

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So He closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you did not go alone...  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.



### Active Pallbearers

Bro. Waymon Taylor                      Bro. Earnest Taylor Jr.  
Bro. Michael Paulk                      Bro. Carlos Nelson  
Bro. Tommy Warren                      Bro. George Curry

### Honorary Pallbearers

Deacons of Hightower Memorial Temple

### Honorary Escorts

Hightower Memorial Temple Mothers

### Floral Bearers

Friends of the Family  
HMT Ushers

### Acknowledgements

The Family of the late Mother Juanita Darby wishes to acknowledge with sincere thanks to our many relatives and friends for the many kind acts afforded us during this difficult time. Your prayers, phone calls, cards, floral arrangements, and encouraging words were a source of strength during the illness and subsequently the passing of our love one. Your expressions of love exhibited the love you had for her. It also represented your love for Christ. Our prayer is that God continues to bless each of you abundantly and may He return in full measure the love, comfort and care you bestowed upon us.

### Interment

Douglas City Cemetery

### Repast

HLB Fellowship Hall (Hightower Memorial Temple)

Final rites were entrusted to:



Mr. Sidney Keith Harrell- Licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer  
400 E. Cherry Street  
Douglas, Georgia 31533  
(912) 384-2251

## *Celebration of Life For Juanita Goodman Darby*



*Sunrise:*  
March 22, 1935

*Sunset:*  
June 2, 2018

*Saturday, June 9, 2018*  
**11:00 A.M.**

*Hightower Memorial Temple*  
303 College Park Drive  
Douglas, Georgia 31533

*Bishop Lorenzo Moore, Presiding Prelate House of God Saints in Christ, Inc.*

*Mother Leola Johnson, Georgia Diocese Mother HOGSIC, Presiding*

*Elder Randolph Scott, Pastor/Officiating*



# The Obituary

"But Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ". I Corinthians 15:57

We pause today to pay tribute, to reflect on the life of a Dear Mother, Mother Juanita Goodman Darby.

**On March 22, 1985** in Coffee County, Georgia, Juanita Goodman was born to the late Mr. Aggie and Mrs. Truly Goodman. She was a very smart little pretty girl who went about her way increasing in knowledge and understanding by being educated in the public schools of Douglas/Coffee County, Georgia. She was a dedicated employee at PCC Airfoils and loved her work. Many of the employees respected her so much so, that she became a very close friend like a god-mother to many. She was married to the late Mr. John(Peter)Darby.

Nurtured in a Christian home, she accepted Christ as her personal savior at a very early age and became a member of New Bethel House of God Saints in Christ, Inc (now Hightower Memorial Temple) under the Pastorage of Bishop Nick Hightower, Sr., whom she respected very much. She loved the Lord and participated in all the church activities. She remained at Hightower her entire life. She had a passion for singing the "Ole Time Gospel Songs." At one time, Mother Darby sang in the Church Choir, served as a Group Leader, Chairperson of many special programs such as Founder's Day, which honored the late Founder, Bishop Hightower.

She was preceded in death by her Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. Aggie Goodman and seven Siblings: Nadine Pope, Susie Osborne, Alene Goodman, Aggie Goodman Jr., Otis Goodman, Raymond Goodman, and Johnny(Billy) Goodman.

On Saturday morning, **June 2, 2018**, after an extended illness, she made her transition from this life to eternity.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: Her Children, Robin (Eric) Catus, Richmond, Virginia, Carla T. Miller, Douglas, Georgia and Kimberly (Michael) Wilkerson, Albany, Georgia; Four Grandchildren, Alexandria Sanders, Athens, Georgia, Landis Miller, Douglas, Georgia, Christian Wilkerson and Nicholas Wilkerson, Albany, Georgia, two Great-grandchildren, Elijah and Adalynn Miller, Douglas, Georgia; four Sisters, Louise Graves, Rockledge, Florida, Lurlyne Williams, Jurell (Wendell) Brockington, and Shirley Jordan, all of Douglas, Georgia; five Sister-in-laws, Martha Goodman, Carolyn Goodman, Marie Sretchen, Geneva Reed, Rachel Bivens; two Brothers-in-law, Fisher Pope and Monroe Wilson, several nephews, nieces, cousins, friends and Church Family.

Special Thanks to Mother Mary Wilkerson, Mr. George & Ms. Maxine Wilkerson and Family, Ms. Cheryl Cunningham Young, Minister Travaski Adams, Mayor Pro-tem, Kentaiwon Durham, Hightower Memorial Temple Mothers' Board, the Staff of Life Care Center, Fitzgerald, GA and Pastor and First Lady Scott.

# Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free!  
Miss me a little - But not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me but let me go!  
For this journey, we all must take, and each must go alone.  
A step in the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows  
In doing good deeds.



We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday, and days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name.  
All we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts.

# The Order of Service

**Mother Leola Johnson, Presiding**

*Georgia Diocese Mother House of God saints in Christ, Inc.*

The Prelude

The Processional.....The Ministers and Family

The Invocation.....Minister Maurice Wilcox

Scriptures:

Old Testament.....Minister Bobbie Jean Taylor

New Testament.....Mother Alene Goolsby

Praise & Worship.....Hightower Memorial Temple's Choir

The Reflections: Mrs. Kimberly Wilkerson

Mr. Christian Wilkerson

Mrs. Robin Catus

Pastor Landis Miller

Elder Michael A. White

Condolences and Acknowledgements.....Mother Shirley Carswell

Selection.....Hightower Memorial Temple's Choir

Eulogy.....Pastor Randolph D. Scott

The Recessional