

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR



Elzena Hampton Jackson

Sunrise – August 21, 1941 | Sunset – May 17, 2025

Saturday, May 24, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2237 Highway 21 South

Preston, Mississippi 39354

Reverend Wayne M. Benn – Officiating/Eulogist

Linda Jackson - Mistress of Order

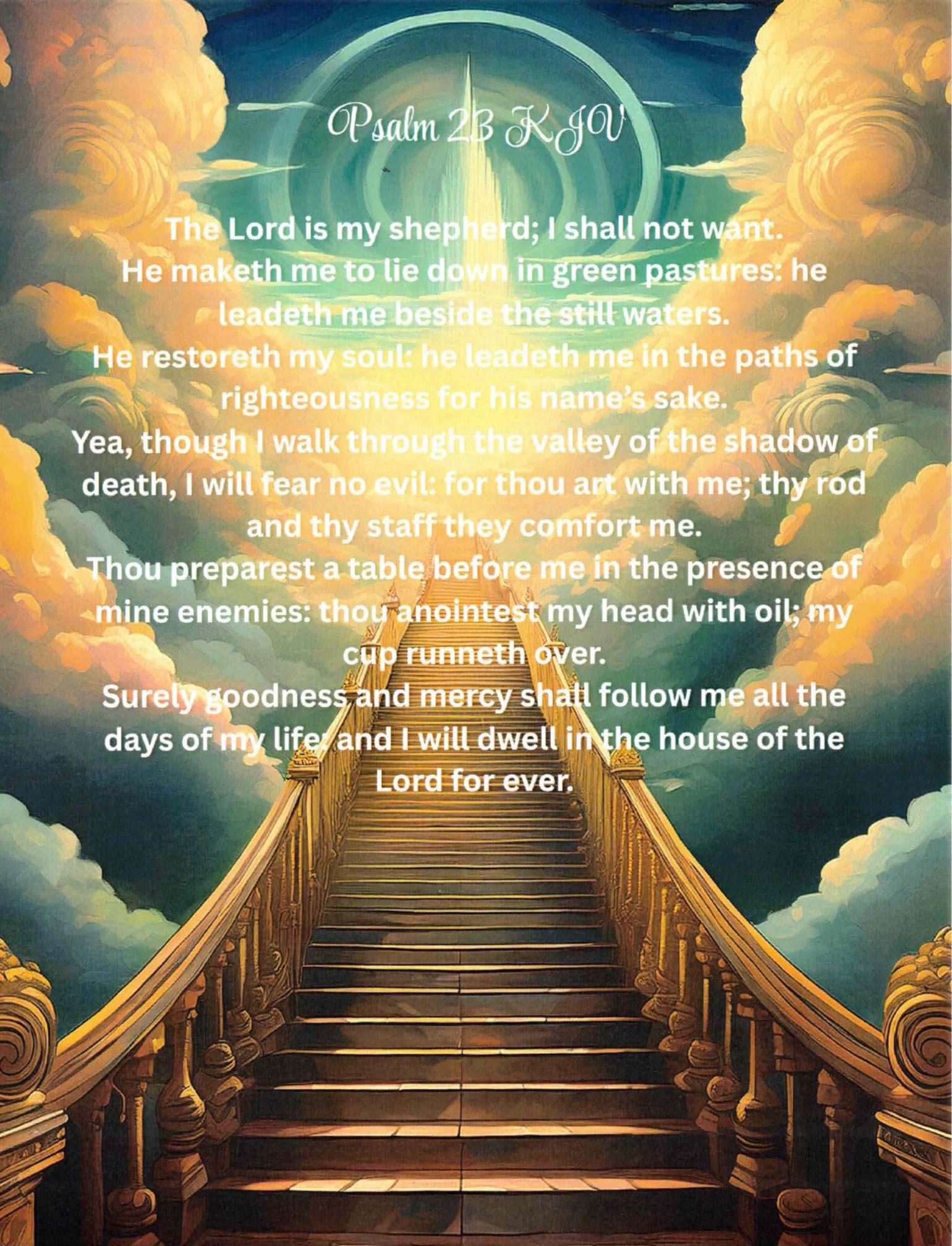
*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6 KJV*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

- MUSICAL PRELUDE**.....
- PROCESSIONAL**.....**MINISTERS AND FAMILY**
- OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**.....**ELDER DOROTHY TAYLOR**
- NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**.....**MINISTER SHERRY CLEMONS**
- PRAYER**.....
- MUSIC**.....**I'M GOING TO HEAVEN**.....**ELIJAH JACKSON, MINISTER MARTHA MOORE
AND TIMOTHY CRAIG**
- WORDS OF COMFORT**.....**BISHOP WILLIAM C. BROWN**
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**.....
- OBITUARY**.....**READ SILENTLY WITH MUSIC**
- MUSIC**.....**BE BLESSED**.....**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR**
- EULOGY**.....**REVEREND WAYNE M. BENN**
- CLOSING PRAYER**.....

