

Flowerbearers

Granddaughters and Nieces

Pall Bearers

Bennie Nash

Vincent Nash

Dennis Nash

Donald Taylor

David Nash

Stanley Nash

Family Acknowledgment

The family of the late Mother Verna Mae Hunter Cowan are thankful for all the many calls, texts, visits, flowers and other expressions of love and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. Please keep our family in your prayers.

Special Thanks

Lucinda Donald—God could not have given us a better nurse to care for our loved one. You went above and beyond the call of duty. Sandra Harmon—your many trips to appointments and caring for her over the years is forever sketched in our hearts. You are a jewel and we're grateful for how you loved her. We also thank New Beginning Adult Daycare, Fresenius Dialysis, Rush ICU, and nurses Jessica, Asia, and Kimberly for your consistent and excellent care.

Professional Services Provided By

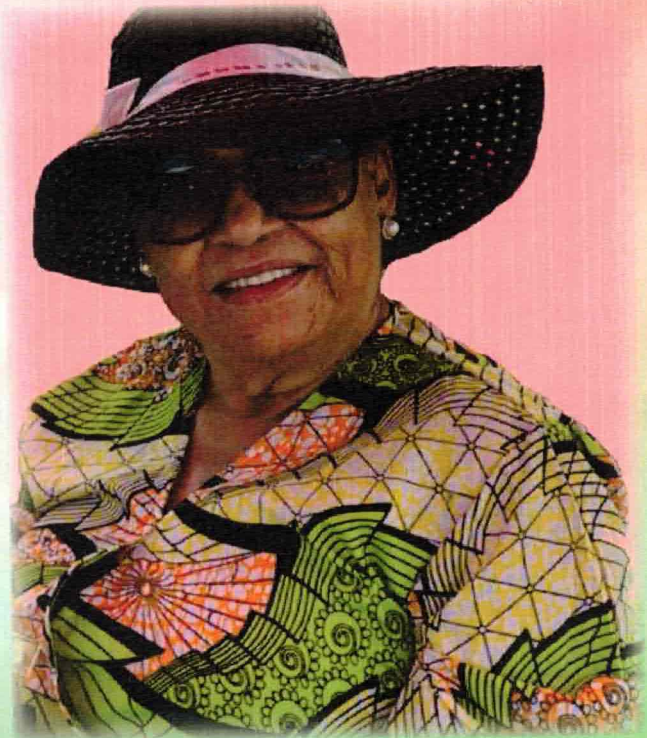
Beck Funeral Home

10460 Road 561

Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

Telephone: (601) 656-1191

In Loving Memory



Mother Verna Mae Hunter Cowan

Sunrise

February 15, 1940

Saturday

February 15, 2025

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Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Union, MS 39365

Reverend Eric Hill, Pastor

Bishop Kelvin Bolden, Sr., Eulogist

Order of Service

- Procession.....Clery and Family
- Selection.....Raven McBeath (Brother-in-law)
- Reading of Scriptures
- Old Testament.....Elder Chauncy Bolden
- New Testament.....Elder Robert Wilkerson
- Prayer and Words of Comfort.....Overseer James Harrison
- Selection.....Congregation Church of God
- Expressions..... (2 minutes please)
- As a Sister.....Oscar Lee Nash
- As a Friend/Church Member.....Mother Ida Mae Harrison
- Our Grandmother.....Diamond and Shmaiah
(Granddaughters)
- Acknowledgements.....Brenda Taylor (Niece)
- Selection.....God Is
- Eulogy.....Bishop Kelvin Bolden, Sr.

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional.....

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The family will meet on "The Hill" at the family home (107 Mason Street) following the service.

Obituary

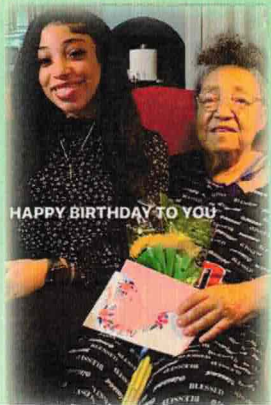
Shepherd Mother Verna Mae Hunter Cowan transitioned into eternal life on February 8, 2025, at Rush Hospital in Meridian, MS. After a long and courageous fight with her illness, Mother Verna Mae slipped away peacefully in true Verna fashion—when she was ready.

Born Verna Mae Nash on February 15, 1940, to the late Jake and Willie Mae Nash, she was raised in Neshoba County, MS with a close-knit sibling and cousin-sibling group. She was married to George Hunter and to this union seven boys were born—Michael, Anthony Dwain, Bobby Joe, Darwin, Steven, Keith, and Billy Terrell. Years later, she married Norman Cowan and embraced two additional sons—Michael and Chris Cowan.

Mother Verna Mae was preceded in death by both parents, five sons; Micheal, Anthony, Darwin, Keith, and Billy Terrell; one sister Louretha Nash Bolden, four brothers; Jake Jr, Wilie J, Willis, and Bennie Lee.

She was united with Congregation Church of God when she moved backed to her hometown of Union, MS. While there she served in many different capacities in the church, including Shepherd Mother here she taught young women how to live a Godly and sanctified life. She was a helper and inspiration to her Overseer Bishop Harrison. Before her health declined, she and Mother Harrison (her dear and best friend) spent many times and years in the kitchen making sure food was always good and available for the congregation and community to enjoy.

She leaves to treasure her sweet memories; two sons, Bobby (Sharon) Hunter of Moss Point, MS; Steven (Rosemary) Hunter of Pascagoula, MS; one bonus daughter, Burnistine Knotts; 9 grandchildren: Paidra, Shajuan, Shajuanda, Damian, David, Jamie, Shmaiah, Randolph and Laseva; two bonus grandchildren Tamesha and LaDashia, and 23 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Oscar Lee (Ruby) Nash, Bobbie Jean (Raven) McBeath; three special sisters-in-law Maude Nash Evans, Patricia Davis, and Alma Beverly; special cousins who were like siblings, Bessie Vivans and Excell (Sandra) Brazzil; a devoted niece and caregiver Lola (Theodore) Langham; extended family Sandra Harmon of Union, MS; Meredith Wright of Baton Rouge, LA, Duke and Betty Sutherland of Biloxi, MS; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends that loved her unconditionally.



Mother In Love, this she was to me. A beautiful and strong Woman of God. She was always encouraging and praying for others. Dedicated to his will. She will be missed.

Rose Hunter



You have truly fought a good fight of faith. You finished your course with grace. This is why we always called you "*The Bionic Woman*"! Nothing you wouldn't try. I loved you then and I will forever love you.

Lola



My Dear Verna Mae,

Thank you for loving me, not only as your Daughter-In-Law but as your daughter. The times we shared I will always cherish. You loved your family and your 7 boys unconditionally. I will always remember our conversations about the Lord and life in general. You stayed strong rather than complaining about the tribulations you endured. You prayed and trusted God! Through it all. Take your rest Ms. Hunter. Forever In My Heart.

*Your Daughter-In-Law,
Sharon Hunter*