J&M in Charge*



"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed..."
Proverbs 31:27-28a





























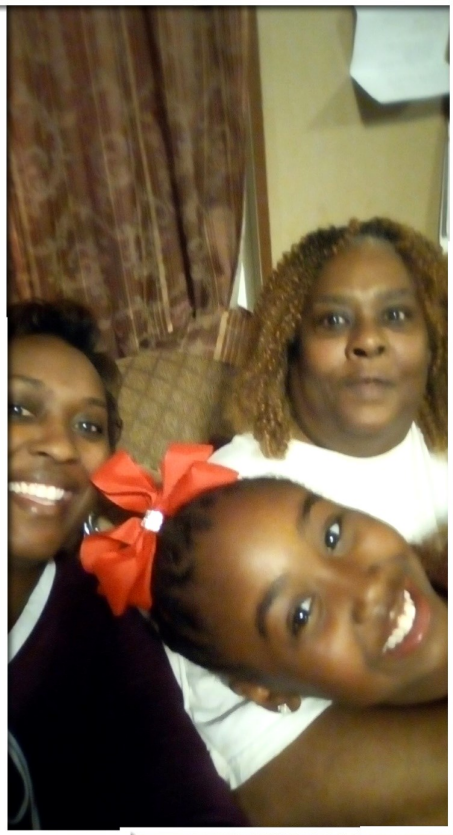
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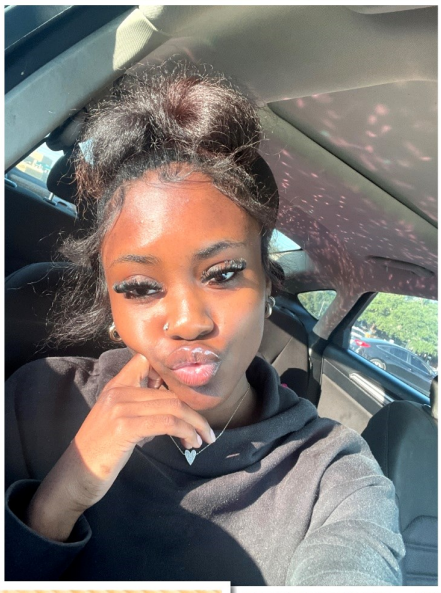



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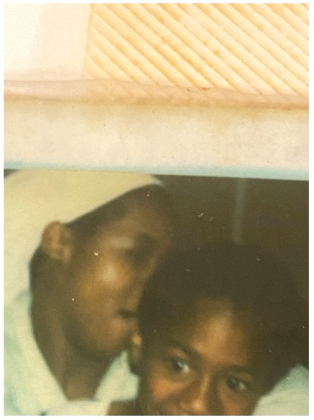



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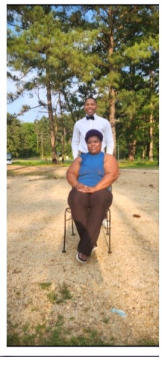
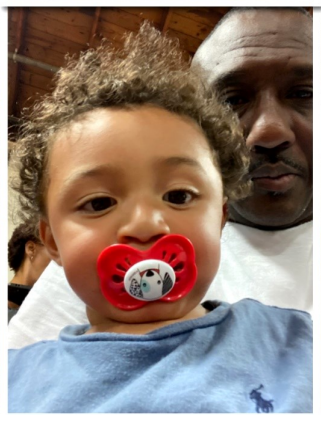
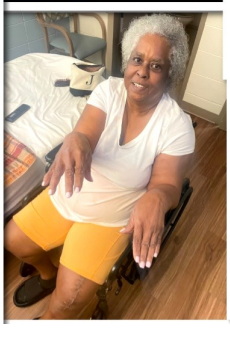


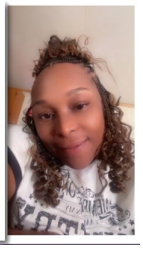






Acknowledgements

The family of Bertha Mae Hayes "Aunt Bert" would like to express our appreciation to you for your kindness and respect during this time of mourning. Our mom was a very special lady, who would love the socks off you. She displayed so much love not only to us but to all who crossed her path. We are going to miss her beautiful smile and her warm and loving embrace. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as our mom lives through each and everyone one of us.

We would like to give special thanks to all the "Doctors and Nurses" at Baptist Hospital for such an amazing job in taking care of our mom. You never stopped loving and taking care of her.

Honorary Pallbearers

Kawat Funches
Alex Funches
Charlie Funches
Timothy Funches
Lorenzo Funches
Ray Newsome

Active Pallbearers

Anfernee Funches
Markus Floyd, II
Marquise King
Anthony Funches
Cedric Womack
Henry Funches, Jr.
Tra Whitlock

Flower Bearers

Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Interment

Zion Hill Church Cemetery

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