

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*The Giles, Banks, and Collins family would like to extend a sincere thank you for all generosity and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards, and visits. We extend a thank you to all the nurses and doctors of Second North at the University Hospital, and a special thank you to Dr. Matthew Bridges.*

### HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Charles Dixon | L.G. Banks, Jr.  
Kenyon Jones | Jonathan Taylor  
Carlos Coleman | Kenyascicus Sanders  
Tommie Banks, Sr. | Carl Banks*

### ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Zabian Collins | Kenyon Jones, Jr.  
Barry Lott, Jr. | Antonio Banks  
Brannon Lott | Jeremy Banks  
Cordney Banks | Marquis Collins*

### FLOWER BEARERS

*Family & Friends*

### INTERMENT

*Pleasant Grove M.B. Church Cemetery  
MS 433 - Bentonia, MS 39040*

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

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*1401 E. Broadway Street  
Yazoo City, MS 39194  
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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*Mother  
Willie Mae Giles*

HEAVEN SENT:  
June 26, 1948

HEAVEN BOUND:  
July 7, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

TEMPLE LOVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

9297 MS 433 - Benton, MS 39039

Reverend Jester Johnson, Pastor

Pastor Henry Collins, Jr., Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS

# Mother Willie Mae Giles

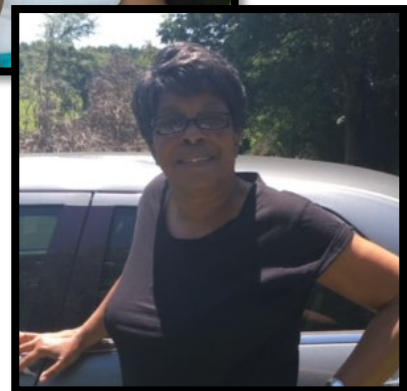
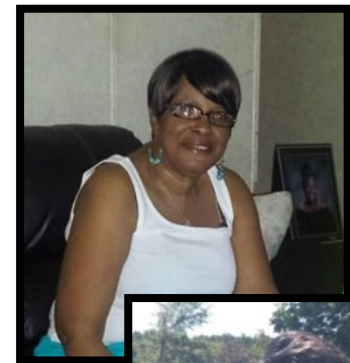
*I fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at the day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8*

Mrs. Willie Mae "Sister" Giles was born to the late Mr. Tommie Banks, Sr., and Mrs. Lula Mae Richardson Banks on June 26, 1948.

Mother Giles confessed her faith in Christ at a young age and went on to live a life of service to God and her family. She was a dedicated member of the Temple Love Missionary Baptist Church where she served as an usher and later became a mother of the church serving faithfully until God called her home on July 7, 2023.

Mother Giles is preceded in death by, her parents: Tommie, Sr. and Lula Mae Banks; four siblings: William Banks, Fredine Banks, John Banks and Tommie Banks, Jr.; and two grandchildren: Justin and Cedric Collins, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories, a loving and devoted husband: Mr. Robert Lee Giles of Benton, MS; six children: Debra (Charles) Collins Dixon and Ernestine Banks, both of Vaughan, MS; Helen (Carlos) Coleman of Jackson, MS; Henry (Rhonda) Collins, Jr. of Benton, MS; Sheila (Kenyon) Jones of Chester, VA; and Cedric (Kwanza) Collins of Guyton, GA; six step-children; three siblings: Estella Hubbard of Jackson, MS; Willie Mae Williams of Benton, MS; L.G. (Joann) Banks, Sr. of Bentonia, MS. She also leaves loving memories to seventeen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



## I MADE IT HOME

*I just wanted to let you know that I made it home  
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new,  
I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too.  
Please try not to be sad for me, try to understand.  
God is taking care of me...I'm in the shelter of His hands.  
Here there is no sadness, and no sorrow, and no pain.  
Here there is no crying, and I'll never hurt again.  
Here it is so powerful, when all the angels sing.  
I really have to go for now...I've just got to try my wings.  
PS...I'll be the first face you see when you get here!*





