



## Ernestine Banks

May 16, 1924 - June 19, 2012

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Marvin T. Smith will officiate with entombment in Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum. Friends may call at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Wednesday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. A service of memory celebrating the life of Ernestine O. Banks, who was born May 16, 1924 in Glendora, Mississippi and passed away June 19, 2012 at home at the age of 88 years. She was a member of Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board, Nurses Guild and Missionary Society. Ernestine was a member of the Bright Star Chapter #22 OES, Amaranth-Blue Star Court #3, Heroines of Jericho, Lily of the Valley Court #2, Oasis Court #2, Daughter of the Sphinx, Royal Ladies Sheba Palace and the Unique Club. She was a former member of the American Legion, Study Culture Club, Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Saginaw and the Women League Voters. She was a dedicated employee at Saginaw General Hospital as a Pediatrician Tech for over 30 years and UPJOHN Home Healthcare for 20 years. Ernestine leaves not to mourn, but rather rejoice in having known and loved her, 2 children, Albert (Betty) Robinson and Ronald Davis, both of Saginaw, MI. She raised as her own, 3 grandchildren, Jimmie D. Beavers, Saginaw, MI, Tonya Beavers Young of Kuwait and Angella Beavers Staton, Saginaw, MI and 1 great-great-granddaughter, Adrienne (Jacques) Beavers, Saginaw, MI. She also leaves 11 grandchildren, Annette

Robinson, Ernestine (Richard) Parker of Georgia, Diardra (Terry) Beavers, Saginaw, MI, Corniethia (Marvell) Harvey, Grand Rapids, MI, Anthony Robinson of California, Clifford (Cora) Banks, Muskegon, MI, Vincent Davis, Saginaw, MI, Stacy (Reginald) Davis-Diggs, Saginaw, MI, Timothy Robinson, Grand Rapids, MI, Howard Robinson, Grand Rapids, MI and Tangela (Elvin) Owens, Saginaw, MI; 28 great-grandchildren, three of which she cared for daily, Serena Beavers, Saginaw, MI, La’Kishna Beavers, Flint, MI and Curtis Beavers, Flint, MI; 38 great-great- grandchildren, 1 great-great-great-grandchild, Christian M. Barrera; 1 very special niece, Mary L. Jones, Elkhart, IN; 3 very special cousins, Bessie Thompson of Tennessee, Ernest (Johnny Boy) Flowers and Mildred (Rev. Richard) Thompson Clark; 1 goddaughter, Sandra (Timothy) Russ-Lowery; and 1 godson, Willie McKether. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jimmy and Mary Walker; husband, Clifford W. Banks; sister, Leontine Kemp; brother, Stanley Walker; daughter, Frankie Mae Robinson-Phillips; and her very dear friend, Brooksie Russ. The family would like to thank Helping Hand, A&D Healthcare, Health Source of Saginaw, MI and Hospice for their exceptional care of our most precious loved one.

# Tribute Wall

TY

“ HER EYES

*Gone are the eyes that watched me grow  
The eyes that were able to see into my soul Together we climbed  
mountains and made it through the pain Only to find out that  
someday it would be forever changed*

*As you've gotten weaker, I've gotten stronger Able to take care of  
myself even though I didn't want to*

*You'd be proud of my wit, my confidence and my charm  
People say I'm just like you and I know all about your charms  
The eyes are in my heart, the eyes that saw my soul But gone are  
the beautiful eyes, the eyes that watched me grow*

**YOU WILL BE TRULY MISSED**

*Source: Her Eyes, Mother Daughter Poem <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/her-eyes#ixzz1yLX5wnr6>  
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**TONYA BEAVERS YOUNG** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Its only been a few minutes but seems like an eternity to me.  
I miss my Grandma already and I wish she had stayed here with  
me.*

*Its only been a few hours but a million tears I have shed.  
I long to hear her voice say my name and hold my hand as she  
always had.*

*Its only been a few days but my heart aches so bad. I know she  
would say ...Please don't be so sad.*

*Its only been a few weeks but I still sit and wonder if she knew I was  
there and how much I really cared*

*I will love and miss you for eternity.*

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**DIEARDRA BEAVERS** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Grandma,  
A baby cradled in your arms...  
Teaching me your gentle charms.  
Growing up with you by my side...  
Learning from you never to lie.  
To understand and not judge too...  
Love and kindness I also learned from you.  
Through the years you watched me grow...  
Teaching me everything I'd need to know.  
Listening to every word I've said...  
And every word I've wrote you've read.  
You've been there for me to the end...  
Until the day for you, God did send.  
Now you watch me from up above...  
Shining down on me your heavenly love.  
I will miss you with all my heart...  
Thank you for being there from the start

I will always remember and love you grandma.

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**Ma'Rae Grace** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Tonya and family,  
We're so sorry to hear of the passing of Ms. Banks. She was indeed a beautiful woman who was one of the original mothers of 9th/10th and Burt street. She always carried herself with class and grace. She set a wonderful example of how a mother extends her love to her children, her grandchildren, her great grand children and God blessed her to see her great great grand children. May she rest in peace after the great life she lived on this earth and may her offspring remember the life lessons that she taught along the way. Be blessed!!

