

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen 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've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all too brief  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now – He set me free.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Hightower Memorial Temple Deacons and Brothers

## *Active Pallbearers*

Brother Shad Arnold      Brother Marcus Green  
Brother Calvin Brand Jr.      Brother Marcus Harris  
Brother Kawaski Brand      Brother Bennie Moore  
Brother Elexander Carswell      Brother Marquavious Paulk

## *Honorary Escorts*

Hightower Memorial Temple Mother's Board

## *Flower Attendants*

Ushers and Friends of the Family

## *Acknowledgements*

No words can express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the tremendous acts of kindness. We thank you for the comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers, any calls, cards, food and donations during the illness and subsequently, the demise of Mother Hester Carswell Buchanan. We are grateful to have Family and Friends like you. Your presence during this difficult time will always be in our hearts. You are a testimony to Mother Buchanan's life and legacy. Special thanks to Bishop Randolph Scott and the members of Hightower Memorial Temple, as well as, Bishop Denning and Life Changers Ministries. They have all helped to sustain us.

## *The Family*



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:  
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# *A Celebration of Homegoing*



*Mother Hester Carswell Nelson Buchanan*  
*Sunrise: April 30, 1935 - Sunset: February 28, 2023*

Saturday, March 4, 2023  
3:00 PM

HIGHTOWER MEMORIAL TEMPLE HOGSIC  
303 College Park Drive  
Douglas, Georgia 31533

Bishop Richard Denning, Officiating  
Bishop Randolph D. Scott, Pastor, Eulogist

Bishop Lorenzo Moore, Presiding Prelate - House of God Saints in Christ



# Life Reflections

## Her Beginnings

On Tuesday, April 30, 1935, in Douglas, Georgia, Tom and Mattie Carswell Simpson welcomed their beautiful child, a daughter they named Hester Lee. She had 9 siblings, Johnny B. Carswell, Mozelle Carswell, Mattie B. Carswell, Lucy Carswell, Raymond Lee Carswell, Nathaniel Carswell, Tommy Lee Carswell, Julia Carswell, McLeatha Carswell who all preceded her in death.

## Her Family

Hester was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Melvin Buchanan. As the matriarch of the Carswell-Buchanan family, Hester shared a significant piece of herself with each and every family member. This was by far, her greatest accomplishment. Hester was an exceptional mother who was more than happy to be the central figure in the lives of her children. She was the proud mom of a son, Tony Nelson and daughter, Gloria Nelson, who both preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memory, daughter, Mamie C. Johnson (Willie); daughter, Annette N. Johnson (Ulysess), son, Fredrick Nelson, son, Francis Nelson (Carolyn), son, Nathaniel Nelson, daughter, Tammy G. Thomas (Elijah), son, Everette B. Nelson (Mildred), daughter, Melanie T. Reives (John), son, DeCarlos D. Nelson, daughter, Briana N. Taylor; Grandchildren, NeKonja, Courtney (Tiffany), Amiri, Everette, Monique, Shaira, Michael, Ashton, Donte; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren, god-children, First Lady Andrea O (Bishop Michael) White, Pastor Michael (First Lady Renita) Northcutt; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

## Her Passions

Hester was very passionate about her relationship with God and her church community. She was a devout member of Hightower Memorial Temple House of God Saints in Christ. Being a pioneer of the first House of God Saints in Christ church established in Douglas, GA, she was a dedicated member who graciously served on the usher board, mother board, and on the hospitality committee for many years.

Mother Buchanan, "Aunt Monk" as she was so eloquently called, took great pride in being the only aunt for her many nieces and nephews. She loved spending time in the kitchen preparing meals for her loved ones. She was well known in the community as a passionate caregiver and she cared deeply for her family and neighbors. She did this not out of obligation, but because of who she was and the love in her heart. She was always the first to offer help, pray, and she was always willing to make a difference. Mother Buchanan ensured that everyone who crossed her threshold was safe, healthy, and happy.

## Her Memory

Although Hester's transition on February 28, 2023 leaves a tremendous void in the hearts of her family and friends, we are grateful for the extended time God shared his angel. Her final days were spent surrounded by the family and friends that Hester had touched in some way throughout her long, memorable life. As it would be her prayer, may we continue to love each other unselfishly.

# Precious Memories



# Order of Service

*Bishop Richard Denning, Officiating*

Life Changers Ministries, Douglas, Georgia

The Processional....."In the Morning When I Rise"

The Final Glimpse

The Invocation..... Superintendent Raymond Carswell

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament.....Minister Bobbie Jean Taylor

The New Testament.....Pastor Timothy Warren

The Hymn..... "A Charge to Keep".....Pastor Landis Miller

The Reflections.....Please Limit 2 Minutes Please

As a Member.....Deacon Edwin Taylor

As a Mother.....Mother Leola Johnson

As a Friend.....Mother Shirley Denning

As a Neighbor.....Sister Martha McNear

As A Daughter-in-Law.....Minister Mildred Nelson

The Solo.....Minister Darlene Jackson

The Eulogy.....Bishop Randolph D. Scott

The Acknowledgements.....Harrell' Staff

The Committal Service

The Closing Prayer

The Recessional

*"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course. I have kept the faith."*

*II Timothy 4: 6-7*