## ORDER OF SERVICE

Mistress of Ceremony – *Sis. Charlean Grayer*

- Prelude ..... Soft Music
- Processional..... Clergy & Family
- Musical Selection ..... Choir
- Scripture Reading ..... Apostle Larry Pounds, Sr.  
*Trinity Worship & Praise Ministries, Savannah, GA*
- Prayer ..... Pastor Curtis Strong
- Words of Encouragement..... Pastor Jester Johnson  
*Temple Love M.B. Church, Benton, MS*
- Musical Selection ..... Bro. Wallace Taylor
- Church Resolution ..... Sis. Betty Collins
- Obituary ..... Read Silently..... Soft Music
- Acknowledgements..... Sis. Charlean Grayer
- Musical Selection ..... Choir
- Eulogy ..... Pastor Henry G. Collins, Jr.  
*Scott Memorial Funeral Home in Charge*
- Recessional ..... Clergy, Family & Friends



*None of us lives to himself,  
 and none of us dies to himself.  
 If we live, we live to the Lord  
 and if we die, we die to the Lord  
 so then, whether we live or  
 whether we die,  
 we are the Lord's.*

*- Romans 14:7-8*

## TRIBUTES

### **My Wife**

*I thought of you today, but that is nothing new,  
I thought of you yesterday and will tomorrow too.  
I think of you in silence and make no outward show,  
For what it meant to lose you, only those who love you know.*

*Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,  
It's the heartache of losing you, that will never go away.*

*~ Love Your Husband Robert ~*



### **A Mother's Crown**

*Heaven lit up with a mighty presence, as the Angels all looked down  
Today the Lord was placing the jewels into my mother's crown.*

*He held up a golden crown, as my darling mother looked on.*

*He said in His gentle voice, 'I will now explain each one.'*

*The first gem, 'He said, is a Ruby, and it's for endurance alone,  
For all the nights you waited up for your children to come home.'*

*For all the nights by their bedside, you stayed till the fever went down.*

*For nursing every little wound, I add this ruby to your crown.*

*'An emerald, I'll place by the ruby, for leading your child in the right way.*

*For teaching them the lessons, that made them who they are today.'*

*'For always being right there, through all life's important events.*

*I give you a sapphire stone, for the time and love you spent.'*

*For untying the strings that held them, when they grew up and left home.*

*I give you this one for courage.' Then the Lord added a garnet stone.*

*I'll place a stone of amethyst, 'He said.*

*For all the times you spent on your knees,*

*When asked if I'd take care of your children, and then for having faith in Me.'*

*'I have a pearl for every little sacrifice that you made without them knowing.*

*For all the times you went without, to keep them happy, healthy, and growing.'*

*'And last of all I have a diamond, the greatest one of all,*

*for sharing unconditional love whether they were big or small.'*

*'It was your love that helped them grow. Feeling safe and happy and proud*

*A love so strong and pure it could shift the darkest cloud.'*

*After the Lord placed the last jewel in, He said, 'Your crown is now complete,*

*You've earned your place in Heaven with your children at your feet.'*

*~ Love Your Children ~*

## TRIBUTES

### **Grandmother**

*God looked around His garden and found an empty space,  
Then he looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest,  
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.*

*~ Love Your Grandchildren ~*

### **"I Never Saw Your Wings"**

*Sister, how is it that I never saw your wings when you were here with me?*

*When you closed your eyes and soared to the Heavens*

*I could hear the faint flutter of your wings as you left.*

*Your body no longer on this side your spirit here eternally I see your halo shine.*

*I close my eyes and see the multi-colored wings surround me*

*In my happiest moments and my happiest times*

*Sister, my angel, God has given you your assignment*

*Always my sister and forever my angel.*

*You fly into my dreams and when I am asleep*

*I feel your wings brush against my face wiping away the tears*

*I shed since I can no longer hold you in my arms but in my heart.*

*You earned those wings dear sister and you will always be my angel eternal.*

*~ Love Your Sister Stella ~*

### **"My Big Sister"**

*My heart has been left broken Since the day you had to go,*

*And the memories I treasure dearly are in the tears that flow.*

*You're in my thoughts every day and that's how it will always be,*

*For you may be up in Heaven now but you'll always be with me.*

*If only I could have the chance to see your smiling face once more,*

*Or Converse with you about the Lord just like it was before.*

*The day that Heaven calls for me will be a relief from all this pain,*

*I'll run to you with open arms, and we will meet again.*

*~ Love Your Brother Bud ~*

### **My Sister, My Friend**

*Even though you had to leave me here, in my heart you will always remain near.*

*I will hold dear the memories left behind, my sister, my friend was one of a kind.*

*Time was no longer ours to steal or borrow, I love you, sister!*

*Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.*

*~ Love Your Sister Willie Mae ~*