

free from pain

We walk together hand in hand,
Into what they call the promised land.
Our hopes are high, our feelings true,
So why does everybody seem so blue?

He came to greet me, my true love
Through the light that
comes from up above
My pain is gone, my heart is high
I feel that I could almost fly.

But my wings are clipped for now anyway
Until the tears dry, which they will one day.
My children, I'm gone but not for ever
For one day again we will be together.

My love for you, my darlings,
will never fade
But your memories of me
will become hazed
Do not feel guilty, just enjoy your time
Because as you know I've enjoyed mine.

Its time to go so please don't be sad
It has been good, the time that I've had,
Good bye for now, see you again
For I am free, free of pain.

Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, *He* set me FREE.
Sister Annie Maude Hill Berry
October 25, 1938 - November 18, 2024

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Mountain Creek A.M.E. Church Cemetery
Highway 195 North, Andersonville, Georgia 31711

PALLBEARERS
Andreus Roberts, Sr. Antonio Roberts, Sr.
Tavoris Mercer Donavinch Mercer
Jeffery Roberts Latrell Bolden, Jr.

FLOWER ATTENDANTS
Friends of the Family

Our Sincere Gratitude
Thank you for your kind expressions of
sympathy. The love you have shown has
given us great comfort during this difficult
time. It is deeply appreciated and will
forever be remembered by
THE FAMILY OF
Sister Annie Maude Hill Berry

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Home Going CELEBRATION

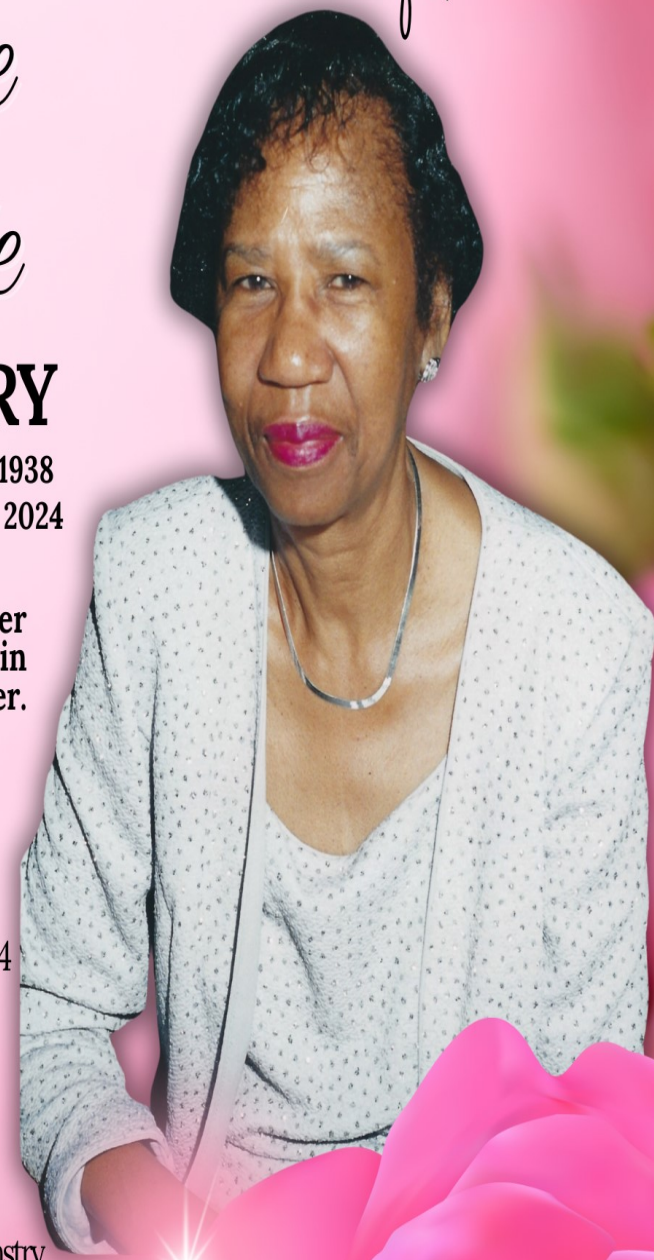
SISTER.
*Annie
Maude*
HILL BERRY

Sunrise: October 25, 1938
Sunset: November 18, 2024

*I'm gone but not for ever
for one day again
we will be together.*

SERVICES
Saturday, November 23, 2024
11:00 a.m.
**Old Corinth
Baptist Church**
425 Brown Small Road
Leslie, Georgia 31764
Pastor, Dr. Christopher McKinstry

EULOGIST
Rev. Horace Holloway, III
IBelieve Victory Church



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF *Annie Maude Hill Berry*

Sister Annie Maude Hill Berry, affectionately known to many as “Annie,” was born on October 25, 1938. She was the beloved daughter of the late Mattie Pearl Butts Hamilton and the late Joseph (Mary) Hill, Sr.

