

# Precious Memories



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Deacon Willie Fudge      Jerome Bonner  
Deacon Tharron Robinson      Charles Smith  
Deacon Isaac Mitchell      Clarence Graham  
Derrell Ray

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Family and Friends

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*The Family's Message of Gratitude*  
There are not enough words to fully convey our appreciation for your kind expressions of prayers, support, sympathy and thoughtfulness during our time of bereavement. We are honored by your presence and comforted in knowing we have friends like you who care. Your acts of kindness have served as a source of encouragement. May God's grace and mercy shine upon you always. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Our special thanks is extended to Pastor Carlos Presley & Shiloh M.B. Church, Rev. Gregory V. Gay, Sr. & Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church, Jamarien "J.P." Moore & Staff, Sandra Bonner Smith, Johnnie Mae Burgess, Maxine Franklin, Inez Bennett, Linda Edman, Betty Kinsey and PruittHealth - North Tampa for your love, assistance and professional services rendered on behalf of our beloved  
*Mother Gladys Hubbard Bonner.*  
~The Hubbard-Bonner Family

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## THE ANGELS ARE WAITING AT HEAVEN'S GATE FOR



MOTHER  
*Gladys Elizabeth*  
HUBBARD BONNER  
*"Miss Sunshine"*

*Day of Joy*  
March 3, 1926

*Day of Peace*  
January 17, 2024

Celebrating Her Life  
Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 2:00 Post Meridiem

**SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
221 SW Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive | Madison, Florida 32340

*Pastor Carlos Presley, Eulogist*  
*Reverend Marcus Hawkins, Sr., Officiant*

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MOTHER  
*Gladys Elizabeth*  
HUBBARD BONNER

*“Miss Sunshine”*

MARCH 3, 1926 -JANUARY 17, 2024

*“Let your light so shine before men; that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*

*~ Matthew 5:16*

*Gladys Elizabeth Hubbard Bonner* delighted her parents, Arthur J. Hubbard, Sr. and Essie Mae Bell Hubbard, when she came into their lives on March 3, 1926, in Madison, Florida. This day was the beginning of the impact she, in her own unique way, would make by allowing God to use her to accomplish His marvelous work. Except for her later years in Tampa, Florida, she was a lifelong resident of her Madison community.

Loved ones who preceded Mother Gladys Bonner in death were her parents: Arthur J. and Essie Mae Bell Hubbard, Sr.; husband: Rufus Bonner, Sr.; sons: Rufus Bonner, Jr. and Darryl Charles Bonner; siblings: Arthur Hubbard, Jr. and Dorothy Hubbard Alexander.

*Gladys* was educated in the segregated public school system and was a graduate of Madison County Training School. She later married her forever love, Rufus Bonner, Sr., and became a dutiful stay-at-home-wife and mother. The joy of the Lord was her strength as she dedicated herself to being a good parent. She raised her children to always keep God first in all they do, to love and respect others, and to always give their best effort.

“Yes, God is real, for I can feel Him deep in my soul”. One of *Gladys Bonner’s* most transformative experiences as a young girl occurred when she professed her belief in Jesus, was baptized by faith, and began her journey of service at her beloved Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. “This little light of mine; I’m going to let it shine” was demonstrated in the way she interacted with others and how she fulfilled her obligations. *Gladys* acquired the name “Miss Sunshine” by her church family because of her positive influence. She always allowed the light of Jesus to shine from within and it overflowed to others; she also spread sunshine and godly cheer through her mission/ministry with her faithfully visiting those who were identified as sick and shut in. Also included were the other roles she willingly did. Needless to say, her work for the Lord did not go unnoticed by her church, and she was ultimately bestowed the honor of “Mother” of the church.

*Mother Bonner* was straight-forward so there was no question as to

how she felt, but she was very diplomatic in doing so. She was gifted with godly wisdom that she shared when there was a need, and it was always on point.

*Mother Bonner* was a faithful member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

*Mother Gladys Elizabeth Hubbard Bonner* did not lose faith. She knew that God did not bring her this far to leave her. Therefore, on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the close of her life journey, she obediently answered the Lord when He whispered her name. Having fulfilled her promise to serve the Lord with gladness, she relocated to her heavenly Father’s home where she can serve Him forever.

*Mother Gladys Elizabeth Hubbard Bonner* left her footprints in the sands of time because her living was not in vain. Her loved ones who will mourn her passing but cherish her precious memory are her beloved daughter: Marva Ann Bonner Ray of Tampa, FL; grandchildren: Anton Van (Pam) Anderson of Tallahassee, FL, Deborah Ray and Latoria Ray, both of Tampa, FL, Tasha (Matt) Parker of Jacksonville, FL, Darius Bonner and Shari Bonner, both of Atlanta, GA, Bria Bonner of Houston TX, and Jason Bonner of Madison, FL; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins; along with many other dear friends.

*I’m Free*

*Don’t grieve for me, for now I’m free.  
I’m following the path God laid 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.  
Oh, yes, these things I, too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow;  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life has 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.*

*The Divine Order of Service*

*Psalm 46:1- “God is our refuge and strength!”*

Prelude.....The *J.P. Moore* Band & Gospel Chorale

Processional..... Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family

Parting Glance & Seating of the Family ..... The *J.P. Moore* Staff

The Prayer of Consolation..... Reverend Delvin Boatman

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES:

Old Testament ..... Minister Annie Barfield

*Psalm 90:1-12*

New Testament..... Reverend Josie Graham

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

Solo ..... “Cooling Water” .....Sister Gloria Jean Washington

REFLECTIONS & TRIBUTES.....Two Minutes Each, Please

As a Neighbor.....Sister Inez Bennett

As a Christian..... Deacon Vernon Harper

Family Tribute..... Sister Gloria Hubbard Goodison

Acknowledgements & Resolutions .....The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Selection .....The *J.P. Moore* Gospel Chorale

Words of Comfort ..... Pastor Carlos Presley

Mortician’s Brief..... Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

Recessional .....Clergy & Family

*Earthly Bed of Slumber*

Hymn | Committal | Mortician’s Brief | Final Presentations

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