

### VIOLA WAY HENRY



Viola Way Henry, 96, formerly of Callahan, passed away November 26. On July 26, 1922 our beloved mother, tranny, auntie and cousin Viola Way Henry was born to the late Henry and Susan Way. She was the third of five children and reared in Midway, Georgia.

During her young adult years she relocated to Callahan to be with her oldest sister, Nancy. At that time, she gave her life to the Lord and joined the Bethel A.M.E. Church family. She always loved and kept God first in her life, always a faithful servant and worked diligently for the building and maintaining of God's Kingdom. At Bethel she served as Stewardess, Choir Member, Missionary and Trustee. After the birth of Viola's first granddaughter Hope, she was called "Granny".

Viola was a diligent and dependable employee with Nassau County School Board, Callahan Elementary School for 16 years. She has always enforced education and higher achievement. Granny mentored and disciplined all students on campus, including her children and relatives. Her legacy lives on through the young adults she encouraged that became nurses, doctors, lawyers, diplomats, teachers, ministers and many strong, faithful individuals.

For the last decade, Granny relocated to Miramar, Florida, living with her daughters, due to medical reasons. There, she attended St. James A.M.E Church of Liberty City, under Rev. J.L. Williams III. At St. James, she was affectionately known as "Mother Henry" and "Granny" as she was the eldest in recent years. Viola was preceded in death by her siblings James Way and Ida Holmes; and her sons Julius, Jr. and Lensey Henry.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her son Donnell Henry of Callahan; her daughters Sue Henry and Jean Henry of Miramar and Linda Henry (Roger) Bennett of Hinesville, Georgia; loving sisters Nancy Bady and Helen Scott; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews and endearing friends.

The family received friends Sunday, December 2 at the northside Chapel of Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Her homegoing service was held Monday, December 3 at 11 a.m. at Bethel AME Church in Callahan. Burial followed at Callahan Community Cemetery.

Sarah L. Carter's Funeral Home served the family.