

## Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

## Pallbearers

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## Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for  
whatever part.

### *The Family*

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# A Celebration of Life



## William Henry Bess

SUNRISE  
JULY 16, 1964

SUNSET  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025  
3:00 P.M.

GREEN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
145 RHODES STREET  
SMITHVILLE, GA 31787

REV. CALVIN ROLLINS, EULOGIST





# Reflections of Life

*William Henry Bess* was born on July 16, 1964, in Sumter County, Georgia, to the late Henry Bess Jr. and his beloved mother, Gussie Mae Bess, both of Smithville, Georgia. He received his education in the Lee County School System.

William peacefully passed away at his home in Smithville, Georgia, on Tuesday, December 31, 2024. He was preceded in death by his sister, Angela Bess.

He is survived by his two cherished children, India (Shamececa) Bess and William (Shamecca) Bess Jr., both of Buffalo, New York; his mother, Gussie Mae Bess; two brothers, Michael (Lisa) Bess of Dunkirk, New York, and Daniel Bess of New Jersey; three sisters: Teresa (Larry) Lawson of Smithville, Georgia, Tara (Milton) Kelcky of Dunkirk, New York; and Loretta (Tony) Berryhill of Americus, Georgia; five aunts: Carrie Thomas, Annie George People, Doris William Angry, and Patricia Thomas, all of Smithville, Georgia, and Doris Bess of Americus, Georgia; four great-aunts: Sherrie (Jimmy) Thomas, Alla (David) Thomas, Doretha (Ricky) Rollins, all of Dunkirk, New York, and Mary French of Smithville, Georgia; His uncles: William (Mary) Thomas III of Leslie, Georgia; Charlie (Linda) Thomas of Smithville, Georgia; Wardel (Diane) Thomas of Preston, Georgia, Leon (Phillis) Thomas of Virginia, Georgia; and Douglas Cutts of Smithville, Georgia; three stepchildren: Mark, Greg, and Kelvin Daniels, as well as eight nephews, seven nieces, and he was the proud uncle to eight great-nieces and eleven great-nephews.

# Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

Processional.....Lead by Ministers  
Parting Glance.....Family and Friends  
Prayer of Comfort..... Minister  
Old Testament.....Minister  
New Testament..... Minister  
Reflection.....(Limited to 4 people).....2 Minutes Please  
Obituary Read Silently ..... Soft Music  
Selection.....Johnson & Son Funeral Service  
Eulogy.....Pastor Calvin Rollins  
Acknowledgment.....Johnson & Son Staff  
Recessional

*Interment: Green Grove Baptist Church Cemetery  
Smithville, GA*



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