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**George Drain** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *If Grandma had a meaning,  
let me tell you what it'd be.  
if you were close to yours  
like mine was close to me.*

*Grandmas are always there  
to lend a shoulder and dry your tears.  
to comfort you in everything  
and help conquer all your fears.*

*Despite all the wrong you've done  
and all the wrong you'll do,  
a grandma will always be there  
and unconditionally will love you.*

*A grandma will inspire you  
to follow your every dream  
she tells you "you wont be alone"  
because you're going to be a team*

*Grandmas are always busy  
although their hearts are tame  
they tell everyone about you  
so everyone knows your name*

*Without grandmas we'd be lost  
and our tears would not be dry  
and we would not be encouraged  
to spread our wings and fly*

*To my grandma I say "Thank you"  
My heart will always be  
with you every day, and I know  
you're here with me.*

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**Angella Staton** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Grandma,  
Thank you for the gift of love,  
now you're sharing it up above.  
You had many things to say.  
All in a caring way.  
You always saw good in everyone,  
No matter what they've done.  
You were always the one we could all lean on.  
Even though it must have felt like a ton.  
You were always the strength of the family.  
Now we must let you rest calmly.  
As we say goodbye,  
as tears roll down our eyes.  
I know your place in heaven has a good view.  
Because you're telling God,  
I need to keep an eye on a few.  
I know you will always be in our hearts and mind.  
So Grandma,  
I must go, but I'll never forget you're one of a kind.

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Serena Beavers - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I Miss You Grandma,*

*I think about you all the time,  
And everyday it hurts to cry.  
So much has happened in my life,  
I'm not sure how hard to try.*

*Tears are falling constantly,  
My heart hurts everyday.  
I think about your beautiful smile,  
That I pray I see again someday.*

*The sweet smell of your perfume,  
Has slowly faded away.  
But all your helpful teachings,  
Are always here to stay.*

*I can't express how much you taught me,  
So much I can't explain.  
All the times I can remember,  
Never once heard you complain.*

*So many hearts were broken,  
The day God called you home.  
It seems as though each one of us,  
Were left to survive alone.*

*I know there was a reason,  
That you had to leave.  
To keep us in your watchful eyes,  
So now in God I really do believe.*

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**Curtis Beavers** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Grandma Banks,

*I'm really going to miss You  
It's really going to be different here without You  
Life is going to be hard and I am sure You know.*

*And for the rest of my life  
I'm going to be thinking about You  
I knew the time would come when you had to go  
But I did not know, the day or the hour  
I'll miss you my buddy & my friend  
I promise my love for You will never end.*

*In your finest and last hours I was there with You  
And without You things won't be the same  
But there's a Higher Power that we answer to  
And You heard him calling your name  
I know there is no more sick & pain.*

*I'm really going to miss you  
Everything about you  
I can still see Your smiling face.*

*I know You want us all to be strong  
Because I know You among others near that magical throne  
Singing and dancing to a brand new song.*

*I'm Really Going to Miss Youuuuuuuuu!!!!!!*

*I will Love You for life, thanks for showing me what a Grandma is  
suppose to be!*

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Stacy L.Davis-Diggs - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Dear Grandma,  
I'm gonna miss you more than you know. I know we havent been close this past year and that is one thing I regret. I'm thankful for the trips we took & the talks we had while grubbing on good food since that's what we both loved the most, it was fun I wish we could have that experience again. You may not realize how much I loved you but you were and still are my grandma. Every time I hear those Christmas songs you use to sing while dancing around the house I'm gonna laugh and sing along while joyfully dropping a tear or two. I would give anything to get one of those Grandma hugs and the chance to want to run away because you embarrassed me in front of my friends again :) There's a lot of things I'm gonna miss but most important is you. I know you're still here in my heart and everyone else's to. I hope your happy with Grandma Frankie & Granddaddy Banks. Take care of my baby boy for me. I'll see you all when I get there.  
Remember its not goodbye; it's just a see you later..

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**Serena** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ MY prayers to the family. I grew up calling her Aunt Tine, being around her, Aunt Brooksie, Aunt Zonnie, any more including My dear Aunt Moms Heard was one of the joyous times in my life, I will truly miss her, We loved her but God loves her most.

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**rita farrell-williams** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ "Our Prayers go out the Family in your time of need we Love you  
God Bless and lean on the Lord.

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**Angella Staton** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Stacy and family.....sending my heartfelt condolences at this time. May God's love comfort and keep you as you celebrate the life and mourn the passing of your grandmother.

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**Debbie Sanders** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Praise the Lord, I was so sorry to hear the news of your Mother, we are praying for you and your family.

*Deacon/Evang. Willie Weems*

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**Evangelist Wilma Weems** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Well momma no more suffering and no more pain, I knew in my heart u were ready to go home to be with you heavenly father. Momma I'm going to miss u so,so,so vary much. I can't be anything but happy for u u raised your children your children and also your great great grandchildren so grandma lam going to pick up where u left off and help my daughter raise your great great great grandson you have done your job I couldn't have a better mom/ greatgrand mother in the whole wide world I love u and will miss u until I see u again Ma  
Always and forever your daughter  
Adrienne:

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**Adrienne** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM