



*I'm Free"*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.*

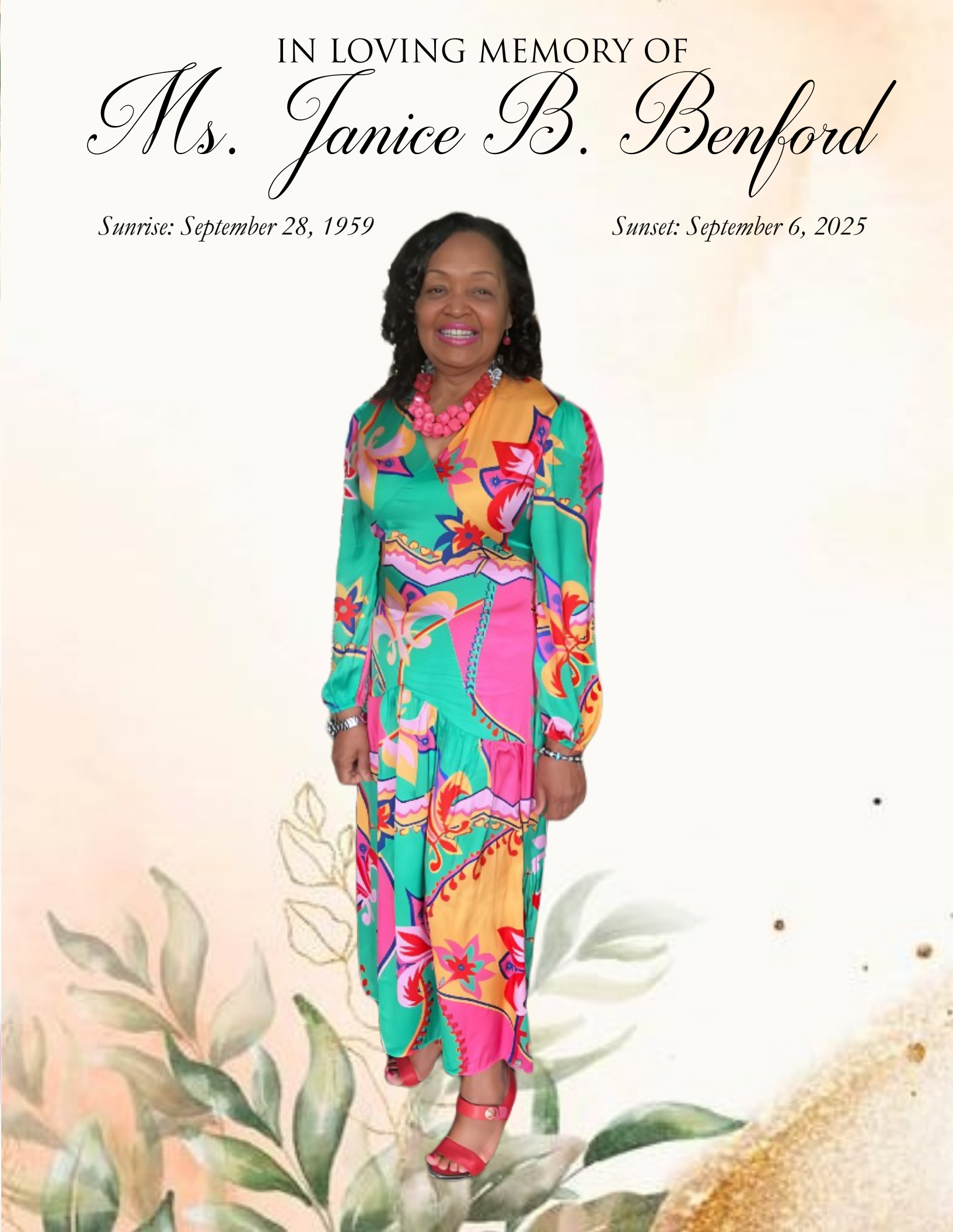
*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Light up your heart and share with me.  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Ms. Janice B. Benford*

*Sunrise: September 28, 1959*

*Sunset: September 6, 2025*



## *Her Story*

Pastor Janice Benford was born September 28, 1959, in Atlanta, Georgia to Mr. Henry Booker and the late Mrs. Marolyn P. Booker. Pastor Janice was a virtuous woman who loved God with her whole heart. She loved to study the Word of God and share the good news of Jesus Christ. Janice was raised by her grandparents, Mr. Peter and Mrs. Thelma Price in Union Point, Georgia.