FUNERAL DIRECTORS IN CHARGE

- MUSIC**.....**GOING UP YONDER**.....**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR**
- THE RECESSIONAL**.....
- REPAST**.....**OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**



Psalm 23 KJV

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Elzena Hampton Jackson

HER STORY

Elzena Hampton Jackson, born August 21, 1941, in DeKalb, MS, was sent to her eternal home on May 17, 2025, due to illness. She was the daughter of the late Jimmy T. and Addie Lee Turner Hampton. She graduated from Whisenton High School in 1960, and on July 3, 1960, she married the love of her life, Matthew L. Jackson. They became proud parents of a son, Cyrus Jackson.

Marriage and family did not deter Elzena from pursuing a career outside the home. Aspiring to teach, she enrolled in Early Childhood Education classes at Mary Holmes Community College and East Mississippi Community College. She made notable contributions in preparing students for the public school by becoming a preschool teacher with the Kemper County Head Start Program. After 19 years of committed service to education, she resigned from Head Start. Elzena put her attention to detail, precision, and organizational skills into action with Wells Lamont Industries in Philadelphia, and later, the Richardson Battery Division of Witco Corporation, also located in Philadelphia. Following the full-time employment outside the home, she became a full-time homemaker. With that role, she gave additional attentiveness to Matthew and Cyrus and her grandchildren, "Kim", "Mickey", Elijah, and Q'rina.

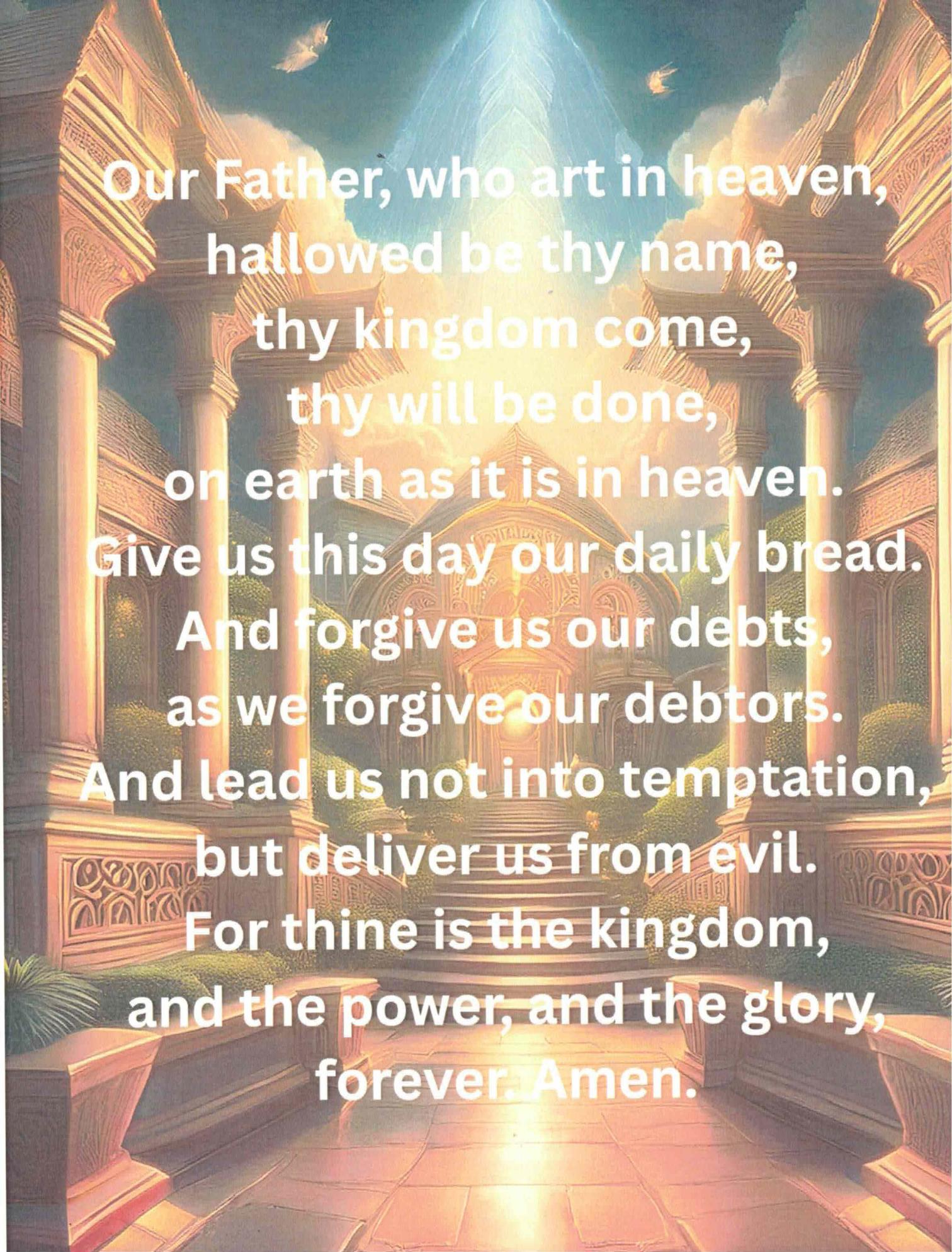
Psalm 51:10 says, Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. It was one of Elzena's favorite Bible scriptures. With sincerity, she displayed attributes of love, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, and great self-control. She constantly sought a relationship to align herself with God's will. Her right spirit motivated her to be highly active in church and community activities.

