



Pallbearers
Nephews

Flower Bearers
Great Nieces

Acknowledgement

We are never quite prepared to face life's darkest hours alone.

At such a time, the thoughtful expressions of friends in so many ways make the dawn come quicker, the burden seems lighter, and the cross seems more like a crown. The family is deeply grateful for the many acts of kindness shown during this most difficult time. Thank you for allowing God to bless us through you. Special thanks to Dr. Joseph Downs and the staff at Chattahoochee Hospice. May God continue to bless each of you is our constant prayer.



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

*Mr. Homer "27"
Benton, Jr.*

Thursday | May 8, 2025

12:00 Noon (EST)

Mount Hermon Baptist Church

1601 Magnolia Road | Lanett, Alabama

Reverend Justin M. Freeman, *Pastor/Officiating*
Bishop Carterris Tucker, *Eulogist*



Obituary

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3

Homer Benton, Jr., was born on March 7, 1947, in Chambers County, Alabama, to the late Homer Benton Sr., and Iola Griggs Benton. Throughout his life, he was affectionately called “27 or JJ Dillon.”

On Wednesday, April 30, 2025, as Homer approached his last hours, he was surrounded by his family to bid him a safe journey. He bid farewell to his loved ones and entered into eternal peaceful rest with the Lord.

At an early age, Homer accepted Christ as His Lord and Savior and united with the Mount Hermon Baptist Church. He possessed a radiant personality that reflected love, cheerfulness, patience, and kindness. He was truly an inspiration to his family and to his many friends.

Homer was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Fears Benton; siblings, Willie Charles Benton, Dorothy Ruth Benton, Arthur Charles Benton, Willie Louis Ferrell, and Tommy Lee “Teddy” Benton. He was also preceded in death by two special nieces, Mae Aggie Trammell and Kim “Diane” Benton; two special nephews, Norman Charles Walker and Daniel Benton; father in-law and mother-in-law, O. C. Fears and Mary Lizzie Fears.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving son, Alden Marcellus (Leslie) Benton; precious granddaughter, Lacresa Benton; two devoted sisters, Mary Helen Walker and LeVorn Ferrell; a loving devoted brother, George Benton; he reared two nieces and one nephew; LeShon Benton (Eddie) Bledsoe, Minister Bobbie Benton Ogletree, and Morris (Angela) Ramsey; three sisters- in- law, Annie Lee Hall, Rebecca Bailey, and Dr. Tanda J. Canion; Caretaker, Bobbie (Anthony) Carter; loving friend and caretaker, J. T. Ramsey. He is also survived by a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

A precious one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.
And after a lonely heartache, and many silent tears,
But always a beautiful memory
Of one we love so dear.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional and Final Glance

Selection..... Mount Hermon Choir

Scripture Readings Rev. Warren Goss

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Donald Lancaster

Selection..... Mount Hermon Choir

Reflections Bro. Archie Benton

Acknowledgements Sister Phyllis Stiggers

Solo..... Sister Carolyn Morgan

Eulogy Bishop Carterris Tucker

Solo.....FarewellRev. Tony Avery

Recessional

Interment
Pine Hill Cemetery
Lanett, Alabama



I’m Free

Don’t grieve for me, for I am free
I’m following the path God has laid, you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call.

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

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys,
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 heart in peace to thee.
God wanted me now,
He set me free.

