Celebrating of Life for

Hattie Elizabeth Johnson Banister

Sunrise March 5, 1905

Sunset November 17, 2013

Sunday, November 24, 2013 - 3:00 p.m.

NEW HOPE AME METHODIST CHURCH 18808 Panala Road Pinewood, South Carolina Rev. Jacquelyn Hurston, Officiating



















<u>Reflections of Life</u>

Hattie Elizabeth Johnson Banister entered into eternal rest on Sunday, November 17, 2013. She was the daughter of the late Ben Johnson and Mariah Benjamin. Born Hattie Johnson in 1905, she was the oldest of her three sisters and two brothers. Hattie was affectionately called "Tutsie".

Hattie was educated in the Bacon Hill School system in Pinewood, SC. She then had to quit school at an early age to go to work to support her sisters and brothers. She did all types of work from domestic to farming. She even made cross tire for the railroad. Hattie was an excellent cook in Manchester and Foreman High School in SC.

At an early age, Hattie accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She attend New Hope AME Church in Pinewood, SC; she then lost one of her sisters who was only 19 years old when she died. she continued working and helping her mother with the family.

In her early 20's, she met her sweetheart James Bannister and at 22 she married James at New Hope AME Church in Pinewood, SC where she became a member. From that union she had fifteen children. She was a loving mother, kind grandmother and great great grandmother.

Hattie leaves to cherish her memory: three daughters and one son, Queen Winslow (Linden,

NJ), Rebecca and John Bennett (Buffalo, NY), Hattie Winston (Irvington, NJ), Roosevelt Bannister (Newark, NJ) and three daughters-inlaw, Leah Bannister (Irvington, NJ), Beatrice Smith-Bannister (Newark, NJ) and Dorothy Bannister (Irvington, NJ); sixty-four grandchildren, two hundred and thirteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and one adopted son, Bill Dawson (Irvington, NJ).

Hattie was preceded in death by her mother and father, Ben and Mariah Johnson, brothers, Frank Johnson and Arthur Johnson, sisters, Elnora Johnson Robertson, Lucille Davis and Rosa Johnson James, children, Harriet King, Hueal Bannister, Ruth Witherspoon, Charlie Bannister, Hester Courtnon, John Bannister, James Bannister, Jr., Rosa Mae James, Solomon Bannister, Moses Bannister and Martha Bannister Brown.

<u>Order of Service</u>

Processional 0	Clergy	and	Family
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## **Opening Selection**

Scripture Reading Old Testament New Testament

### Prayer of Comfort

Selection

## Acknowledgements

#### Expressions

Solo ..... Angelia Rivers

Expression ...... Members

#### Obituary

Solo ...... Sally Johnson - "Precious Lord"

Eulogy

Prayer of Thanksgiving

# Recessional

<u>Interment</u> New Hope Cemetery Pinewood, South Carolina

Friends are invited to join the family for repast, here at the church immediately following the service.

#### **Pallbearers**

Levi Bannister Mathew Bannsiter Damar Bennett

Jimmy Bannister Ray Jackson Keith Bannister

# Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone. It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick at heart, Go to the friends we know. Laugh at the things we use to do Miss me-but let me go.

-author unknown

From her daughters, son, grandchildren and great great grandchildren, Sleep on Moma and take your rest we all love you but God loves you best.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the calls, cards and acts of kindness bestowed up us during this time. We are truly grateful for all that you have done. Special thanks to New Hope AME Church and Community Funeral Home.

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