

Pallbearers

Deacon Michael Lowe
Deacon William Smith
Deacon Earlie Clark
Brother Clarence White

Deacon Earnest Harvey
Deacon Raymond Terrell
Deacon Thomas Stallwood
Deacon Fred Stallings

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Herbert Allen
Brother Carl Jones
Brother Willie James "Bo" Morgan

Brother Johnny Boynton
Brother Charles Lyons
Brother Jule Washington

Flower Bearers

Moses Missionary Baptist Deaconess
Moses Missionary Baptist Women's Mission
Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Incorporated
CSRA Aging Centenarian Club
Alumni of Benedict College



I'm Free

DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME, FOR NOW, I'M FREE. I'M FOLLOWING THE PATH GOD LAID FOR ME. I TOOK HIS HAND WHEN I HEARD HIM CALL; I TURNED MY BACK AND LEFT IT ALL. I COULD NOT STAY ANOTHER DAY, TO LAUGH, TO LOVE, TO WORK OR PLAY. TASKS LEFT UNDONE MUST STAY THAT WAY; I FOUND THAT PLACE AT THE CLOSE OF DAY. IF MY PARTING HAS LEFT A VOID, THEN FILL IT WITH REMEMBERED JOY. A FRIENDSHIP SHARED, A LAUGH, A KISS; OH YES, THESE THINGS, I TOO WILL MISS. BE NOT BURDENED WITH TIMES OF SORROW. I WISH YOU THE SUNSHINE OF TOMORROW. MY LIFE'S BEEN FULL, I SAVORED MUCH; GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, A LOVED ONES TOUCH. PERHAPS MY TIME SEEMS ALL TOO BRIEF; DON'T LENGTHEN IT NOW WITH UNDUE GRIEF. LIFT UP YOUR HEART AND SHARE WITH ME, GOD WANTED ME NOW, HE SET ME FREE.



Expressions of Gratitude

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness and support extended to them throughout the many years, but especially during this period of bereavement. Your love, prayers, thoughtfulness will be treasured always. Thank you to all the caretakers, the staff at Trinity Home Care, Ann Hamilton, Crystal Marshall, Gloria Fortson, Debra Pride, Sandra Lewis, Carol Tweedle, Eleanor Prince, Brian Prince, Judy Lamback, Emma Kelton, Pastor Wilcher, and members of Moses Missionary Baptist Church.

- The Family

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Edna P. Bush

Sunrise
November 21, 1910

Sunset
February 16, 2019

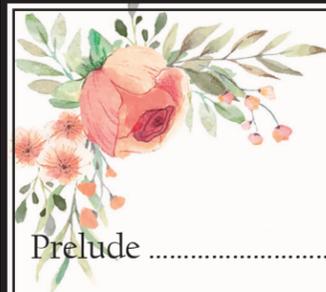


Saturday, February 23, 2019
11:00 A.M.

MOSES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Augusta, Georgia



Reverend Jamaal Wilcher, Pastor
- Officiating -



Order of Service

REVEREND JAMAAL WILCHER, PRESIDING

Prelude Ms. Javonne Jones, *Violinist*

Processional R.B. Bush Choir / Sanctuary Choir
"Blessed Assurance"

Preparational Hymn Deacon William Smith
"A Charge To Keep I Have"

Scripture and Prayer of Comfort Reverend Freddie Lee Bush
PASTOR, SILVER SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Solo Ms. Kim Mungo

Silent Reading of the Obituary Congregation

Selection R.B. Bush Choir / Sanctuary Choir
"For The Rest of My Life"

Greetings Deacon Fred Stallings
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamback
Mrs. Eleanor Prince and State Representative Brian Prince

Solo Mr. Alvin Greenwood
5TH GRADE STUDENT, JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY

Expressions of Gratitude Mrs. Emma Kelton

Family Tribute Granddaughters
"I Shall Wear A Crown"

Words of Comfort Reverend Jamaal Wilcher
PASTOR, MOSES BAPTIST CHURCH

Recessional R.B. Bush Choir / Sanctuary Choir
"Going Up Yonder"

Interment Mount Olive Memorial Gardens



... Repast ...

Moses Missionary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall





Every Woman - She Is

SHE'S A WORKING WOMAN
WITH OLD HANDS
NO-
NOT OLD HANDS
ANTIQUE HANDS
APPRECIATING IN VALUE
STILL FULL OF PURPOSE

SHE'S A PREACHING WOMAN
HER FAME IS HELD STRONG
BY HIS HAND
SHE BRINGS PEACE IN HER PRESENCE
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR GOD
YOU NEED ONLY SEE HER SMILE

SHE'S A MEDICINE WOMAN
WITH WISE EYES
HEALING KISSES AND
WORDS FOR CURE-ALLS
TAKE TWO AND SHE'LL CALL YOU
IN THE MORNING

SHE'S A COOKING WOMAN
KNEE-DEEP IN THE KITCHEN
WITH A PATENT
ON THE RECIPE FOR LOVE
THOUGH SHE CALLS IT SWEET POTATO SOUFFLÉ

SHE'S A TEACHING WOMAN
WITH FEET THAT LEAVE LARGE IMPRESSIONS
IN THE PATHS SHE CROSSES
SHE COULD SHOW YOU HOW
TO WALK A FEW MORE MILES
IN YOUR OWN SHOES
IF YOU'LL ONLY FOLLOW HER FOOTSTEPS

SHE'S A MOTHERING WOMAN
IN HER WISDOM
SHE HAS MADE US HER LEGACY
AND OUR OWN INHERITANCE
EACH A SHINING BLACK PEARL
CULTURED BY THIS WOMAN'S HANDS.

