

*Celebrating the life of*

**Active Pallbearers**  
Marquez Dupree  
Ja'Quille Lyons  
Mandrako Jackson  
Donamechia McGowan  
Demarius Harris  
Shadrick McCallum

**Honorary Pallbearers**  
Marcus Dupree  
Barry Martin  
Donnell Boler  
Kenneth Edwards  
Mark Stribling  
Obie Riley  
Timothy Boler  
Jessie Lyons  
Randy Hill  
Bruce Fox

**Flower Bearers**  
Friends of the Family

**Acknowledgements**

The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, words of encouragement, and acts of kindness rendered to us during our time of bereavement. It is our prayer that God will bestow extra blessings onto you for your thoughtfulness. Special thanks to St. Dominic's Hospital, Neshoba General Hospital, the staff of Anderson Hospital and Breast Center, Fresenius Kidney Care, Goodway Missionary Baptist Church and Beck Funeral Home, Inc.

**Professional Services Entrusted To:**  
Beck Funeral Home, Inc.  
10460 Rd. 561



**DEBORAH JOYCE HENSON**

**NOVEMBER 20, 1956-NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024  
2:00 PM**

Goodway Missionary Baptist Church  
255 Atkins Street  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

# Order of Service

Mistress of Ceremonies: Mrs.  
Brittany Payton

Processional: Soft Music

Scripture: Rev. Quinn Moore

Prayer: Rev. Derek Henson

Song: Goodway Choir

Tribute: Her Babies

Acknowledgements: Mistress of  
Ceremonies

Condolences (please limit to one  
minute)

Obituary: Mistress of Ceremony

Resolution: Jackie Amos

Solo: Ayana Whitlock

Eulogy: Rev. Willie Rush

Closing Song: "Til We Meet Again"  
Recessional

**You Only Have One Grandmother**

**You can have one special grandmother**

**Patient kind and true;**

**No other friend in all the world,**

**Will be the same to you.**

**When other friends forsake you,**

**To Grandma you will return,**

**For all her loving kindness,**

**She asks nothing in return.**

**As we look upon her picture,**

**Sweet memories we recall,**

**Of a face so full of sunshine,**

**And a smile for one and all.**

**Sweet Jesus, take this message,**

**To our dear Grandma up above;**

**Tell her how we miss her,**

**And give her all our love.**

**From The Grandchildren**



## Obituary

The beautiful Deborah Joyce Henson was born in Neshoba County on November 20, 1956, to the late Esther Thomas Conner and the late Jesse Kirkland. She found Christ at an early age and later rededicated her life to Christ as a member of Goodway Missionary Baptist Church in Philadelphia, MS. She attended Booker T. Washington School and was crowned Little Miss Booker T. She later graduated from Philadelphia High School with the class of 1975. During her tenure at Philadelphia High School, she was elected the First African American Maid at Large, Most likely to Succeed, and Most Athletic. Deborah was a member of the Philadelphia High School basketball and track and field teams. She attended East Central Community College where she received her Cosmetology License. She owned her own beauty shop and did hair for many years. Later she became employed at Richardson Molding where she worked in quality control for over 20 years. Deborah was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Charles Henson. She leaves to cherish her precious memories two daughters, Cassie Henson of Philadelphia, MS, Myia Miller of Dallas, TX; two sons, Lorenzo Hickman and Brandon Miller of Philadelphia, MS; two goddaughters, Latisha Miller of Dallas, TX and Gloria Proctor of Jackson, MS; four stepchildren, Vickie Wooten of Jackson, MS, Derek Henson of Memphis, TN; Shaun Henson and Monica (Charles) Henson O'Neil of Atlanta, GA. She is also survived by three sisters, Ruby Jean Brazzle, Gail (Barry) Martin and Laura Johnson, all of Philadelphia, MS; one brother, Gaddis McAfee, of Philadelphia; one stepsister, Beverly McAfee, and two stepbrothers, Cleveland (Betty) McAfee and Fred McAfee. She was dearly loved and cherished by her 6 grandchildren, Brandon, Janyia, Braydon and Bracey Miller, and Cassidy and Lorenzo Hickman; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A special thank you for the friendship of her two best friends, Mary Kirkland and Obbie Riley.

