



# *Celebration of Eternal Life*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Ms. Ida Mae Hagins Bowers*



SUNRISE:

JANUARY  
27<sup>TH</sup>  
1944

SUNSET:

APRIL  
13<sup>TH</sup>  
2020

MONDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

11:00AM

Hillcrest Abbey East

1600 Wheaton Street

Savannah, Georgia 31404

*Rev. Dr. Bernard Clarke, Officiating*

*Pastor, St. Philip Monumental AME Church*

*Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Logan, II, Words of Comfort*

*Pastor, Greater Gaines Chapel AME Church, Douglas, Georgia*



*The Obituary of*  
*Ms. Ida Mae Hagins Bowers*

**“For everything, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1**

**A Time to Be Born**

Ida Mae Hagins Bowers was born January 27, 1944, to the late Rillie Jacobs Hagins and the late Allard Hagins, in Savannah, Georgia. Ida was the only child to her parents. Due to the death of her mother, Ida was raised by her devoted Aunt and Uncle, Hattie and Lee Van Oliver. Ida was very devoted to the both of them until their death. She was also preceded in death by her husband of twenty-two years (22) Ivan Bowers.

**A Time to Plant**

Ida received her formal education from the Chatham County Public School System, graduating from Sophronia M. Tompkins High School, Savannah, Georgia. Ida further her education by attending the New York Business College, developing exceptional Secretarial. She was hired as an Executive Administrative Assistant by ITT and later Chase Morgan.

Ida returned to Savannah in 1987 to be close to her family. For several years she was Self Employed as an Administrative Assistant, preparing reports for Businesses and Students. Ida was known for her outstanding skills in the typewriter and later the computer. She was the Administrative Assistant at Greater Gaines Chapel AME Church for two years. In 1997, she became the Administrative Assistant at St. Philip Monumental AME Church. Because of her business talents and operation of the church office, Ida was promoted to Office Administrator in 1999. She held that position until her death.

**A Time to Serve**

Ida joined St. Philip Monumental AME Church at a young age under the leadership of Rev. W.C. Davis. After returning from New York, Ida renewed her membership at St. Philip Monumental under the leadership of the late Rev. Charles W. Pitts. Ida was a very faithful, loyal, and dedicated member, indeed a Soldier in God's Army. She was blessed to have served under several outstanding Pastors: Retired Presiding Elder James E. Taylor, Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Logan, II, the late Rev. Walter Daniels, Rev. Dr. George A. Moore, Jr., and Rev. Dr. Bernard Clarke. Ida served on Several Boards and Organizations in the Church: The Steward Board, Lay Organization, Annie Roberts Jaudon Missionary Society, and Gospel Choir. Ida served as the Recording Secretary of the Church for several years and the District Steward. She also served as the Chairperson for Allen and Turner Day, The Souvenir Journal Committee for several programs, and the Annual Conference. Ida helped to coordinate the business office during the Annual Conferences. She was also active on the St. Philip Monumental Church Directory Committee, the St. Philip Monumental Historical Committee.

Because of Ida's love and faithfulness to the Lord, as well as her church, she represented St. Philip Monumental on several levels. She was the District Secretary for the following Presiding Elders: Elder Henry Frasier, Sr., deceased Elder Thomas J. Kent, and Retired Elder James E. Taylor. She was also an Elected Delegate to the Lay Biennial and the State Lay Convention. Ida served on the following Committees: Presiding Elder Salary and Upkeep; 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Lay Organization 1<sup>st</sup> Handbook; 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Church Directory; 6<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Get Out and Vote Campaign; and Victory Over Violence.

**A Time to Embrace**

Ida was a person who loved her family and her friends. And she often displayed that with her cooking skills. Ida loved cooking many dinners for those she loved. Everyone who was blessed with her meals always complimented her. There were times when she might not have been feeling her best; but she was determined to be in the kitchen cooking up a delicious dinner. Ida was a devoted aunt to her nephew Patrick Rountree who she helped raised which led to her undying love for Nikki Williams Rountree and their children. Ida would always embrace and celebrate the birthdays of several of her cousins. She was “Ida Mae.”