- BY CHANTELE WHITNEY BATEMAN -

THE PHOENIX AND BUSH FAMILIES ARE HONORED
TO SHARE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF

Mrs. Edna P. Bush

MRS. EDNA PHOENIX BUSH, at one hundred and eight years old, entered peacefully into rest on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at the home of her son with the family surrounding. She was a native of Blackville, South Carolina. Mrs. Bush born on November 21, 1910, was reared in a Christian home. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Devant and Hattie Phoenix. She was the eighth child of thirteen children.

Mrs. Bush began her education in 1915 at the age of five by attending school next to her church, Little Ebenezer. During that time, her church offered school three months of each year which added up to approximately twelve weeks out of the year. The State of South Carolina had a rule that a student must attend twenty-four weeks a year to be promoted. This caused many of the students at her school to remain in school a bit longer than what we are familiar with today. An average student, at her school, could spend up to two years in each grade (Kindergarten through fifth grade).

Mrs. Bush attended junior high school at Emerson Institute in Blackville, South Carolina (similar to Haines Institute, Bettis Academy, Avery Institute, and Boggs Academy). Modeled after the Freedmen's Bureau Schools, the Blackville Emerson Industrial Institute was founded in the late 1880s; maintained for several years as an independent, nondenominational school, under the care of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Mrs. Bush drove her mule "Mike" and wagon to Emerson Junior High School each day. This was a sixteen-mile round trip. Due to her persistence, she graduated as Valedictorian in 1928. This enabled her to receive a medallion, a five dollar gold piece, and a scholarship to attend Barber Seminary High School in Anniston, Alabama, another private Presbyterian School. This is where she earned her high school diploma and teaching certificate in 1932. During this time, you were eligible to receive a teaching certificate, if you were a high school graduate.



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Mrs. Bush's teaching career began in Allendale, South Carolina. While teaching, she returned to school to obtain her college degree from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, a Baptist college. She was a devoted alumnus of Benedict College, because of their support of her efforts to earn a college degree. Benedict College allowed her to attend summer school on credit. Meaning she could pay for her summer courses when she began teaching in the fall. She took forty summer courses and extension classes (one hundred twenty semester hours) for over a twenty year period. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Benedict College in 1956. It is noted she took courses at South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) in Orangeburg, South Carolina and The University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina and Aiken, South Carolina.

Mrs. Bush taught public school for forty years in Aiken and Barnwell Counties. Many of her students were fond of her as "their teacher" at Harden Academy, Diamond Lake Academy, Gum Pond, Dunbarton Academy, Spider Webb School, and Jefferson Elementary. Mrs. Bush loved her family and her church. Her favorite scriptures were Psalm 91, Psalm 37 and I Corinthians 1:13. Mrs. Bush married Reverend R. B. Bush and served as a devoted wife for forty-five years until he passed away in January 1979. She was the first lady of Moses Missionary Baptist Church for thirty-eight years. She is best known for her wisdom, love of flowers, generosity, and compassion toward others. She raised her family to stick together, love each other, and always put God first.

She was the loving mother of four sons: Robert (*Virginia) Bush, *Alton Bush, Ronald (Valerie) Bush, and *Carl Bush; eight grandchildren, Ovanual Bush, Peter (Melony) Bush, Devant Bush, Lance (Denise) Bush, Tujuana (Ronald) Wiggins, Tyra (Michael) Epps, Sabrina Muldrow, and Brian Bush; nine great-grandchildren, Maya Muldrow, Noah Muldrow, Michael Epps, Jr., Sydney Epps, Sidney Bush, Skylar Bush, Mya Wiggins, Lauren Wiggins and Robert Epps; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She leaves to the Lord her children and their family.

*Deceased



Celebrate My Life

THERE IS NO NEED FOR TEARS.

I AM AT PEACE; MY SOUL IS AT REST.

THERE IS NO PAIN; I SUFFER NOT,

FOR WITH YOUR LOVE I WAS SO BLESSED.

I'M IN A PLACE OF COMFORT;

THE FEAR IS NOW ALL GONE.

PUT THOSE THINGS OUT OF YOUR THOUGHTS.

IN YOUR MEMORY, I LIVE ON.

REMEMBER NOT MY FIGHT FOR BREATH.

REMEMBER NOT THE STRIFE.

PLEASE DO NOT DWELL UPON MY DEATH,

BUT CELEBRATE MY LIFE.