Janice was educated in the Greene County Public School System. She graduated from Greene County High School in 1977 and furthered her education at Atlanta Area Technical College. After leaving Atlanta Area Technical College, she began working for her lifelong friend, Herman Driskell at Mitchell Brothers. And then in 1986, she began working for Herman's Secret Hair Salon. Her career at the salon spanned 43 years.

After meeting the love of her life, Michael Benford; they married on August 26, 1983. To this union two beautiful daughters were born, Precious and Shikanah. Janice was an incredible wife and mother and later became an even more incredible grandmother, affectionately called "Mama." She loved her family (especially her two grandsons, Sanjae and Karsen Wright) and she made sure that they knew it every day. Mama was their LIFE!

Janice loved shopping, traveling with her family, giving gifts to others, and leading people to Christ. She lived a life, holy and acceptable unto God. "Mama's" most favorite hobby was loving on Sanjae Michael (whom she affectionately called Michael B) and Karsen. Her world revolved around their entire existence.

Michael and Janice were ordained and then founded The Church of the Firstborn International in 2003. Prior to starting their own ministry, they were passionate and committed members of Green Pastures Christian Ministries in Decatur, Georgia. Janice later joined The Refreshing Place Ministries in 2014. Her faith in God made her the woman whom we all came to know and love. She encouraged everyone around her to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Janice made her transition to Heaven on Saturday, September 6, 2025. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving and caring daughters, Precious Wright (Sanjae) and Shikanah Benford; two grandsons, Sanjae and Karsen Wright; two God-granddaughters, Saniyah Woullard and Kaylah Harris; four ambitious sons, Stan Williams (Yvonne), Mario Knight (Miami), Tawan Knight, and Quatar Knight (Alencia); father, Henry Booker; brothers, Reginald Booker, Gerald Booker, Gerard Booker (Brella), Karl Booker (Teri), sisters; Faye Jean Wilkins, Celeste Branch (James), Yvette Kelly (Stan), two uncles, Robert Price (Mary) and Preston Price (Barbara), along with a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

## *Pallbearers*

Nephews

## *Flower Ladies*

Nieces

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY KINDLY ASKS THAT DONATIONS BE MADE TO HER GRANDSONS' COLLEGE FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT IN HER HONOR.  
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## *Acknowledgement*

It is with genuine and warmhearted appreciation that we acknowledge the many kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy shown in our hour of bereavement. We love you all.

- Precious and Shikanah



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# Order of Celebration

Saturday, September 13, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.  
BIG MILLER GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
3800 Big Miller Grove Way  
Lithonia, Georgia 30038

Prelude

Processional

“I Will Follow Jesus”

Selection

Cousins

Scripture Reading

The Old Testament  
The New Testament

Pastor Euthemnia Avery  
Bishop Alton Benford

Prayer

Danny Gardner

Solo

Khristie French (cousin)

Remarks (Two Minutes, Please)

Jackie Sigman (cousin)  
Morris Miller (Class of 77)  
Shirley Walker (friend)  
Herman Driskell (friend)  
Precious, Shikanah, & sons

Eulogy

Pastor Douglas Gunby

Acknowledgements

Tri-Cities Funeral Home

Recessional

“Won’t It Be Grand”

Postlude

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Kennedy Memorial Gardens  
Ellenwood, Georgia

## From Your Girls, With Love

*We still hear your laughter in the quiet of the day,  
Soft as the whisper of winds when they pray.  
Your voice, your smile, your gentle embrace,  
Still live in our hearts no time can erase.  
You were our first home, our comfort, our guide,  
With strength and with grace, you stood by our side.  
A nurturer, a warrior, a light shining bright,  
You taught us to rise and to walk in the light.  
We held your hands, now you hold our hearts,  
Though you're gone from this world, we are never apart.  
Each sunset, each star, each breeze through the trees,  
Will remind us you're near in moments like these.  
We miss your wisdom, your hugs, your sweet face,  
But we carry your love no one can replace.  
Your love shaped our souls, your prayers paved our way,  
We'll keep walking forward, with you every day.  
So rest now, sweet Mama, your work here is done,  
You live on through your daughters your legacy won.  
Forever your girls, through sorrow and song,  
We'll love you and carry your memory strong.  
With every breath, with every tear, we honor you.  
Love, always your girls.*

