

Acknowledgements

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Whispers from Heaven

When I left this world without you
I know it made you blue.
Your teas fell so freely,
I watched: I know this it true.

While you were weeping,
Days after I passed away.
While all was silent within me,
I saw you kneel to pray.

From this wonderful place called heaven
Where all my pain is gone,
I send a gentle breeze to whisper,
“My loved ones. please go on”

The peace that I have found here
Goes far beyond compare
No rain, no clouds, no suffering
Just LOVE from everywhere.

You need not be troubled
Just stay close to GOD in prayer
Someday we'll be reunited
My love, HIS love surrounds you always,
EVERYWHERE!

Newman Mortuary



114 Harper Drive Ozark, AL (334) 774-1064

Homegoing Celebration of Vonnie Helms



Sunrise
February 10, 1940

Sunset
May 21, 2020

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
1:00p.m.

Union Grove Baptist Church
Reverend Noah Reeves - Officiating

Obituary

Vonnie Jean Helms was born to the late Zora Redd on February 10, 1940 in Dale County, Alabama. Her education started in a one room school house in the Klondyke Community. She then moved to the Pinkard, AL school system where she had the pleasure of being transported by her Grandfather, Jacob Taylor, who was the bus driver. Vonnie would later go to D.A. Smith High School in Ozark, AL where she would receive her diploma. After graduating from D.A Smith High School she went on to attend Beauty School in Tuskegee, AL. Vonnie used what she learned in Beauty School to boost the confidence and smiles of women as a hairdresser. In 1964 Vonnie was married and from that union she birthed the start of her lasting legacy, her five children Darren Helms, twins Wyvonne Helms and Eyvonne Helms-Bennett, Wanda Helms, and Chanda Helms-Boykin. Her children later collectively expanded her legacy by giving her nine grandchildren, one grand-doggy, and three great-grands. Her pride and heart was on display through her children. Vonnie encouraged all five of her children to not only attend college but to graduate. This tradition continues to trickle down through her grandchildren as her vision continues to be realized and elevated. She instilled in us that the limits we could reach went beyond the sky whether we attend college or not we only need to believe in ourselves. Vonnie was a light that could not be contained by her family alone. Her light was shed through the community as a sitter (kids and elderly), 4-H instructor, domestic worker, and her mere existence. Wherever she went she touched hearts and collected additional children and grandchildren whom she adopted in her heart. Vonnie was known to be a quiet woman with a bright smile and very little words but to her family we knew different. Vonnie had an infectious sense of humor and often used her own language that we affectionately called Vonnie-isms. No amount of words can truly express what Vonnie meant to her loved ones and the people that knew her. Vonnie Helms departed this life on Thursday, May 21, 2020 surrounded by family and abundant love. A life without Vonnie is almost unbearable to imagine, but one thing about Vonnie is that she never wanted anyone to hurt in any way, especially not by her doing. She will be greatly missed, but to honor her we will not succumb to our sorrow but be happy for the time we had with her. We will keep her memory alive by telling her stories and continuing to make her proud. We love you Vonnie Jean Helms. You will be forever in our hearts until we meet again.

Vonnie Helms is preceded in death by her mother Zora Redd and her brother Macy Jackson

Vonnie Jean Helms is survived by her five children Darren Helms(Wendy Helms-wife, but truly her daughter because the love she had for Vonnie made it hard to believe Vonnie did not birth her), twins Wyvonne Helms and Eyvonne Helms-Bennett(Garfield Bennett-husband), Wanda Helms, and Chanda Helms-Boykin(Andre Boykin-husband), her nine grandchildren Ayana Helms, Francia Reynolds, Iman Bennett, D'angelo Bennett, Justin Helms, Kaela Helms, Amaya Helms, Andrea Boykin, Jackson Boykin, one grand-doggy Langston Snowflake Hughes-Helms, three great-grands Ariella Helms, Ava Armour, Bella Reynolds, her sister Betty Harper, her brother Athey Jackson(Doris Jackson-wife), a host of adoption of the heart children and grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and longtime-friends.

Service

Processional.....Soft music

Prayer.....Deacon Jimmy Lucas

Scripture Old/New Testament.....Reverend Artez Jones

Selection.....Sylvester Williams

Obituary.....Read Silently

Words of Reflection.....Family and Friends
(limit 2 minutes please)

Selection..... Sylvester Williams

Words of encouragement.....Reverend Noah Reeves

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