As a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, she served as a Deaconess, was the Sunday School Primary Class teacher, served on the Mothers' Board, the Program Committee, the Hospitality Committee, the Home Mission Society, the Mass Choir, and a Praise Team was named after her – the Elzenettes. She was also a member of the Daughters of Praise, an organization comprised of ladies from area churches that focuses on the needs of individuals in their communities.

Her involvement in the community and the county included helping put in motion the use of the old Preston school building as a Community Center, promoting the use of Oak Grove Church as a Head Start Center, serving on various committees and programs for the Kemper County NAACP, and supporting voter registration drives. She had a humble character, but could become coercive on matters of fairness, as seen in her willingness to march and boycott in a protest to move an administrator from one school to another.

Elzena was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was marked by love, compassion, and an unwavering faith in God. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of her family, friends, and many more individuals whose lives were touched by her. She will be remembered not only for having a clean heart and a right spirit within her, but also for the profound impact she had on the lives of those who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Elzena was predeceased by her parents, Jimmy T. and Addie Lee Hampton; an infant son Christopher Jackson; one sister, Addie Georgia Hampton; and two brothers, Willard and James Hampton. Family left to share the love and memory of Elzena include her husband, Matthew L. Jackson; son, Cyrus K. Jackson; four grandchildren, William (Nichole) Tate of Huntsville, AL, Kimberly (David) Yeates of Starkville, MS, Elijah Jackson of Preston, MS, Q'rina Jackson of Van Nuys, CA; three great-grandchildren, Layla Tate, Duchess and Corbin Yeates; six sisters, Ruby Hudson of Preston, MS, Lena Jones of Sahuarita, AZ, Lucille McIntosh of Decatur, MS, Mamie (Henry) Morris of Milwaukee, WI, Doris Hampton of Meridian and Betty (Curtis) Creer of DeKalb, MS; two brothers, Jimmy L. Hampton of Meridian, MS, and Ezra Hampton of DeKalb, MS; one sister-in-law, Barbara Thames of Aurora, CO. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will sadly miss her.



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.



**Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the LORD,
she shall be praised.**

Flower Bearers

Nieces

Cousins

Pallbearers

Justin Creer

Charles Jackson

Jerome Jackson

Bernard Jackson

Elb McIntosh

Perry Welch

Acknowledgements

The Family would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all who shared in our time of bereavement. Your sympathy, kindness, prayers, and support will forever warm our hearts. There is no greater expression of love than to be present in body or one's mind when it counts the most. A special thanks goes to the staff at Ochsner Stennis in DeKalb, Baptist Memorial in Columbus, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. May God continue to bless and keep you all.

The Jackson and Hampton Family

Interment

Anderson Jackson, Sr. Memorial Cemetery
Preston, Mississippi 39354

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