



## AS I SIT IN HEAVEN

As I sit in heaven and watch you every day,  
I try to let you know with signs, I never went away.  
I hear you when you're laughing, and watch you as you sleep.  
I even place my arms around you to calm you as you weep.  
I see you wish the days away, begging to have me home.  
So I try to send you signs so you know you are not alone.  
Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me.  
Heaven is truly beautiful, just you wait and see.  
So live your life, laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free.  
Then I know with every breath you take,  
you'll be taking one for me.

*Pallbearers*  
Family & Friends

*Flower Bearers*  
Family & Friends

## Acknowledgements

The Family of the late Mrs. Annie Bell Mackey Griffin would like to express our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love and support received during this difficult time. Your kind words, prayers, acts of love, and memories of our "Mother"/"Gran" are deeply appreciated, and will never be forgotten. Our prayer is that God continues to bless each of you.

## Special Thanks

To Ms. Betty Graham and family, our Uncle Joe and Aunt Minnie, special nieces Betty, Jeanette, and Bonnie, Lanier Home Health, Chattahoochee Hospice staff, Dr. David Fagan and staff, and the Davis Memorial Mortuary staff.



To view full obituary.



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES  
FOR

*Mrs. Annie Bell  
Mackey Griffin*



**Saturday, February 8, 2025**  
**2:00 P.M. (CST)**

**New Canaan Baptist Church**  
**Highway 50 | Camp Hill, Alabama 36850**

Rev. Justin Freeman, *Pastor/Officiant*  
Rev. Terry Magby, *Eulogist*



# The Obituary

Mrs. Annie Bell Mackey Griffin was born February 8, 1933 in Camp Hill, Alabama to Mr. Grady Hudson Mackey, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Bell Young Mackey. God peacefully called her home on Sunday, February 2, 2025 at the age of 91, surrounded by family and friends.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Ozias Baptist Church in Camp Hill, Alabama, serving many years under the leadership of the late Reverend O. C. Stiggers. She was educated in the Chambers County School System.

She was joined in Holy Matrimony to Mr. A. Z. Griffin, Sr. in July of 1952—a marriage which spanned 42 years. They were the proud parents of four children—Patricia, Earnestine, Keith and A. Z., Jr. He preceded her in death in 1995.

After retirement, “Mrs. Annie” and/or “Mrs. Annie Bell” as she was fondly called, was the babysitter to numerous children. She was trustworthy, kind, sweet, friendly, dedicated, and caring. Parents had no worries when leaving their children with her because she cared for them as if they were her own.

She is survived by: daughters, Patricia Griffin Thomas, LaGrange, GA, Earnestine Griffin-Maye, Jacksonville, FL; sons, Keith Bernard Griffin, Cusseta, AL and A. Z. (Jackie) Griffin, Jr., Valley, AL; grandchildren, Frank (Hope) McLeod, Jr., Covington, GA, Elliott Howell Maye, Jr., Jacksonville, FL, Mallory Patrice (Garett) Hixson, Sumter, SC, Tia Siobhan Maye, Jacksonville, FL, Jasmine Starshay Phillips, Valley, AL, Eboni Simone Maye, Jacksonville, FL; great-grandchildren, Faith Alexandria, Charity Jordan, Joy Devine, Love Adrianna, and Frankie Julianna Grace McLeod, Jai Esau Maye, Michael Griffin and Mackenzie Greer Hixson, and Aria Kamea Finley; brother, Joe F. Mackey and his wife—a special sister-in-law, Minnie Mackey, Cusseta, AL; sisters, Laney Heard, Campbell, OH, and Mary Williams, Mulberry, FL; sister-in-law, Mary Mackey, Birmingham, AL; caregiver, Betty Graham and family, Opelika, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, and of course, all her many babies.

# The Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Musical Selection.....Choir

## Scripture Readings

The Old & New Testaments ..... Rev. Robert Frazier

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Justin Freeman

Expressions of Love..... Sis. Minnie Mackey

Musical Selection..... Rev. Justin Freeman

Eulogy .....Rev. Terry L. Magby, Sr.

Recessional

## Interment

Ozias Baptist Church Cemetery  
13576 Dudleyville Road  
Camp Hill, Alabama 36850



## MY MOTHER’S GARDEN

My Mother kept a garden.  
A garden of the heart;  
she planted all the good things,  
that gave my life its start.

She turned me to the sunshine,  
and encouraged me to dream--  
fostering and nurturing  
the seeds of self-esteem.

And when the winds and rains came,  
she protected me enough;  
but not too much, she knew I’d need  
to stand up strong and tough.

Her constant good example,  
always taught me right from wrong;  
markers for my pathway  
to last my whole life long.

I am my Mother’s garden,  
I am her legacy.  
And I hope today she feels the love  
reflected back from me.