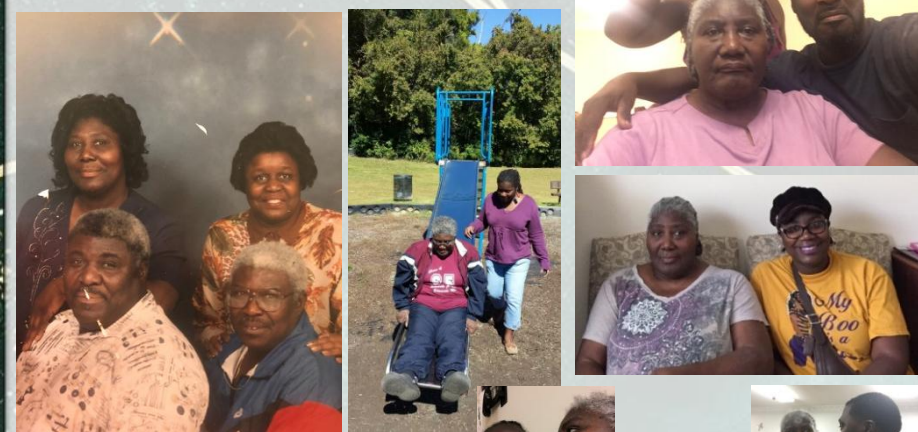




Acknowledgements



The family of Earnestine Bracey gives honor and praises to our Heavenly Father for a joyously blessed life for Earnestine.

We sincerely thank you all for your prayers, phone calls, texts, acts of kindness, love and thoughtfulness during her illness and during our bereavement. A very special thanks to

the staff of Community Place Nursing Facility, the staff of the MICU at UMMC, her very best friend Rether Griffin who stuck by her through it all, her sister Lydia Haynes who made sure the nursing facility staff were on their jobs when her children could not be there, and her brother L.C.

Dulaney who made the difficult trips of visiting with his sister to provide pictures of Earnestine to family members afar who weren't able to visit. A special thank you also to Pastors Louis Nichols, Elijah Paige, and Reginald Warnsley.

Active Pallbearers

Anthony Bingham
Andy Caston
Kevon Mcphearson
Curtis Judge

Ricky Mack
Markee Dulaney
Keith Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

L.C. Dulaney
Markeith Mack

Flower Bears

Nieces of Earnestine

Interment

Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
3894 Middle Road, Edwards, Mississippi 39066

There Will Be No Repast

Arrangements and Professional Services Entrusted to:

Willis and Sons Funeral Home, Inc.

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Arthur N. Willis, Owner

In Loving Memory of Ms. Earnestine Bracey



Heaven Sent: February 5, 1949

Heaven Bound: March, 8, 2026

Homegoing Celebration

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 11:00 a.m.

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5235 Robinson Rd. Ext.

Jackson, Mississippi 39204

Pastor Lewis Nichols, Sr., Officiating

Alice D. Sampson, Mistress of Ceremony

Reflections of
Earnestine's
Story

Ms. Earnestine Bracey, affectionately known as “Tine”, was born February 5, 1949 to the late Allen Dulaney, Sr. and Lucille Smith in Edwards, Mississippi. She was the youngest of the seven children born to Lucille Smith.

At an early age Earnestine was baptized at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and was dedicated to the teachings of Jesus Christ. She was a loyal lifelong member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church until her health failed.

Earnestine started her career at Cal Maine foods until her beloved mother’s health failed at which time, she dedicated her time to taking care of her mother. After her mother gained her heavenly wings, Earnestine jumped back into the workforce. She worked for Tyson Foods, Shipley’s Donuts and Waterways Experiment Station all leading to a job that she loved. She worked as a deli clerk for Kroger in Vicksburg, Mississippi where she was well known for her cornbread. She was dedicated to cooking great tasting food even if it meant bending the rules to add a little extra seasoning to the food in the deli. Earnestine was a dedicated employee of Kroger before having to retire due to her health.

In her personal life, Earnestine married Fred Bracey and to this union she had twins, Kenneth and Sandra. She saw them as two of her greatest blessings. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Earnestine enjoyed cooking and feeding people. She would not let anyone leave her home hungry. She was a social butterfly that never met a stranger.

Earnestine was preceded in death by her brothers, Roosevelt Smith, A. C. Dulaney, M.C. Dulaney, and Allen Dulaney. She was preceded in death by her sisters Cassie Reed and Jessie Green. Additionally, Earnestine was preceded in death by her nephew/son Roderick Burden.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and strength to be cherished by: her two gifts from God, son, Kenneth (Eva) Bracey of Edwards, Mississippi and daughter, Sandra (Markeith) Mack of Pensacola, Florida; her siblings, Anna Ruth Boyd and Ethelean Haywood both of Chicago, Illinois, L.C. Dulaney, Corean Dulaney, Lydia (Thomas) Haynes all of Raymond, Mississippi; and Alice Dulaney Sampson of Memphis, Tennessee; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends including her lifelong devoted friend Rether Griffin of Edwards, Mississippi.

*A Message from Earnestine:
To my loving family and friends*

“Smile, Don’t Weep”

*My body said I was tired
And needed some rest,
So the Lord heard me call
And did what He thought best;
He whispered soft words into my ear,
Don’t despair my dear child,
For your salvation is near.
He came to my bedside
And took my hand and said,
“We are going home now, just as planned”
So, He lifted my head and I gave Him a smile;
He told me I would be asleep just for a while.
He said, “When you leave, your dear ones
and friends should not weep,
For your work here is done now, you must sleep.”
I’ve had my share of love, laughter and pain.
I’m gone for now, but I will see you again.
I’m happy now, and I’m not alone.
My Lord just put me to sleep and took me home.
I am with loved ones who went before me
and my soul is at peace.*



*“We are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent
from the body, and to be at home with the Lord”
2 Corinthians 5:8 (ASV)*

Order Of Service

Processional ~~~~~ Soft Music by Mr. Tyler Nichols, Pianist

Reading of Holy Scriptures ~~~~~ Pastor Elijah Paige
(Old & New Testaments)

Prayer ~~~~~ Pastor Reginald Warnsley

Obituary Read Silently ~~~~~ Soft Music

Expressions and Reflections:
Friend ~~~~~ Ms. Rether Griffin
Family ~~~~~ Mrs. Lydia Haynes
Community Leader ~~~~~ Mr. Marcus Wallace

Acknowledgements ~~~~~ Ms. Alice Sampson

Song ~~~~~ Evangelist Elnora McPhearson
Accompanied by Tyler Nichols

Eulogy ~~~~~ Pastor Louis Nichols, Sr.

Recessional ~~~~~ Soft Music by Mr. Tyler Nichols

“Your Spirit”

By Tram-Tiara T. Von Reichenbach

*We know that no matter what, you will always be with us.
When life separates us, we’ll know it is only your soul
saying goodbye to your body, but your spirit will be with us always.
When we see a bird chirping on a nearby branch we will know it is you
singing to us. When a butterfly brushes gently by us so care freely,
we will know it is you assuring us you are free from pain.
When the gentle fragrance of a flower catches our attention, we will know it
is you reminding us to appreciate the simple things in life.
When the sun shining through our window awakens us,
we will feel the warmth of your love.
When we hear the rain pitter patter against our window sill we will hear your
words of wisdom and will remember what you taught us so well,
that without rain trees cannot grow without rain flowers cannot bloom
Without life’s challenges we cannot grow strong. When we look out to the sea
we will think of your endless love for your family.
No matter where we are, your spirit will be beside us, for we know that no
matter what, you will always be with us.
Missing your presence, praising God for your love and your spirit.
Your Loving Family*