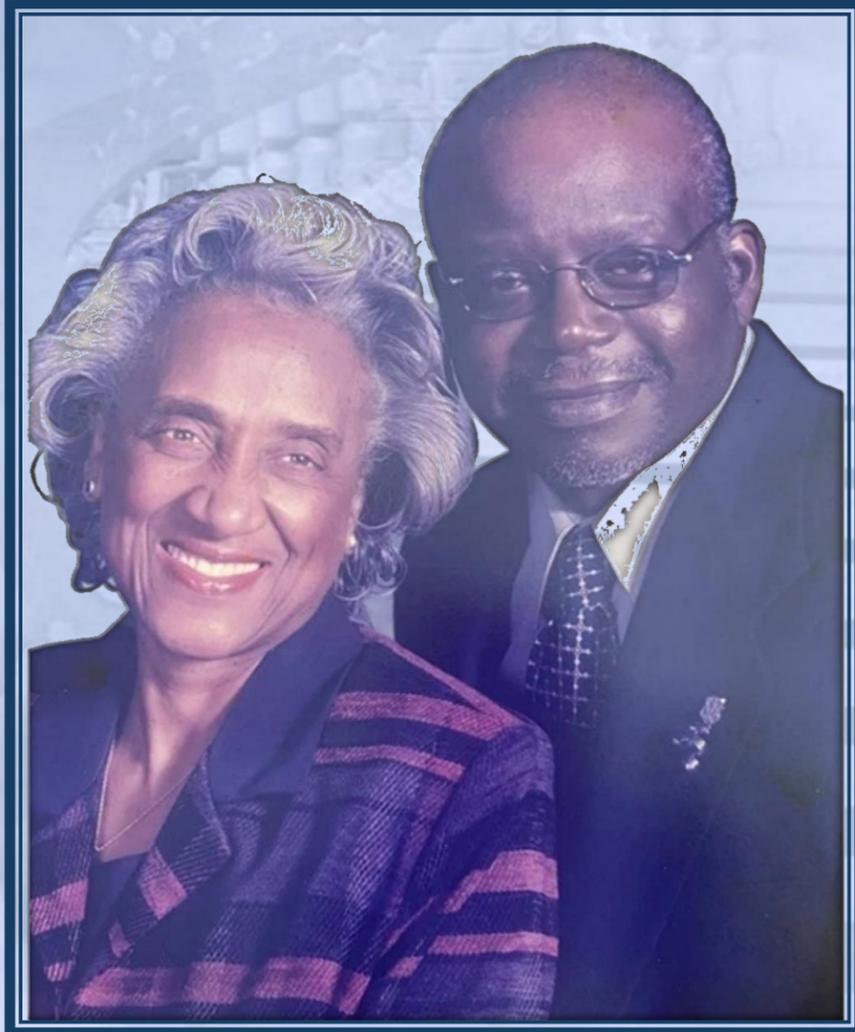




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Our Family

Is a Circle of Strength;
Founded on Faith, Joined in Love
Kept by God, Together

forever

PALLBEARERS

Family

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Nieces

Ushers

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for your generous support, encouraging words, thoughts and prayers. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the care givers who helped to take care of our beloved "Bessie Mae". Thank you for thinking of us in our time of bereavement.

Humbly submitted,

FAMILY OF THE LATE

MRS. BESSIE MAE MCCRARY BROWN

Farewell My Friends

It was beautiful as long as it lasted, this journey of my life.
I have no regrets whatsoever; of the pain I'll leave behind.

Those dear hearts who loved and cared...

The strings pulling at my heart and soul...

The strong arms that held me up
when my own strength let me down.

At every turning of my life, I came across good friends.
Friends who stood by me, even when the time raced me by.
Farewell, farewell, my friends. I smile and bid you goodbye.

No, shed no tears for I need them not;

All I need is your smile.

For that's what life is like when you live in the hearts
of others.

If you feel sad, do think of me and those you love.

Remember then

You never die.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Mrs. Bessie Mae McCrary Brown

