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Mike Brumfield*

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Vincent Parson

Flower Bearers

Bethel Baptist & New Jerusalem Baptist Ushers

Acknowledgments

The family of Evenly L. Bush wants to express our thanks and heartfelt appreciation for every expressions of kindness and love that has been shown to us in our time of homegoing of our beloved mother, Aunt Evelyn and Tee-Tee. May God forever bless you and keep each of you is our prayer. Special Thanks to Althea Newton for her love and kindness.

The Family

Repast

*Old Sabine High School Cafeteria
Highland Drive
Many, LA*



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Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory Of Sister Evelyn Lucille Bush

***Earthly**
January 18, 1925*

***Heavenly**
July 27, 2026*



Service

*Saturday, August 8, 2026
11:00 A. M.*

***Many High School Gymnasium**
100 Tiger Drive
Many, Louisiana*

Reverend Martin B. Scott, Officiating

Obituary

Ms. Evelyn Lucille Newton Bush was born on January 18, 1925, to Samuel Ferma Newton and Mattie Alma Brewster Newton in Many, LA. She was the fourth of five children, her siblings included oldest sister Vernell C. Coney, brothers Samuel Bernard Newton, Donald Leonidas Newton and Goldie Laverne Parson. Evelyn attended Sabine High School in Many, LA where she graduated as Valedictorian for the class of 1943. In the fall semester of 1945, she enrolled at Southern University in Baton Rouge, majoring in Home Economics for two years (1945-46) but returned home for one year and taught third grade, at her alma mater, Sabine High School. Evelyn transferred to Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN in 1946 and fulfilled her lifelong dream of obtaining a Bachelor Degree in Home Economics on May 30, 1949.

Returning home for the second and final time, Evelyn again taught at Sabine High School in 1949, as a fourth grade teacher for one calendar year. In 1950, Evelyn transitioned to her field of study in Home Economics and remained in this position until retirement in 1975. However, there were unforeseen duties attached to the position of Home Economic at Sabine High School. Evelyn's additional duties included girls head basketball coach for four years, lunchroom supervisor, class sponsor, along with other duties assigned by principal Mr. T. A. Maxie. The doors of Sabine High were officially closed at the end of the 1970 school year, and in 1971, Evelyn was re-assigned to Many High School's Home Economics Department. Evelyn worked in this capacity until 1975 when she retired after 27 years of dedicated service.

In 1953 Evelyn was united in marriage with Arthur James Bush and they had two sons, Samuel Carleece Bush, Arthur Llewellyn Bush and daughter Linda Bush.

Evelyn Bush re-entered the workforce in June of 1976 to work with the elderly population and became the Outreach Worker for the Sabine Council on Aging in Sabine Parish, and in September her title changed to Nutrition Coordinator which she held until 1999. Evelyn retired from the Council on Aging on December 30, 1999, where she received a proclamation declaring December 30th as "Evelyn Bush Day" from the Town of Many, Louisiana. Evelyn was also presented with a proclamation from the then-Louisiana Governor Mike Foster as well.

Evelyn was a faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church since 1938, and held numerous duties, such as, secretary of the Baptist Training Union (BTU), pianist for Sunday School, Deaconess, member of the Matron's organization, chairperson for the cafeteria, and church treasurer.

Additionally, Evelyn held several key positions on a variety of civic and professional organizational boards. Which included: Commissioner of the Town of Many Zoning Board, Executive Board member of the Taylor House, the Sabine Council on Aging, the Sabine Emergency Food and Shelter Program, co-Chairperson of the Black Heritage Festival, member of the Juneteenth Committee, and the Founder of the National Alumni Association of Sabine High School (NAASHS), where she served as President, Historian, Treasurer, and a host of other important positions to sustain its longevity.

The highest achievement of her life occurred when Evelyn was chosen as the first person of color to become the 2000 Many Christmas Parade Grand Marshal. Many, Louisiana Mayor Ken Freeman made these statements regarding the selection as the Grand Marshal honoree, "When people begin looking for a grand marshal, they usually try to get a television personality or sports star that will be recognized by the community" he said. "The City Council and I decided that we have a lot of stars right here in our town and we started honoring them by naming them because of the things they had done for the town." We were so pleased to recognize a strong leader this year, he said indicating Mrs. Evelyn Bush. "She is a lady of character and style and has always been graceful. She is a retired educator and has worked with the Sabine Council on Aging for many years. She is quiet most of the time and we think she deserved the spotlight today."

Evelyn was also recognized and honored by the Sabine Parish Hall of Fame Committee twice, with the most recent being when she turned 99-years-old in 2024.

Evelyn Bush made this quote about herself after receiving the Parade Grand Marshal invitation, "I have been truly blessed throughout my life-with a loving family, a prosperous career and hundreds of close friends." But most of all, "I LOVE MANY BECAUSE IT IS MY HOMETOWN!."

Those left to cherish her memories are sons: Samuel and Lew Bush of *Many, Louisiana*; daughter Linda Bush of *Houston, Texas*; grandchildren Corintheria Pinesett, Centuryica Jefferson (Marcus) and Roshindia Griffin (Brandon); four great-grandchildren, Kerry Willrich, Jr., Cerraiyha Jefferson (finance Tyler), Tennaiyha Jefferson, and Jeremy Johnson, Jr. all of *Houston, Texas.* Devoted nieces/nephews: Jackie Parson, Jerome Parson, Rickey Parson (Veronica), Bennie Parson (Rena), Rhonda VanBuren (Michael), Toninette Parson (Sonny), LaTonya P. Wardlaw, Evelyn Parson and Tara Parson (Malcolm). Five generations of nieces and nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.



Madear, TT, or Mrs. Bush...to us they all meant the same. A “gift” from God. Thank you for the unconditional love and care that came with being blessed to be apart of your life. We thank God for you and for the many ways you have touched each of our lives. You will be sorely missed. May your legacy of advice live on forever - “take care of each other” because that we will do. Rest now and let God take care of you...we LOVE YOU!

-Linda’s Crew



Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Selection.....	Chior
Scripture Consolation	
Old Testament.....	Pastor John Brumfield
New Testament.....	Pastor Lamar Thomas
Prayer of comfort.....	Pastor Bruce Garner
Selection.....	Chior
Obituary.....	Silently Read
Resolutions/Acknowledgements.....	Sis. Kiara Parson
Special Presentation	Sis. Sandra G. Coleman
Loving Expressions.....	Pete Abington
	Edwina Thomas
	Alama Cross
	Sandra Garner-Coleman
	Emmanuel Curry
	Kayla Hataway
	Family Members
Selection.....	Chior
Words of Comfort	Pastor Jerome Newsome
	Pastor Martin B. Scott
Funeral Oration.....	Rev. Charles Raney Sr.
Recessional	

Interment

New Jerusalem Cemetery
Many, LA

