



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following paths God made for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
Then turned and bid farewell to all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

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Deacons & Officers, New Bethlehem P. B. Church
Management & Staff, Office of Public Guardian
Oris L. Floyd

Active Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Honorary Floral Bearers

Mothers & Deaconesses, New Bethlehem P. B. Church

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The Service of Committal & Interment

Cemetery * Tallahassee, Florida

Repast

There will be NO Repast.

The Family's Message of Appreciation

We are indeed grateful to each of you, our many friends, for your countless acts of compassion, which you have so generously shared with us during the passing of our beloved, *Eosia*. We express our most sincere gratitude for your prayers, condolences and every act of kindness shared with us during our loss. Your love and support will always be cherished. We pray that God will continue to bless and keep each of you in His care.

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The Celebration of Homecoming

for

Mother

Eosia Graham



Sunrise: February 26, 1926 – Sunset: November 24, 2025

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON

New Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church

2230 BANNERMAN ROAD
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32312

The Elder Joseph Johnson, Pastor

The Elder John Gaines, Eulogist

Reflections of Life

Eosia Graham was born on February 26, 1926 in Tallahassee, Florida to Blanche Graham and George Ash. She was the younger of two children. Eosia's parents, as well as her beloved brother, Ernest Graham, all preceded her in death.

Eosia accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. She attended church faithfully and continuously expressed her love for the Lord, thanking Him daily for every morning she was blessed to see.

Eosia's educational journey began in Leon County Public Schools and continued at Florida A&M Barber College. Demonstrating her lifelong love of learning, **Eosia** returned to college at the age of 75 to take senior computer classes at Florida A&M University, proudly riding her yellow bicycle up and down the hills to campus each day. When her granddaughter once asked why she was taking a computer class when she didn't even own a computer, **Eosia** simply replied, "It is free, and I get to ride my bike like the youngins' do!" She was self-taught in many areas, including typing and sewing, and she found joy in beautifying her home and helping keep her neighborhood clean.

Before beginning her professional career, **Eosia**, her mother, and her two sons lived on Horseshoe Plantation, a cotton growing forced-labor farm in northern Leon County. While her mother cared for her sons, **Eosia** sought to build a better life for her family. She moved to the city and found employment at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, where she worked in the food and hospitality services for several years.

Eosia's hard work and determination later led her to serve alongside Governor Thomas Collins and Governor Cecil Bryant, managing daily responsibilities and traveling as their personal assistant. This career moved allowed **Eosia**, a single black woman and mother achieved one of her greatest accomplishments – purchasing her own land and building a home from the ground up. She then moved her family from the rural area of Len County into Tallahassee. After deciding no longer to continue flying for work, she transitioned to employment with the State of Florida and later retired from the Governor's Mansion.

In retirement, **Eosia** enjoyed traveling by bus each summer to Detroit to visit her son, Oris and spend time with family. During her visits, she delighted in expressing her love for the Lord, enjoying good food, watching baseball, entertaining her grandchildren and her "nutters" (Ivan II and Ian), laughing, and shopping at the Dollar Tree. Her poise, confidence, and polished appearance reflected her grace and dignity. She often spoke of greatness, the value of education, and the importance of having one's own.

As she transitioned into needing full-time support, Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center became her new home. The staff loved her warm smile, kind heart, and spirited personality. Known for "running the hallways" for exercise and never missing a meal at her favorite table, **Eosia** brought joy, humor, and life to all who cared for her.

On November 24, 2025, at the grace-filled age of 99, **Eosia** entered her eternal rest with the Lord. She leaves to cherish her life and legacy, her **devoted son**: Oris L. Floyd; **granddaughter**: Siletha (Ivan) Belew; **grandson**: Darrel West; **great-grandsons**: Ivan II, Ian and Darryl; **family supporter**: Cynthia Mitchell; and a host of loving family members, loyal friends, and the compassionate staff of Miracle Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



The Order of Service

Prelude..... *Tillman* Gospel Chorale

Processional..... Pastor, Eulogist, Clergy, Officers & Family

The Parting Glance & Seating of Family..... The *Tillman* Staff

Devotion:

Hymn..... Deacon Gus Kelly

Prayer Deacon Wendell Bivens

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Elder James Vaughn

New Testament..... Elder Jerome Ford

Selection..... Chorale

Reflections & Tributes:

Family & Friends (3)..... Two Minutes Each, *Please*

Resolutions & Acknowledgements..... The *Tillman* Staff

Selection..... Chorale

Words of Comfort..... Elder John Gaines

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends