



The Life and Legacy of A Life Well Lived!

Mother Hazel Lavan Bush Brandon was born on January 31, 1923 in Bishopville, South Carolina to the late Henry Young and Adeline Lavan. She departed this life early Monday morning, March 3, 2025 surrounded by her loving family, at the Greens at Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Hazel received her education in the Lee County School System in South Carolina. As a child, the family moved to Upper Cleveland County where they worked as sharecroppers. They worked as sharecroppers until they moved to Sunbeam Farm in 1948. Hazel began her career as a domestic worker. She retired after fifty four years of service for the Grier Beam Family. After retirement, she continued to care for others. Hazel found relaxation in gardening, canning and most of all FISHING. Her dressing on Thanksgiving was the best! Most important to her was her daily walk with GOD and reading her Bible. She was affectionately called "Big Mama."

She became a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in 1942. She was a faithful member having served as President of the Usher Board, President of the Senior Missionary, Director of the Murrayettes Choir, Sunday School Teacher and Mother of the Church. She held the office of District III President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association. She was a dedicated member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Past Chaplain and Electra.

Hazel was married to the late Oscar J. Bush and this union were blessed with four children. In 1963, Hazel married the late William G. Brandon. In addition to her parents, Oscar Bush and William Brandon she was preceded in death by her only brother, Benny Young.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories in the hearts of her devoted and loving children: Annie Johnson of Alpharetta, GA; Doris Davis of the home; Maurice Bush of Gastonia, NC; Glenda Burris (Jeffery) of Cherryville, NC. her memory and legacy will live on through five generations of seven grandchildren, LaDena Johnson, Tommie Jackson Jr. (Keshia), Donna Johnson, Mandell Jackson (Kimberly), Debbie Johnson, Ricky Collins, Jr. (Fran), Jessica Burris, seven great grandchildren, three great great-grandchildren, her special Godchildren, David Pettyjohn, Frances White, Annette Ross, Michael Beam, Tessley Harris Bradsher, Tracey Cline and to all who called her "Big Mama." She also leave several cousins and friends.

Her parting words to all she loved, if you said "I Love You," she would reply "I LOVE YOU MORE."



Order of Service

Dr. Benjamin Hinton, Officiating Pastor



Processional.....Clergy, Family, and Friends
Receiving of Family and Friends1:30 pm - 2:00 pm
 Zion Hill Combined Choirs - Queen Esther Chapter #1 OES
Call to Worship/Invocation.....Dr. Benjamin Hinton
Musical Selection.....Tabernacle Hymn Choir
Scripture Readings:
Old Testament Proverbs 31:10-31Dr. Terry Cline
New Testament...Revelation 21:1-4 ..Dr. Clinton Feemster
Prayer of ComfortDr. Benjamin Hinton
Musical Selection.....Tabernacle Hymn Choir
Remarks: (Please respect a 2 minute time please)
 Mayor H. L. Beam
 Rev. Nathaniel Craig, Family Friend
 Barbara Jefferies, Zion Hill
 Annette Ross, Ebenezer Association
 Dr. Kelly Randall, Lavan Family
 Wesley Lawson, Bush Family
 Mandell Jackson, Grandson
Acknowledgements/ResolutionsMs. Pamela Harris
Musical Selection Rev. Ricky Collins
Eulogy Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller
Parting ViewFamily
Recessional ZHBC Combined Choirs

Committal/Interment
Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery
Cherryville, North Carolina



Floral Bearers

Queen Esther
Chapter No. 1 OES

Pall Bearers

Tryon Lodge No. 8

"In Gratitude"

To all who touched our hearts, lifted our spirits, offered prayers, uttered words of encouragement, gave gifts, sent cards, text messages, made phone calls, participated in the Worship, traveled across the miles and shared in any way, we thank you. We are equally grateful for the outpour of love from the community. We would especially like to thank all the Pastors and Ministers.

A very special thank you to ENT Carolina,
Peak Resources of Cherryville, VIA Health Partners,
The Greens of Lincolnton, Mamie Richardson
and Michael Beam for loving on our mother and your
excellent care.

The Bush and Brandon Family

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Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servant
Mother Hazel Lavan Bush Brandon



Saturday, March 8, 2025

2:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church

Cherryville, North Carolina

Rev. Dr. Roger W. Fuller, Eulogist