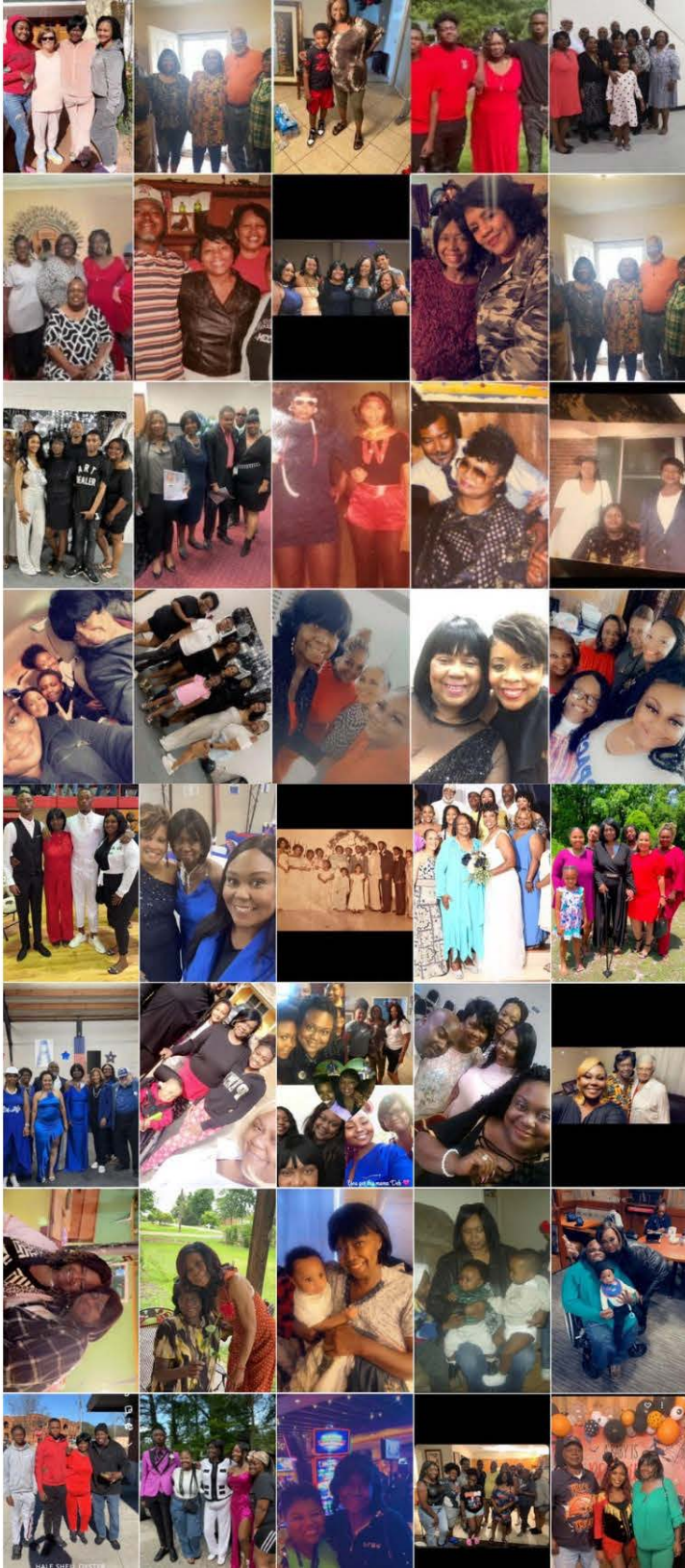
Deborah was a dedicated and passionate leader of the Democratic Party, and she chaired the Neshoba County Democratic Party until her departure. She labored in love within her family and community, and she did it all with a smile. Deborah has touched many lives with her charismatic personality, beautiful smile, and her inspiring perseverance.

Deborah departed this life on November 7, 2024, at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson, MS. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Cher Henson, two brothers, Curlee Conner and Thomas Conner, two sisters, Mary Ann Nichols and Esther Marie Wells, two stepsisters, Dorine Sims and Tela Gill and a stepbrother, Charles Ray McAfee.

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be  
happy and to do good while they live.

Ecclesiastes 3:12

# Family and Friends



## Momma

There are no words to express how much you will be missed. Your voice, the things you said, and the love you gave will never be replaced. You loved unconditionally, you gave selflessly, and you always turned a cloudy day into sunshine. While we reflect, we gave you flowers while you were here but looking back it still seems like it wasn't enough, and we can only shed tears.

Although you're gone, we still can hear every word you said about how to live. You sowed seeds that you may not have lived to see but your generations to come will definitely reap the blessings of your lifetime labor. We are forever grateful for our time with you and we know one day we will see you again too but life is never going to be the same without you. We thank you for the many lessons and for you being a blessing to us and so many others too! We love you ma, this is not goodbye forever but see you later.

Your daughters,  
Cassie and Myia



If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.