**A Time to Die**

On Monday, April 13, 2020, God looked at His garden and saw it was missing a beautiful flower. Who was our beloved Ida Mae Bowers. We thank God for sharing her on this earth for seventy-six (76) years.

**A Time to Weep**

Ida leaves to cherish her loving memories with the following: a devoted cousin Gloria Jean Byrd, Savannah, Georgia; nephew Patrick Rountree; loving and devoted niece, Nicky Williams Rountree, Savannah, Georgia; a devoted Godson Tyrone Manor (Lecia), Tampa, Florida; a devoted goddaughter, Bridgette Nicole Murphy, Savannah, Georgia; eight loving grandchildren-Tyrone Maurice Maner, Tiana Maner Brown, Jeremiah Rountree, Ja'Myah Rountree, Patrick Rountree, Jr., Nickolas Rountree, Ivory Rountree, and Amari Anthony Cooksey; her aunt Lillian Gaines, Toledo, Ohio; her uncle Nathaniel Jacobs, Louisiana; Mrs. Charlene Bowers and sons and several cousins and friends.

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Graveside Order of Service

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Final Viewing

Prayer of Comfort..... Retired Presiding Elder James E. Taylor

Scripture..... Bishop Willie Ferrell,  
Royal Church of God and Christ  
Savannah, Georgia

Solo..... Rev. Dr. George A. Moore, Jr, Pastor  
St. Mark AME Church  
Columbus, Georgia

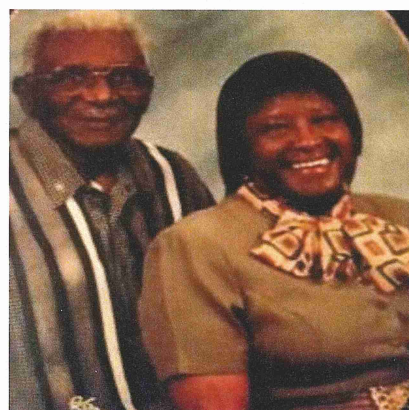
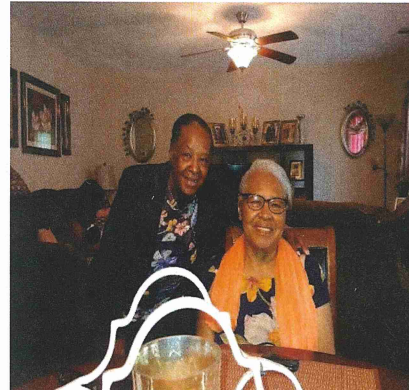
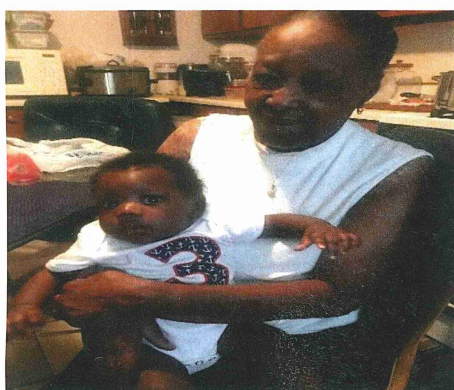
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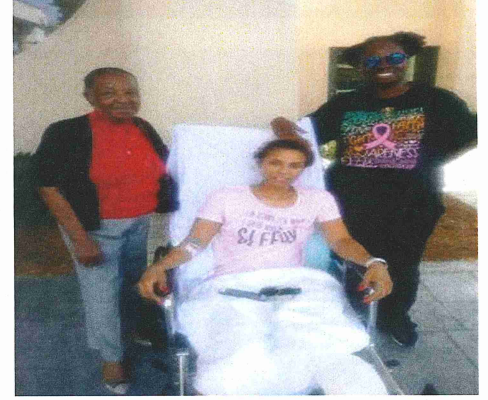
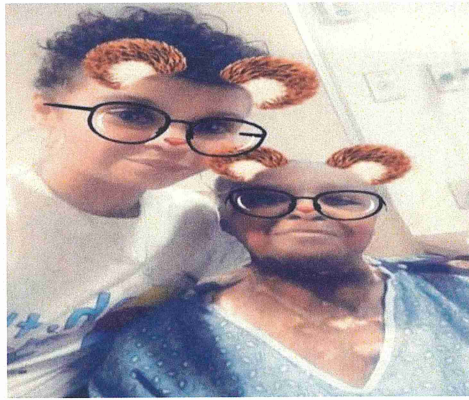
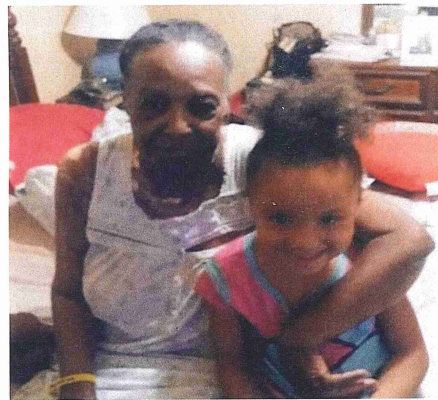
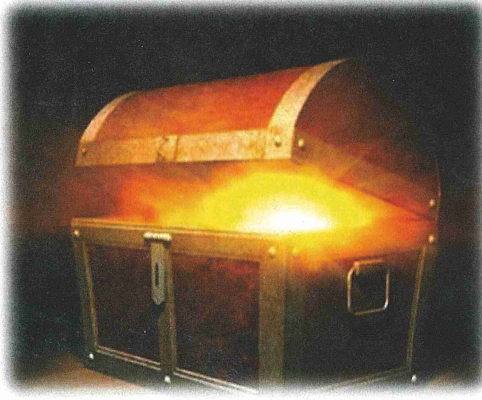
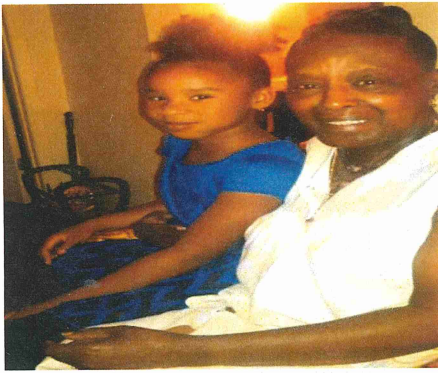
Committal & Closing Prayer

Ms. Ida Mae Hagins Bowers  
Treasurable Memories

1944

2020





“I leave with you some of my most treasurable memories just to carry you through these rough times. Although, my physical bean is no longer around, don’t you carry a frown, just remember my treasure box and there you will find something special I left inside just for you.”

*Ms. Ida Mae Hagins Bowers*

## ***Pallbearers***

### ***Family and Friends***

## ***A Poem for Auntie Ida Mae***

***A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard-working hands at rest,  
It broke our hearts to see you go,  
God only takes the best.***

***They say that memories are golden,  
Well, maybe that is true,  
But we never wanted memories,  
We only wanted you,***

***Your life was love and labour,  
Your love for your family true,  
You did your best for all of us,  
We will always remember you.***

***We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed and sore,  
We did our duty to the end,  
Till we could do no more.***

***We miss you already, Love  
Nicky, Jermiah, Ja' Myah, Patrick, Nickolas and Ivory***

### ***Acknowledgments***

***The family of the Late Ms. Ida Mae Hagins Bowers would like to extend their deepest gratitude for your many acts of kindness. Wishes of special recognition and thanks to Dr. Wumi and the staff at St. Joseph-Candler Hospital, heart felt thank you to Roderick and Rodney Byrd for their generosity. Also, Deloriss Daniels, Calvin Jacobs and Nicky Williams for your unfailing love and support; Monica Byrant who stayed for the long haul. Lastly to Adams Funeral Home Directors and staff for your professional and trusted care of our beloved family member. Kudos to you all!!! We pray that God will bless each of you.***

### ***Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to:***

***Adams Funeral Home  
510 Stephenson Ave.  
Savannah, Ga 31405***