

Precious Memories



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Life Reflections

Today, we pause to pay tribute to the late Mother Ionia Williams Chestnut, was born September 4, 1933, to the late Charlie and Stella Brantley Williams in Willacoochee, GA. Mother Chestnut was educated through the Atkinson County School System.

At an early age, she joined St. Paul AME Church in Willacoochee, Ga. Mother Chestnut was united in holy matrimony to the late Deacon Emory Chestnut Sr. To this union, six children were born. Later in life, Mrs. Chestnut joined House of God Church in Willacoochee, GA, under the leadership of the late Bishop Viola B. Jackson, where she served faithfully. Upon moving to Columbia, SC, she united with The Greater Outreach Ministries under the leadership of Pastor Vincent Jones, where she served faithfully until her passing.

Mother Chestnut was known for her love of God. beautiful flowers, cooking, traveling, and helping many.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emory Chestnut Sr. and one daughter Mary Chestnut.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters: Magalene (Henry) Blair of Jacksonville, FL, Pauline C. (John H.) Tomblin of Waycross, GA and Lavern (Lorenzo) Lane of Columbia, SC; three sons: Emory Chestnut Jr. of Douglas, GA, Willie Lee (Dawn) Chestnut of Jacksonville, FL, and Eddie James (Paulette) Chestnut of Waycross, GA; two sisters: Ludell (Christopher) Roberts of Philadelphia, PA and Martha Williams of Hazlehurst, GA; two brothers: Bishop Preston W. (Wilma) Williams II of Fayetteville, GA and Eddie Williams of Hazlehurst, GA; twelve grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service Elder Deland Bailey, Presiding

Enter Semina Sundy, Tresumy
The Processional
The InvocationElder Deland Bailey
The Scripture ReadingPastor Vincent Jones
The Solo "Move On Up A Little Higher"Pastor Willie Carter
The Reflection
As a Brother/UncleThe Right Reverend Preston W. Williams II
Retired Bishop of The African Methodist Episcopal Church
The SoloSister Stephanie Braswell
The Words of ComfortPastor Vincent Jones
Greater Outreach Ministries
The AcknowledgementsMother Ionia's Children
The Resolutions
The Committal Service
The Benediction

Life Reflections

Today, we pause to pay tribute to Mrs. Pauline Chestnut Tomblin, was born June 22, 1952, in Atkinson County, Georgia, to the late Emory and Ionia Williams Chestnut.

On September 16, 1973, she was joined in holy wedlock to her childhood sweetheart, Mr. John H. Tomblin. To this union, one child was born.

At an early age, Mrs. Tomblin joined the House of God under the leadership of late Bishop Viola B. Jackson. Upon moving to Waycross, GA, she united with the Family Worship Center under the leadership of Bishop James Swinson. She was a faithful member.

Mrs. Tomblin was educated in the Coffee County School System. She continued her education at Valdosta State University, where she obtained her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Sociology. After working several years as a social worker, she retired from the Ware County Board of Education. She enjoyed traveling and meeting people.

She was preceded in death by her parents Emory and Ionia Williams Chestnut, and one sister Mary Chestnut.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving and devoted husband: John H. Tomblin; one son: Dempsey Lamar (Jessica) Tomblin of Mountain View, CA; two sisters: Magalene (Henry) Blair of Jacksonville, FL and Lavern (Lorenzo) Lane of Columbia, SC; three brothers: Emory Chestnut Jr. of Douglas, GA, Willie Lee (Dawn) Chestnut of Jacksonville, FL, and Eddie James (Paulette) Chestnut of Waycross, GA; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; mother-inlaw: Lucille Paulk Lockhart of Willacoochee, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends.