

*A Celebration of the Life  
& Homegoing of*



*W*illiam "TET" Banks  
October 13, 1952 - July 28, 2008

Saturday, August 2, 2008 at 2:30pm

Temple Love M.B. Church

9297 Hwy 433 South · Benton, Mississippi 39039

Pastor Robert L. Williams, Officiating

*"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me."*

JOHN 14:1

# Obituary

William “*Tet*” Banks was the youngest of seven children born to the late Tommy and Lula Mae (Richardson) Banks on October 13, 1952.

He confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and united with Temple Love M.B. Church under the leadership of the late Pastor W. L. Brown. William later rededicated his life under the leadership of Pastor Robert L. Williams.

He departed this earthly life on July 28, 2008 at the University Medical Center in Jackson, MS, surrounded by family who loved him tremendously.

He was united in Holy matrimony on November 17, 1973 to the late Mary Ann (Thomas) Banks and to this union four children were born.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Tommy and Lula Mae (Richardson) Banks, one sister, one brother, and one niece, Jackie Banks.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: four (4) sons: William Thomas, Michael, Darrell, and Anthony Banks all of Jackson, MS; three (3) sisters: Willie Mae (Robert) Giles of Mt. Dora, FL, Estella Banks of Jackson, MS and Willie Mae Williams of Benton, MS; two (2) brothers: Tommie (Ann) Banks of Memphis, TN and L.G. (Joann) Banks, Sr. of Bentonia, MS; three grandchildren, four aunts and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who loved him dearly.

*“Remember me as you pass by, for as you are now, I once was. As I am now; so shall you be, so prepare yourself to follow me.”*



# I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I 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  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

**William**

# Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremony  
**Sis. Jimmie Lee Cleveland**

- Prelude..... Soft Music
- Processional..... Ministers and Family Members
- Selection..... Combined Choir
- Scriptures:
- Old Testament ..... Bro. Cleotha Sanders
- New Testament ..... Bro. Eddie Giles
- Prayer..... Pastor Henry Collins Jr.
- Selection ..... Combined Choir
- Words of Encouragement ..... Pastor Willie Richardson
- Expressions ..... (*Three Minutes*) ..... Congregation
- Solo..... Sis. Loretta Green
- Obituary ..... (*Soft Music*) ..... Read Silently
- Acknowledgement of Condolences ..... Sis. Jimmie Lee Cleveland
- Solo ..... Bro. Wallace Taylor
- Eulogy..... Pastor Robert L. Williams

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Recessional

# To Our Baby Brother

*God saw you getting tired  
When a cure was not to be;  
So He closed His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to Me."*

*You didn't deserve what you went through,  
And so He gave you rest,  
God's Garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best.*

*And when we saw you sleeping,  
So peaceful and free from pain,  
We could not wish you back to suffer that again.*

**Love,  
Sister, Stella and Willie Mae**

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## Little Did We Know

*Little did we know on that morning of July 28, 2008,  
That God would call your name.*

*In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you the day God called you home.*

*You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide.  
And though we cannot see you, you are always on our side.*

*Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same.  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*

**Your dear brothers,  
Tommie and L.G.**

# To Our Daddy on Your Home Going Celebration

*It's time to say our final good-byes. Daddy, we love you and we'll miss you dearly, but we thank God for giving us the time to know that you loved us very much. Daddy, rest on until that great getting up morning.*

*"Farewell"*

Your sons and grandsons,  
Bill, Michael, Darrell, and Tyrone

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## Still Missing You

*They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal,  
But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel.*

*For no one knows the heartache, that lies behind our smiles,  
No one knows how many times, we have broken down and cried.*

*We want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without.*

*We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together,  
The family chain is broken now, but memories of you will live forever.*

Your loving nieces

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## Uncle Tet

*These few words cannot express the hurt that we feel.*

*It still seems that this just cannot be real.*

*We have an ache in our hearts that will never go away.  
But we know God loves you too, and he could not let you stay.*

*So rest on Uncle Tet and we'll be ok.*

*With time and prayer, we'll make it through the day.*

Love,  
Your nephews



# *Acknowledgements*

*Our hearts are filled with gratitude to those who have shown love towards our family during this transition from this life into eternal life of our beloved William Banks. We deeply appreciate your prayers, words of inspiration and consolation, visits, calls, card, floral designs, and any other acts of kindness. Through faith, we know that God will give all of us strength.*

*We would like to express a special thanks to the UMC doctors and nurses. Please continue to keep the family in prayer. May God bless you and keep you in His care.*

**The Banks Family**

# Acknowledgements

## Active Pallbearers

L.G. Banks, Jr.  
Eddie Powell, Jr.  
Carl Banks, Sr.

Marcus Banks  
Tommie Banks, Sr.  
Charles Dixon

## Honorary Pallbearers

Lucious Demus  
Willie Jones  
Kenneth Banks

Antonio Banks  
Render Banks  
George Banks

## Flower Bearers

Ushers

## Interment

Old Pleasant Grove M.B. Church  
Cemetery  
Bentonla, Mississippi

## Repast

Temple Love M.B. Church  
Fellowship Hall

## Services Entrusted To

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