



## Bertha Hankins

June 23, 1916 - August 24, 2008

Family Hour will be held at 12:00 Noon, Friday, August 29, 2008 at Browne's Mortuary, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., with the funeral commencing at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Robert Harris will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. Bertha L. Hankins was born in Clarksville TN (St. Bethlehem) on June 23, 1916 and passed away Sunday, August 24, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center-Cooper at the age of 92 years. Bertha relocated to Saginaw, MI from Tennessee in 1943, married John H. Hankins on October 5, 1952. She retired from GM Malleable Iron in 1974 and was a member of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Mother's Board. Bertha donated generously to the American Breast Cancer Society, Blind/Visually Impaired and Disabled/Handicapped Veterans. Bertha leaves to cherish her memories, three daughters, Mary (Liz) Harris, Atlanta, GA, Teresa Stitt, Saginaw, MI and Marilyn Diane Carter, Phoenix, AZ; one son, Leslie H. Bowens, Saginaw, MI; eight granddaughters; five grandsons; several great and great-great-grandchildren; four nieces, Patti Jackson, Philadelphia, Charlene Crenshaw and Annette Lofton, Indianapolis, IN and Patricia Poindexter, Clarksville, TN; two nephews, Rev. William and Sammy Poindexter, Clarksville, TN; one sister-in-law, Edith Poindexter, Clarksville, TN; special cousin, caregiver and friend, Emma (Liz) Neloms; other special family members and friends, Rev. & Mrs. Willie D. Hankins, Carolyn Riley, Freddie Simpson; Shirley Presley and Mr. & Mrs. Johnny McDole; a host of other relatives, friends, neighbors and

associates. Bertha was preceded in death by her husband, daughter, son, grandson, parents, sister and brothers.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ You will be missed. We love you but God loves you more.

John Crenshaw Sr. & Family - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Bertha Hankins

Mrs. Anna Catherine Johnson - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ GOD, BLESS AND KEEP ALL SAVE AND CLOSE TOGETHER. IN PRAYED, REMEMBER HER IN YOUR HEART AND SHE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU, AND US LOVE HER GODbrother Charlie O.Mannie.

Charlie &Princess Mannie - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the family and especially my cousins Liz Harris and Teresa Stitt:

*She fought a good fight, she finished her course, she kept the faith.  
Henceforth she has received her crown which the Lord the  
rightheous judge hath laid up for her.*

*Be encourage and strengthened.*

*With Love and Sympathy  
Your Cousin  
Rosetta Felton Underwood*

Rosetta Felton Underwood - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I will miss the many occasions of joy, laughter, and phone conversations that I had with my aunt, but most of all her loving kindness and understanding in troubled times.

So, as I find words of comfort from the scriptures, I say to the rest of the family and friends

"Blessed be God, even the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation (2Corinthians 1:3-4a)", and in John 11:25 & 26, Jesus said---"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

Let us remember and rejoice, for Auntie, death was a victorious moment!

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Corinthians 15:53-57)."

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**Kyatina Bowie** - August 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM