



Acknowledgements

The family of Minnie Lee Caston Savannah extends our deepest appreciation for the many expressions of love, kindness, and sympathy shown to us during the illness and transition of our beloved Minnie Lee.

Your prayers, calls, cards, floral tributes, comforting words, and every act of compassion have strengthened and uplifted us more than words can say.

Whether you offered a gentle hug, a helping hand, or a silent prayer, please know that your thoughtfulness has not gone unnoticed.

Special thanks to Pastor Bobby Burks and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, extended family, friends, neighbors, citizens of the Town of Edwards and those of you who traveled from near and far to celebrate the life of our loved one. To the ministers, musicians, ushers, and everyone who played a part in today's homegoing service, may God continue to bless each of you for your service.

As we move forward, may the same love that surrounded us in this moment of sorrow continue to bind us in unity, hope, and peace. Though our hearts are heavy, our spirits rejoice knowing that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

The Family of Mrs. Minnie Lee Caston Savannah

Pallbearers

Larry Johnson
Tamarceo Shaw

Larry Moss

Andre Shaw
Julius Johnson Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie James Taylor
Charlie Davis

Tommy Byrd
Willie Lee King

Otis Stamps
Aaron Lee

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
7422 Mt. Moriah Road, Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Repast

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Professional Services Entrusted To:

Willis and Sons Funeral Home, Inc.

5235 Robinson Road Ext. · Jackson, Mississippi 39204
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Arthur N. Willis, Owner

"Quality Service at Affordable Prices"

The Homegoing of

Minnie Lee Caston Savannah

"The Simplest and Sweetest Woman God Every Created"



Funeral Services: Tuesday, October 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

204 Williamson Avenue

Edwards, Mississippi 39066

Reverend Bobby Burks, Pastor

Evangelist Takita Morrison, Presiding

Life's Memoir

The Simplest and Sweetest Woman

*“Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’”
Proverbs 31:28-29*

The Dawning of Life

Minnie Lee Caston was born in Edwards, Hinds County, Mississippi, to the late Phil Caston and Henretta States Caston. From her earliest days, she was blessed with a spirit of grace and determination that would define her remarkable life.

During an era when educational opportunities for African Americans were severely limited, Minnie Lee’s thirst for knowledge set her apart. She received her formative education at Mount Moriah School and went on to attend Southern Christian Institution, known as Bonner Campbell College, achieving the rare distinction of completing her education through the 12th grade, a testament to her dedication and a commitment to the betterment of her family’s future.

The Love and Legacy of Life

Minnie Lee’s life took its most beautiful turn when she united in holy matrimony with Mr. Willie James Savannah. Together, they beautifully blended two families, creating a home filled with love, and life filled with dedication to faith, family and community. Their union was a testimony to the power of love and partnership, and together they became pillars of their community.

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor.” Ecclesiastes 4:9

For many years, Willie James and Minnie Lee ran a successful business that became more than just a commercial venture, it was a cornerstone of the community. They provided wholesome entertainment and, most importantly, a safe environment where people could gather, celebrate, and find refuge. Their establishment was a place where joy was abundant, fellowship was genuine, and everyone was treated like family.

The Grace and Flavor of Life

“She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.” Proverbs 31:20, 25

Those who knew Minnie Lee would immediately speak of her pleasant yet caring spirit. She had a way of making everyone feel welcomed and valued, whether they entered her business or her home. Her gentle demeanor was matched only by her generous heart, and she touched countless lives with her kindness.

But we dare not forget about Minnie Lee’s legendary cooking and baking abilities! Her kitchen was a place of miracles, where simple ingredients were transformed into unforgettable meals. She was renowned throughout the community for her mouthwatering hamburgers, perfectly seasoned fried and grilled pork chops, and crispy homemade fries that had people coming back time and time again. The children of the neighborhood held special memories of the penny candy she sold, treating each young customer with patience and a warm smile.

And then there were her sweet potato pies, oh, those pies! Minnie Lee’s sweet potato pies were the stuff of legend, gracing tables at holidays, celebrations, church functions, and family gatherings. She generously shared her culinary gifts with so many families on countless occasions, never seeking recognition, only the joy of blessing others. Her recipes were made with love, and you could taste it in every single bite.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.” Psalm 34:8

The Greatest Treasures of Life

While Minnie Lee accomplished much in her life, her greatest legacy was her family. She nurtured, guided, and loved with a depth that words can scarcely capture. She instilled values of faith, hard work, integrity, and compassion in her children, and her influence extended to every grandchild, niece, nephew, and friend who was blessed to know her.

“A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.” Proverbs 22:1

The Sunset of Life

On September 28, 2025, a caring and faithful soul was summoned by divine decree from the upper echelons of eternal glory to join the great cloud of witnesses, those who died in faith, as chronicled in Hebrews 11. Mrs. Minnie Lee Caston Savannah heard the celestial call from the Throne of Grace and made her triumphant entry into eternal rest, where the faithful receive their reward and the weary find perfect peace.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2 Timothy 4:7

The Precious Memories of Life

Minnie Lee was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Phil Caston and Henretta States Caston; her devoted husband, Willie James Savannah; her son, Thomas Charles Flowers Jr.; her grandson, Derrick Wilson; her brothers, Julius Johnson, Phil Caston Jr., and Ewing Caston; and her sisters, Erma Caston and Eva Mae Caston.

Her memory will be forever cherished by her sons, Eddie Lee Flowers and Maxie Felix; her daughter, Norma Kelly; her granddaughter, Latoya Moriley; her sisters, Susie Cotton and Leonia Caston Shaw; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and dear friends whose lives she touched with her gentle spirit and generous heart.

Order of Service

Evangelist Takita Morrison, Presiding

The Musical Prelude

Musicians

The Processional

Minister and Family

The Musical Tribute

Choir

The Holy Scripture Readings

Old and New Testament

Reverend Trollars Moore

Historic Jackson Street Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi

The Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Nehemiah Matthews

Sand Hill Baptist Church, Brandon, Mississippi

The Acknowledgment of Condolences

Evangelist Takita Morrison

The Life’s Memoir

Soft Music Accompaniment

The Sermonic Selection

Reverend Trollars Moore

The Word of the Lord

Reverend Bobby Burks, Pastor

Funeral Directors in Charge:

Willis and Sons Funeral Home

The Recessional

Clergy, Family and Friends



Please don’t say how good I was, but that I did my best.

Just say I tried to do what’s right, to give the most I could, not less.

Please don’t give me wings or halos, that’s for God to do.

I want no more than what I deserve, no extras, just my due.

Please don't give me flowers, or talk in harsh tones.

Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I have made it home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and done. The battle has been won.

Thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for all who loved me,

PRAISE GOD who loved me best.