

*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 Pearlie 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; Andreaus (Angela) Roberts, Sr. of Valdosta, GA; Tavoris 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.