She received her formal education in the Sumter County Public School System. At a young age, she relocated from Georgia to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to embark on a new chapter in her life. There, she met Richard L. Berry, who became her beloved partner. Although they did not have children together, their love was shared among her nieces, nephews, and cousins. She played an active role in the upbringing of her aunt’s children, Vincent and Janice Barnett, and was honored to be the godmother of Vince Sims. Her warmth and affection touched the lives of everyone she encountered.

While residing in Pittsburgh, she became a dedicated member of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board, Kitchen Committee and the Missionary Board. She worked at Allegheny General Hospital for over 20 years until her retirement. Following her retirement, she chose to return to Georgia, where she transferred her church membership to Old Corinth Baptist Church and continued to serve as a devoted usher until her health declined.

On that fateful night of Monday, November 18, 2024, *heaven* opened its gates, and *God*, in *His* infinite compassion, summoned *His* faithful angels to gently cradle Annie, lifting her from the trials of labor into the everlasting embrace of reward. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Richard L. Berry; her brothers, Joseph Hill, Jr. and Sgt. Lee Mitchell; her sisters, Emma Sue Jenkins and Fannie McCleary; her aunts: Vera Barnett, Annie Bell White, Charlie Bell Hill, Fannie Hill, Daisy Hill Carter, Janie Moore and her uncles: Willie James “Jake” Hill, Simmie Hill, Henry Crawford and Tony Crawford.

Annie is remembered lovingly by her devoted sisters: Willie Jo Mercer and Janie Roberts, both of Leslie, GA, and Pearl Hill and Brenda Hamilton, both of Americus, GA, as well as her brother, Dennis Hamilton of Americus, GA. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Deacon S.T. Jenkins, Jr., along with a cherished group of nieces and nephews: Tanisha Hill of Macon, GA; Lakesia Barge of Albany, GA; Shanda (Latrell) Bolden, Sr. of Kathleen, GA; Antonio (Elizabeth) Roberts, Sr. of Bradenton, FL; Christopher Roberts of Tucker, GA; Andreus (Angela) Roberts, Sr. of Valdosta, GA; Tavoris (Felicia) Mercer of Leslie, GA; Shana Roberts of Leesburg, GA; Latavia Perkins of Americus, GA; Kenedria Roberts and Candace (Kentavious) Smith, Sr. of Cordele, GA. Additionally, she is survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews, as well as great-great-nieces and nephews. Annie loved all her nieces and nephews, especially her “Bula” as they called each other during their Saturday play date, Morgan Janay Harvey.

Annie’s legacy also includes devoted cousins: Vincent (Lydia) Barnett and Janice Barnett of Pittsburgh, PA; Samantha (Richard) Banks Idlette of Leesburg, GA; Belinda Walker of Aliquippa, PA and Delores Argo of Ypsilanti, MI. She was a loving godmother to Vince (Samantha) Sims and their son, Antonio Sims of Dallas, TX and had a close friendship with Ms. Willa Zellar of Pittsburgh, PA. Annie valued her relationships with her church families at Tabernacle Baptist Church and Old Corinth Baptist Church.



I am FREE *Annie Maude* HILL BERRY 1938-2024

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 found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you
the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times,
my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me FREE.



THE ORDER OF *Service* Sister Annie Maude Hill Berry

Processional led by Rev. Horace Holloway, III
and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Closure

Hymn Deacon Willie J. Young
Old Antioch Baptist Church

Prayer Rev. Larry B. Sims, Sr.
Union Tabernacle Baptist Church

Scripture Old Testament Rev. Larry B. Sims, Sr.

New Testament Rev. Travis Rush
Spring Creek Baptist Church

Selection Sis. Shana Roberts
Old Corinth Baptist Church

Reflections ~ *limit 2 minutes*

As a Church Member Chairman Eldridge Mercer, Jr.
Old Corinth Baptist Church

As an Usher Sis. Hattie Ferguson
Old Corinth Baptist Church

Resolution Rev. Donavon Coley
Forrest Park Baptist Church

Selection Sis. Shana Roberts
Old Corinth Baptist Church

Eulogy Rev. Horace Holloway, III
IBelieveVictory Church

Acknowledgements
and Presentation
of the Family Bible Barnum Staff

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*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

**The family will be welcoming visitors after the burial
at the home of Janie Roberts:
1861-B Hwy 27 East, Leslie, Georgia 31764**