

## *What She Meant to Us*

*“I could never come up with the words to express my gratitude for all the unconditional love, nurturing, and care that you showed me. All I can do now is hold close the comfort of knowing how much you loved me. That love is the greatest gift of my life, and I am eternally grateful to have experienced it. You were my safe place, my biggest cheerleader, and my constant source of strength. You showed me what it means to love without limits, to give without hesitation, and to keep going even when life made it hard. Everything I am and everything I hope to become is rooted in the lessons you taught me, simply by being my mom.*

*Even though I can't see you anymore, I feel you everywhere- in the way I laugh, love, and in the way I'll keep carrying your spirit forward. I will miss you every day, but I'll also love you every day, just as you loved me. Always.” – Serenity*

*“Even though you are no longer here physically, you will always be with me in my heart. When I hear “You act just like your grandmother”, I know it's a compliment and means that I am strong because that is how you taught me to be. That is what you always wanted me to be. I appreciate you for being my rock during those times I couldn't stand on my own and I thank God for allowing me to do the same for you. The love I have for you is immeasurable and your leaving took a piece of my heart that can never be replaced. I yearn for an “I love you sweetie”, one more time but will take comfort in knowing that those were the last words you said to me. Until we hug again...”- Ashlee*

*“Mom, I could never thank you enough for all that you've done for me and my kids. I couldn't have made it through this thing called life without you. You'll always be my everything.” Demetrice*

## *Flower Bearers*

Family & Friends

## *Acknowledgments*

The family wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the acts of kindness shown to us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for the calls, visits, prayers, and any other special blessings given. May God continue to bless each one of you.

## *The Family*



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## A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Ms. Doris Mae*  
**BESS**

**OCTOBER 15, 1948- AUGUST 31, 2025**

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**UNION TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**900 ADDERTON STREET**

**AMERICUS, GEORGIA 31719**

**PASTOR LARRY SIMS,  
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# A Life Remembered

*Doris Bess* was born on October 15, 1948, in Smithville, Georgia to the late Henry Bess, Sr. and Odessa Bess. She was preceded in death by both her parents and all her siblings- Ernestine Bennett, Brenda Wade, Rosie M. Cutts, Henry Bess, Jr., and Michael Bess. Her son Cassius “Terrell” Bess and her grandson Gabryon Walker also departed this life before her.

She leaves to honor her memory, a daughter, Demetrice Greene, who blessed her with five grandchildren- Ashlee Bess, Nia Myers, Serenity Bess, and twin boys Chad and Chase Greene. From these grandchildren, came forth four great grandchildren that Doris loved and adored. She also leaves behind her ride or die friends for close to fifty years, Annette Grice and Sandra Williams both of Rochester, New York. A host of nieces, nephews, and other friends will also feel the void that has been left by her transition.

Doris worked in the medical field for over 30 years in Rochester, New York before returning to Americus, Georgia which would be her final resting place. She was a faithful member of Union Tabernacle Baptist Church and made it her mission to still attend services virtually, when she became unable to do so, physically. Doris was always the life of any party, whether it was due to her jazzy fashion sense, outgoing personality, or just because she always kept it real. She enjoyed listening to music, playing cards, and “cutting a rug” every chance she got. Everyone who met her left that encounter feeling as though they had a new mother, aunt, sister, or friend. To many of us, she was simply “Nanny” and will never be forgotten and there is absolutely no one that can take her place in this world.



# Order of Service ~

**PROCESSIONAL**  
Pastor Larry B Sims, Sr.

**LAST GLANCE, CLOSING OF CASKET**  
Family

**HYMN**  
Vincent Cutts and Douglas Cutts

**PRAYER**  
Assistant Pastor Roderick Haugabook

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE-**  
Reverend Greg Cutts

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**  
Belinda Cutts Tyson

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Varnice Sutton

Open to Friends and Family (Limited to 5 People)  
(2 minutes Please)

**POEM**  
Ashlee Bess

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