

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain.

It is endless and unselfish

And enduring come what may,

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,

And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,

And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation;

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.

A many splendored miracle,

Man cannot understand and another wondrous

Evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

(Helen Steiner Rice)

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Acknowledgements

The family of the late Bessie L. Ferguson would like to thank you for every thought, kind word, visit, and prayer. Your thoughts and prayers have been a blessing to us and a great source of comfort. Our prayer to you is that God's richest and best continue to be yours. Special thanks to the J.C Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion, St. Joseph's/Candler hospital, Amedisys Hospice Home Health Care, and the Adams Funeral Services, Inc.

God's Masterpiece

This is a story of love and kindness. You are already loved. Let's look at Psalms 139:13-18, "God made all the delicate inner parts of my body, and knit me together in my mother's womb", that's love and kindness. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous. This is love and kindness – a masterpiece. You watched me as I was being formed – in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the darkness of the womb. This is love and kindness – a masterpiece. You saw me before I was born. Everyday of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before, a single day had passed. This is love and kindness – a masterpiece. How precious are your thoughts about me. God, they can't be numbered! This is love and kindness. I can't count them-they outnumber the grains of sand. And when I wake up, you are still with me. This is love and kindness – a masterpiece created for greatness.

(Bessie L. Ferguson)



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Celebration of Life for



Mrs. Bessie Lee Ferguson

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Saturday, July 26, 2025 | 11 AM
CONNOR'S TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
509 West Gwinnett Street
Savannah, GA 31415

Reflection of Life

Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. (Proverbs 31:10)

Bessie L. Ferguson, 83 entered eternal rest on July 19, 2025 surrounded by her loving and devoted family.

Mrs. Bessie Lee (Samuel) Ferguson was born in Estill, South Carolina on September 9, 1941. She was the youngest daughter of the late Verdell and Elouise Samuel. She was preceded in death by her brother, Walter Samuel. As a child, she was educated in the Hampton County School System and possessed a true love for learning.

She graduated from A. E. Beach High School in 1959 and after graduation proceeded to attend Savannah State College (University). Her love for education ignited a passion within to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Early Elementary Education and a master's degree in Reading. She diligently served for 30 years as a teacher/reading specialist in the Chatham County Public School System and impacted the lives of many children.

Bessie became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated – Gamma Upsilon Chapter, SSC in 1960. Her unwavering commitment and dedication to be of service to all mankind was her passion. Additionally, she was a faithful member of Maranatha Church International and served as a children's church teacher and a Wisdom Warrior leader.

She was the author with her daughter, LaShone Grimes, of a phenomenal children's book titled "Bumblebees on the Run." This amazing literacy tool helps children learn the 40 Pre-Kindergarten Dolch sight words which is the basic foundation for becoming an excellent reader. Bessie and LaShone visited many schools in Savannah with exciting storytelling experiences and created a buzz of excitement about reading.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one daughter, LaShone LaKisha Grimes (Wayne); grandchildren, Alexia Grimes, Trinity Wilson (Charles), and Victoria Grimes; great-grandchildren, Alexandria Larry, Stephen Larry Jr., and Kiros Wilson; and a host of nieces, cousins and other relatives/friends.



Order of Service

Presiding – Reverend Patrick Spellman

Processional

Invocation

Pastor Vernon Scarver

*Scripture Readings –
Old Testament

Reverend Keron Herndon

**New Testament*

Reverend Patrick Spellman

Her Legacy

**As Grandchildren*

Alexia, Trinity and Victoria

**As a Classmate*

*Mr. Lawrence Hutchins -
Alfred E. Beach High School (Class of 1959)*

**As a Friend*

Mrs. Gwen Griffin

Poem

Ms. Cherish Cleveland

Solo

Mrs. Belinda Spellman

Obituary

Read Silently

Eulogy

Pastor Vernon Scarver

Recessional

Service of Interment

*Hillcrest Abbey West
1336 Dean Forest Road
Savannah, GA 31405*

