

Joyce's JOURNEY OF LIFE

Joyce S. Bohannon was born March 17, 1946 to the late Connie and Virgie Bell Townsend. She was the 4th child of 10 children. She departed this earthly life on December 31, 2023 at 6:20 AM at Anderson Regional Medical Center in Meridian, MS surrounded by her family. Joyce was 77 years of age. Her parents, Connie and Virgie Townsend; her husband, Jasper Bohannon; her siblings, Herman Townsend, Diann Bourrage, Geraldine Gale, Willie Connie Townsend, Ruby Griffin, and Collins Townsend, all preceded her in death.

She graduated from Whisenton High School in 1966. She went on to further her education at Alcorn State University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. After graduating from Alcorn State University, she was employed with CEE Head Start Agency for many years. She became employed with Friends of Children of MS, INC, in 1981 where she served as the Area Administrator for Kemper and Newton Counties. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Jasper Bohannon.

She confessed Christ at an early age. She joined the Belmont Baptist Church where she served many years and later joined the New Vision Baptist Church where she served faithfully until her death. She was a servant at heart and served as a Sunday School Teacher, the Director of Christian Education, the Music Ministry, the Trustee Board, the Home Mission, and with the Kitchen Ministry, just to name a few. She received her Bachelor of Theology in 2001. She was ordained in the ministry in 2005. She served with the Prison Ministry at Kemper Neshoba Correctional Facility.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her sisters, Emma Scott and Shellie Townsend, both of Milwaukee, WI, Lillie Townsend of Cleveland, OH, Joann (Jimmie) Scott and Gracie Rencher, both of Dekalb, MS, Linda (Jerome) Jackson of Preston, MS, and Bettie Townsend of Jackson, MS; Brother-in-laws, John Bourrage and Lee Arthur Gale both of Dekalb, MS; Stepmother-in-law, Queenie Bohannon of Dekalb, MS and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends especially the Friends of Children of Mississippi, INC Staff who are wearing Red Ribbons in honor of Joyce.