

Gran's Big Ticket

Gran didn't whisper truth,
She let that thing fly.
If you asked her for honesty,
you better not cry.

She didn't fake feelings,
didn't dress up a lie.
She'd say what she meant
and look you dead in your eye.

Now some called her mean,
but they missed the whole part.
That wasn't meanness,
that was truth with a heart.

A hard outer shell,
but love deep inside.
Win Gran over once,
you had a friend for life.

She'd fuss, then feed you,
that was her way.
Put love in the pot
and grace on the plate.

Her food was so good,
it could change your behavior.
One bite had you thinking,
"I might need a Savior."

She kept us together
through storm, rain, and weather.
When life pulled apart,
Gran stitched it together.

Now Gran loved them tickets,
that scratch-off thrill.
Grandpa ran store trips
like it was part of the will.

Casino lights flashing,
she came there to play.
Chasing that jackpot,
hoping this was the day.

But the biggest win Gran ever knew
wasn't bought in a line.
It started with Grandpa,
and grew over time.

Five children came first,
then the blessings increased.
Grandkids, love, laughter,
a whole family feast.

Gran searched for numbers,
but here's the surprise:
her winning ticket
was standing in our eyes.

Look around this room,
this legacy is proof.
Gran hit the jackpot
when her love became roots.

No ticket, no casino,
no prize could compare.
Her greatest grand prize
is all of us here.

So rest well, Gran,
your race has been run.
You scratched off a family...

And every one of us won.

Flower Bearers
Nieces and Family

Pallbearers
Grandkids and Family

"Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you." -John 16:22

Acknowledgements

The family of Linda Jean Zellner Banks wishes to express their deepest gratitude for the many expressions of love, prayers, comforting words, and support shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God richly bless each of you.

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*Celebration
of Life*

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Linda JEAN ZELLNER BANKS

NOVEMBER 19, 1950 – MAY 20, 2026



Tuesday,
MAY 26, 2026
AT 1:00 PM

WEST MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH
117 Atkins Street | Barnesville, GA 30204

Rev. Waylon Knight, Pastor
Rev. Freeman Fuller Jr., Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Linda Jean Zellner Banks was born on November 19, 1950, to the late Betty Jean Zellner and was lovingly raised in the home of the late Morris and Mattie Jackson.

On May 20, 2026, Linda peacefully transitioned from her earthly journey into the presence of the Lord, surrounded by her loving family at home.

Linda grew up in Lamar County, Georgia, where she attended local schools. At an early age, she confessed her faith in Christ and joined the church. Throughout her life, Linda was known as a dedicated and hardworking woman who held various professional positions within her local community. However, her greatest joy came from caring for and nurturing her family. She deeply treasured the time spent with her loved ones and valued the strong bonds they shared.

Linda was preceded in death by her beloved mother; the parents who lovingly raised her, Morris and Mattie Jackson; her dear siblings, Johnny Zellner, Bobby Zellner, Larry Zellner, Carlos Jackson, Elaine Zellner, Norris Zellner, and Marsha Shotomide; her devoted mother-in-law, Henrietta Banks; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Sammy Banks and Anita Banks.

Her love, warmth, and enduring spirit will forever live on through the generations she leaves behind. She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted husband, B.J. Banks; five loving children, Linda Hayden (James), Eldridge Banks (Susan), Sharon Banks, Melody Ringer (Carl), and Adrian Banks (Meyoun).

She is also survived by her siblings: Nancy Holloway, Joanne Zellner, Judy Johnson (Tommy), and Vicki Jackson, all of Barnesville, GA; Robert L. Zellner and Curtis Jackson of Griffin, GA; and John Wesley Jackson and Betty Jean Jackson of Atlanta, GA.

Her sisters-in-law include Betty Oneal, Barbara Ann Harris, Charlotte McClendon, and Linda Edge, all of Barnesville, GA, and Juanita Taylor of Griffin, GA. Her brothers-in-law include Tony Banks and Alonzo Banks, both of Barnesville, GA.

Linda also leaves behind thirteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members, along with her devoted lifelong friend, Pearl Jones, and many other relatives and friends who will cherish her memory always.



Order of Service

Processional
Minister, Family, and Friends

Prayer
Rev. Waylon Knight

Scripture Readings
Rev. Cedric Falling

Old and New Testament

Solo
Mr. Cedric Zellner

Poem (dedication from the grandchildren)
Mr. Jarvis Penn

Remarks
Open (2 minutes per person)

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Eulogy
Rev. Freeman Fuller Jr.

Interment
West Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery

Repast
West Mt. Sinai Fellowship Hall