

She Is Mother

Open Arms
She Is The Dawning
A Heart Too Willing
Spirit Untainted
A Teacher And A Leader Of Sons And A Daughters
Walking Unafraid
She Gave
The Greatest Gift
Shared Knowledge
In A Time
Unaccustomed
To A Woman's Strength
Watch Her Now
Become An Ancestor
Who Will Give
Even Now To Her Foundation
She Is Mother
And She Is Home

Nandi Bosia

Special Thanks

Peoples Funeral Home, Tuskegee
Mosley's Funeral Home,
Thomasville

Very Special Thanks

To all of those who had to travel long distances to be with the family
To those whose moral support and assistance for whom we could not
get through this without

Homecoming Commemoration

Of



Rosa W. Banks

*October Twenty-First, Two Thousand
One O'clock in The Afternoon*

New Hope Number Two Baptist Church

Thomasville, Alabama

Obituary

Rosa W. Banks was born on February 25, 1910 to Lee Barney and Hattie Kennedy Woods. She was the youngest daughter of eleven brothers and sisters that preceded her in death; General Lee, Malone, Calvin, Bryant, Gillaner, Collins, Barney, Mary Alice, Margaree and Ethel.

Rosa W. Banks walked well worthy of her vocation as a school teacher. Her early preparation began in Thomasville and Birmingham, Alabama. Her post-secondary education took place at Miles College, Birmingham, Alabama and at Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama. Shortly thereafter she married David Banks, Sr. and through this union she traveled the world teaching and continuing her education in such places as Liberia and Ghana, Africa; London, England; Paris, France; Madrid, Spain; Portugal and many locations in the United States. After her retirement at the age of 70 she continued to experience the world with the hallmark of her travels being a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands.

Rosa W. Banks confessed Christ at an early age as a member of New Hope Number Two Baptist Church, Thomasville. She was a kind, generous and Godly woman. This was evident in her gentle nature, calm manner and exemplary deportment. After the death of her husband, she and her only son David, Jr. relocated to Tuskegee, Alabama where she joined the St. Marks Missionary Baptist Church. She served in the Sunday School and as a member of the Missionary Society. Mrs. Banks shared her gifts with the community by serving in several civic organizations including the Civil Rights movement in helping to educate and register voters, The Retired Teachers Association and The Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. She also was a supporter and participant in the March from Selma to Montgomery with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Rosa W. Banks made the transition from mortality to immortality on October 17, 2000 in peace and at her home. She left to commemorate her life, one son Dr. David A. Banks and his wife Barbara, two daughters-in-law, Trina and Gail; Two natural grandchildren David III and Kamilah; five step grand children, Kia, Courtney, Delric, Soweto & Nandi; two great grandchildren Ayah and Nbushe'. She also leaves about one hundred eighty cousins, nieces and nephews, and thousands of students. Rosa W. Banks was well respected, admired and loved by her family, friends, students and many persons that she came into contact with. Her life is much to commemorate, heaven got a special blessing on October 17, 2000.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Song

Scripture/Prayer.....Rev. Keenan Martin

Song

Acknowledgements

Song

Eulogy.....Rev. Edward McClure

Recessional

*Rosa W. Banks Will Be Buried In The Family Cemetery
Near Her Parents, Sisters & Brothers*