



Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

Pallbearers

Johnson & Son Funeral Service

Acknowledgements

Our hearts are so full of love and gratitude to all of you. Your prayers, words of consolation, flowers, and the many kind acts, seen and unseen, have sustained us during the loss of our wife, mother, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, and friend. Our prayer for each of you is that God richly bless and keep you.

~The Family~

Interment Ritual

The Committal Ritual.....Minister
Closing Prayer.....Minister
Benediction.....Minister

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A Celebration of Life



Mrs. Betty Lee
THORNTON

August 4, 1946 — February 01, 2024
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
@ 1:00 P.M.



FUNERAL SERVICE
ENON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BLUFFTON, GA
REVEREND RICHARD THORNTON
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Her Life's Journey

A Time to Be Born:

Betty Lee Thornton was born to the late Louise Hunter Lee and the late Sylvester Lee, Sr., on August 4, 1946, in Edison, Georgia.

A Time to Die:

She departed this life Thursday, February 1, 2024, at her residence in Fort Gaines, Georgia.

A Time to Be Educated:

Betty received her secular education in the public schools of Calhoun County, Georgia, graduating from H. T. Singleton High School. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Albany State College. Her Christian education was provided by her parents, the Enon Missionary Baptist Church Family and New Hope Methodist Church.

A Time to Be Employed:

She began her career as an educator in East Orange, New Jersey. Having a desire to return to her roots, Betty moved back to Georgia in the early 1980s, where she served as a middle school teacher with the Randolph County School System until her retirement. Too active for full retirement and a staunch supporter of education, Betty joined Albany Technical College as a teacher for their GED program.

A Time to Worship:

Her Christian fellowship began at an early age, for she joined the Enon Missionary Baptist Church. Later in life, she joined New Hope Methodist Church where served until the Lord called her home.

A Time to Love:

Mrs. Betty Lee Thornton was united in holy matrimony to the love of her life Mr. Cleo Thornton, Jr.

A Time to Be Fruitful:

Betty was a loving mother of two: Yolanda and Kendall.

A Time to Serve:

Betty was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Reflections of a Life Well Lived

A Time to Lose:

Betty was preceded in death by her mother, Louise Hunter Lee, and her father, Sylvester Lee, Sr.; one sister, Leola Lee Leveston; one brother, Steven James Lee; one sister-in-law: Ladessa Thornton; three brothers-in-law: Donell Thornton (Edith), Robert Thornton (Maggie), and Terry Thornton.

A Time to Cherish:

Betty loved her family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Cleo Thornton Jr. of Ft. Gaines; one daughter, Yolanda Yvette Thornton of Ft. Gaines and one son, Kendall Gerard Thornton, Sr. (Letitia) of Dothan; one stepdaughter, Paulette Anderson of New Jersey; two grandchildren, Kendall Thornton, Jr. of Auburn, Malcolm Thornton of Auburn; one great granddaughter, Kayley Ann Carter of Eufaula; four step-granddaughters: Latiyah Helms, Khadejah Helms, Zakiyah Helms, and Kenya Griffin of Dothan; one step-grandson Joshua Reeves of Nashville, TN; four sisters: Rose Hicks (John), Patricia Lofton (Bennie), Constance Biasiotto (Judson) of Albany, Phyllis Parker (Ronnie) of Columbus; four brothers, Bobby Willis (Jean) of Stone Mountain, Sylvester Lee, Jr. of Alberdeen, Maryland, Calvin Lee (Mary) of Albany, and Shannon Lee (Lisa) of Douglasville; one aunt Ethel Dorsey of Edison; four sisters-in-law Minnie Williams, Agnes Glanze, Annette Patmon (Jimmy), and Sonja Thornton; three brothers-in-law Sam Thornton (Beverly), Thomas Thornton (Mary), Jerome Thornton; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

"If Roses Grow in Heaven"

"If roses grow in heaven, Lord please pick a bunch for me, place them in my mother's arms and tell her they're from Me."

Order of Service

MUSICAL PRELUDE
Johnson & Son Funeral Service

PROCESSIONAL
Led by Ministers

INVOCATION
Deacon Ronald Walker

OLD TESTAMENT
Reverend Rada Fair, Sr.

NEW TESTAMENT
Reverend Shirley Cody

REFLECTIONS
Limited to 5 People (2 minutes Please)

SELECTION
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EULOGY
Reverend Richard Thornton

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
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COMMITTAL RITUAL / RECESSIONAL
Reverend Richard Thornton

Interment
Enon Church Cemetery

A repast will not be observed.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS