



Earnestine Brooks

April 4, 1949 - May 9, 2025

Today we celebrate the life of Sister Earnestine Brooks. She departed this world on May 8, 2025, at the blessed age of 76. Earnestine was born in Hughes, Arkansas, on April 4, 1949, to the union of Ira and Valarie Brooks. She was the 6th of 8 children. Earnestine relocated to Benton Harbor, MI in 1967. She joined Second Baptist Church in 1970 under the leadership of, Rev Donald B. Adkins. After his passing, she remained a member under the leadership of Rev Kenneth M. Gavin until she relocated. She was a member of the Young Adults Social Choir, on the Nurses Guild, as well as a Greeter. She hadn't found a church home where she resided before her transition, but she believed strongly in the scripture: "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20. She would attend church and Bible study in the building where she resided.

Earnestine decided to take classes to retrieve her GED. Once completed, she then went on to attend night classes at Jordan College where she received 2 degrees in Early Childhood Education, and the other in Social Work. She worked different odd and end jobs to provide for her home and children while attending school. Once she graduated, she went on to work for Safe Shelter of Stevensville, MI. Her job required her to work with abused women and children, which she found great pleasure in. She was dedicated and passionate about helping women all over the community get the help they needed to leave abusive relationships. Some of those times she put herself in

harm's way. But she was a strong, persistent woman who didn't scare too easily. She pressed on and continued to do the work until her health no longer allowed her to do what she loved. Her health became an issue in the early 90's, but she continued to work. She eventually was unable to keep working and she was forced to retire due to her health. In 2004, she experienced renal failure which led to her being placed on dialysis for 22 years. In the beginning, it was as if nothing had changed. She drove herself to and from dialysis. She enjoyed going to church, the casino, visiting her siblings, traveling, and bowling as well. She also had a green thumb and she LOVED her plants! She had a direct line to God, or as she would say, "Jesus is on the main line". One of her favorite spiritual songs. As time went on, her health became a hard battle to concur on her own. She relocated to Indianapolis, IN where her daughter resides to assist in her care.

Earnestine leaves behind to cherish her fond memories, four children, Rochelle White of Benton Harbor, MI; Joseph Lee (Caron) Daniels of San Bernadino, CA; Alexis Bernard Daniels of Westland, MI; and Shari Daniels of Indianapolis, IN.

Her three sisters, Reola Blake, Ressie Broyles, and Vallrie Brooks, and one brother-in-law, Robert Jackson, all of Benton Harbor, MI. Seven grandchildren, and 3 great-granddaughters. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Earnestine was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers Frank Brooks and Willie Bell Brooks; two sisters Betty Jean Edwards and Jenever Jackson; one niece Joyce Marie Jackson; and one brother-in-law Walter Broyles, Sr.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Quincy J Webster Funeral Chapel
2805 North Franklin Road
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 297-7956

Service

MAY 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Senior Usher Board of Second Baptist Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan extends our deepest sympathy to the Brooks, Daniels, Blake , Broyles and Jackson families. Sister Earnestine was a faithful member of Second Baptist . We pray that God will comfort the family as only he can,
Respectfully
Second Baptist Church Usher Ministry*

Danethel Whitfield - May 17, 2025 at 12:52 PM

JF

“ *With love and heartfelt sympathy to the Brooks family during this transitional time. Please know Earnestine's friends and family in Benton Harbor are praying for the Brooks family. Job well done Earnestine. We pray that the Eternal God will give the family the strength and peace of mind during this season in your lives. God bless the Brooks family.*



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family - May 17, 2025 at 08:53 AM

MB

“ *My dearest aunt I love you so much. Through your stains of pain you conquered life. I admire you strength. I'll miss those deep and intimate talks we shared. Thank you for trusting me and seeing the woman of God in me. You paved the road with understanding and I will carry it with me until we meet again. I am your flame twin. I look more like you everyday. Just know Aunty..... I SEE YOU.....THE YOU IN YOU. Amen*

Minister Bridgett Brooks - May 15, 2025 at 02:48 AM

MB

“ *Earnestine Brooks unyielding flame a woman craved from strength and name. She moved through life without a flinch, and never once gave fear an inch. She rose where others might have bowed, she stood alone, she stood out proud. Her presence filled the room with might, A force of will, a flame of light. She was the clam, she was the storm, refined in thought, in heart, in form. Accomplished hands, unshaken soul, she met each task and made it whole. Her wisdom flowed like sacred streams, she lived with purpose and chased her dreams. No ceiling ever held her back, she broke through every fading Crack. And now through silence holds her place, we still can feel her steady grace. In every word we choose to say, her strength still leads us day by day. So let her name be spoken loud, not lost in tears but said with proud. Earnestine Brooks a name of flame, wrapped in love, a legend she remains.*

Love you always
Minister Bridgett Brooks

Minister Bridgett Brooks - May 15, 2025 at 02:36 AM

CF

“ *Chassidy Fenderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Earnestine Brooks*



Chassidy Fenderson - May 15, 2025 at 12:55 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Earnestine Brooks.*

May 14, 2025 at 07:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Earnestine Brooks.*



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“ *Her daughter, Rochell White purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Earnestine Brooks.*



Her daughter, Rochell White - May 14, 2025 at 04:58 PM



“ *To our brother in law Joseph Daniels...May The Lord comfort you and your family the way only He can. We love you and are sending prayers your way. Sharon and Delbert White Jr 🙏❤️*

Sharon White - May 14, 2025 at 12:49 AM



To The Family Of Earnestine Brooks my condolences love and prayers are with you and the family

Chassidy Fenderson - May 14, 2025 at 05:24 PM



Psalm 119:105KJV Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

Chassidy Fenderson - May 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM



Matthew 5:4 KJV Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Chassidy Fenderson - May 14, 2025 at 05:28 PM



2 Timothy 4:7 KJV I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Chassidy Fenderson - May 14, 2025 at 05:31 PM



*Joe, we are deeply sorry for the loss of your mother. I know how much she meant to you, and I hope you find comfort in the love and memories you shared. Please know we are thinking of you and your family and sending all my love during this difficult time.
With heartfelt sympathy,*

The Washington family.

Mary And Romaine Washington - May 16, 2025 at 09:09 AM