Alpha: October 30, 1943

Omega: October 15, 2025

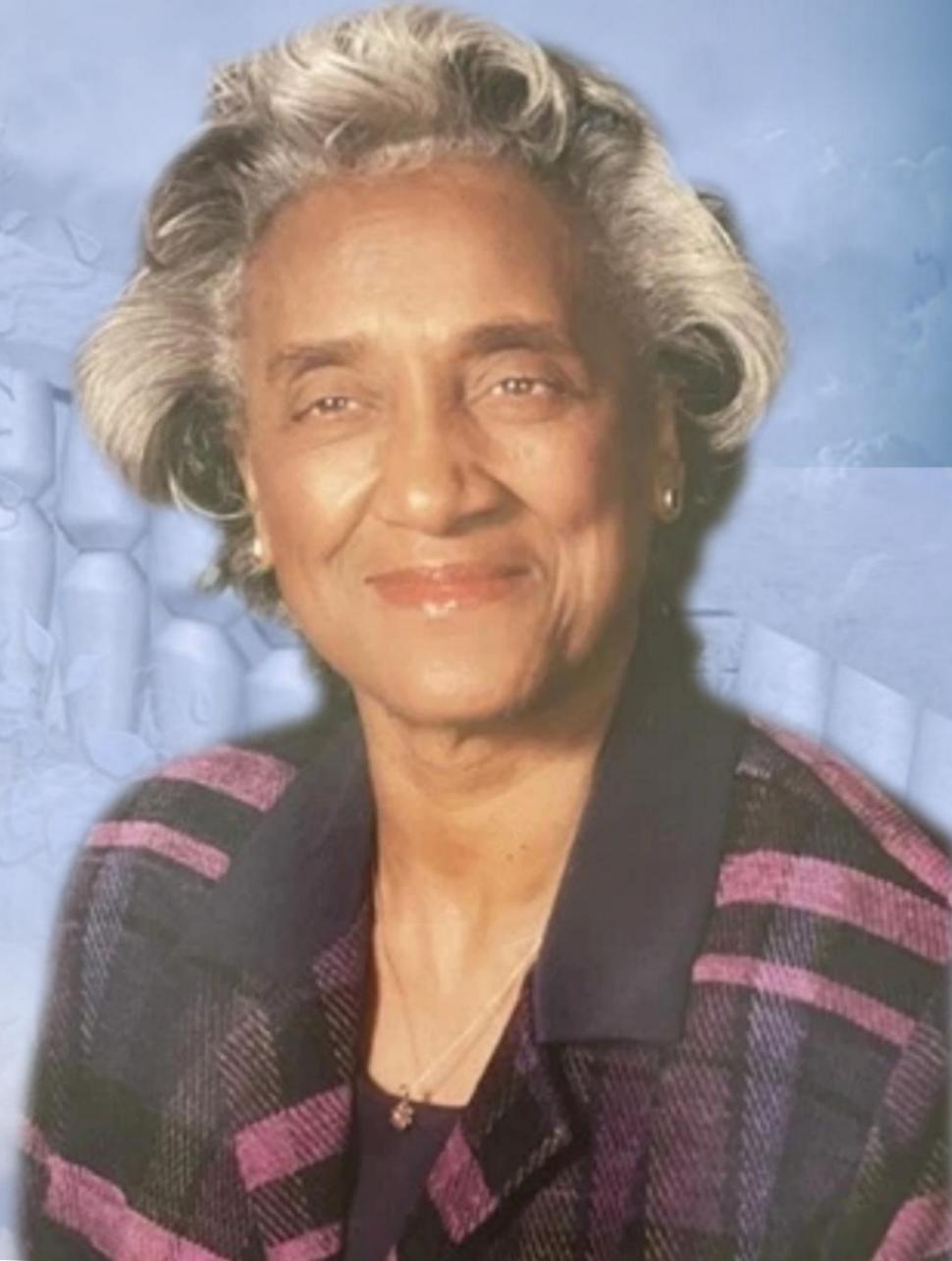
11:00 AM

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Richland Missionary Baptist Church

9310 Highway 341 South
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

Reverend Andrew Brown, Pastor



Celebrating Bessie

Every Life Has a Story...

Bessie Mae McCrary Brown was born October 30, 1943 in Fort Valley, Georgia, to Turner McCrary and Mary Knight McCrary. She departed this life on Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

Bessie attended the public schools of Peach County and was later employed at Fort Valley University for 20 years.

At an early age, Bessie joined Richland Missionary Baptist Church where she faithfully served for over 60 years. She was appointed to the Deaconess Board and tirelessly supported the mission of the church until her health began to fail.

In 1959, Bessie married Robert L. Brown, who preceded her in death, and five children were added to this union.

She was also preceded in death by her sons: Kenneth Brown and Robert Brown, II; in addition to her grandson, Robert Brown III.

Bessie leaves to cherish her memory, children: Vivian J. Herndon of Lithonia, GA, Barbara Brown of Lithonia, GA, Joyce Brown of Warner Robins, GA; brothers and sisters: Turner McCrary, James McCrary, Donnie McCrary, Ervie Felder, Evelyn Johnson; brothers and sisters-in-law: Willie C. Brown, James Brown, Larry (Della) Brown, Obie Brown, Bernice McGhee, Glenda (Eddrick) Bailey, Ashen (Pamela) Stephens, Jimmy (Mary) Stephens, Wade (Vanessa) Stephens, Kelvin Stephens, Lafayette Stephens, Raymond Stephens, James Stephens, Carl Stephens, Lester Stephens, Eugene (Peronica) Stephens, Ben (Alma) Stephens, Frederick (Selma) Stephens, Mary Pearl Stephens, Gladys (Cain) Aaron, Jestine Dennard and Darlene (Harold) Crawford; grandchildren: Kenneth Howard, Damion Brown, Ashley Brown, Kristy Johnson Smith, Kayla Gordon, Nietayia Robinson, Bianca Causey, Kenyatta Brown and Remecia Brown; twelve great-grandchildren: and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

II Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



When I Am Gone

When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
Thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I travel alone.
So, grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So, bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile, and say...
"Welcome Home"

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Prayer.....Andrew Brown

SACRED SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Reverend Wade Stephen

New Testament.....Reverend Danny McCrary

Solo.....Brother Garren Walker

REFLECTIONS

Remembering Mrs. Bessie Mae McCrary Brown

Deacon Howard Cox

SoloBrother Garren Walker

Eulogy.....Reverend Andrew Brown

Acknowledgment.....Edwards Small Mortuary

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE



INTERMENT

Richland Baptist Church Cemetery

REPAST

Richland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall