

CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE, SPIRIT AND LEGACY OF

Brenda Faye Kennedy Craig



BORN INTO TIME
AUGUST 14, 1948

BORN INTO ETERNITY
MARCH 1, 2024

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Saturday, March 9, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

FRIENDSHIP GHOLSON CEMETERY

DeKalb, Mississippi

Pastor James Baylor, Officiating

Sis. Kathy Clemons, Mistress of Ceremony

ORDER OF SERVICE

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*When we all get to Heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be;
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.*

Processional.....	Soft Musical Prelude
Selection.....	Congregational Song
Old Testament Scripture.....	Bro. Wardell McGraw
New Testament Scripture.....	Deaconess Frances Hemphill
Prayer of Comfort.....	Sis. Mary Scott
Poem.....	Sis. Latoya Chamberlain

Reflections on a Life Well lived: Please Limit to Two (2) Minutes

Mission Ridge M.B. Church	Bro. Willie Sherrod
Henderson Ridge M.B. Church	Sis. Rose McGraw
Boys and Girls Club	Bro. Tracy Naylor
Special Friend	Bro. Luke Rush
Fellow Classmate	Class of 1962
Former Student	Deangelo Houston
Cousin/Friend	Sis. Lee Ashford/Bro. Dennis Triplett
Co-worker/Neighbor	Rev. Wayne Benn
Others	

Solo.....	"Well Done".....	Sis. Geneva Jackson
Obituary.....		Read Silently
Acknowledgements.....		Sis. Kathy Clemons
Words of Comfort to the Family.....		Dr. Benjamin M. Pittman
Solo.....	"I Want To Go Where the Thunder Don't Roll"	Sis. Berline Cole Rush
Eulogy.....		Pastor James Baylor

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Recessional.....	Soft Musical Postlude
Internment.....	Friendship Gholson Cemetery, DeKalb, MS
Repast.....	Henderson Ridge Life Center, Preston, MS

SISTER BRENDA CRAIG



"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Revelations 21:4

The life of Sister Brenda Craig came to a close on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 3:50 p.m. at her home in Preston, Kemper County, Mississippi.

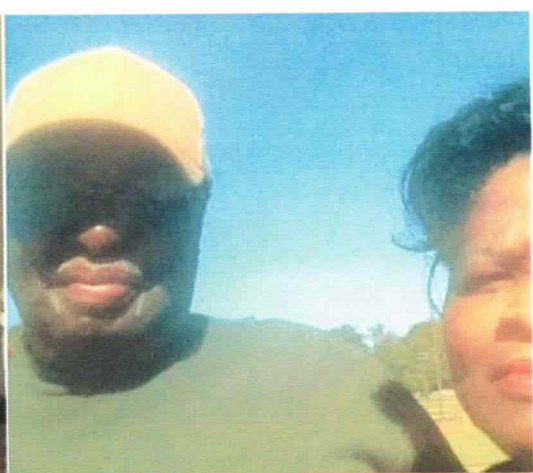
Sister Craig was the oldest child born to the late Ada Crayton-Brooks and Archie Kennedy on Saturday, August 14, 1948, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. She was reared and raised by the late Johnnie Kennedy and Annie Lee Kennedy in Ackerman, Ms. She accepted Christ early on as her personal Savior under the pastorage of the late Rev. B.W. Washington at Big Jerusalem Baptist Church in Ackerman, MS.

After marriage and moving to Kemper County, she later joined Mission Ridge Missionary Baptist Church and Henderson Ridge Baptist Church in Preston, Ms. She served her church faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, kitchen committee chairperson, program committee chairperson and anywhere needed until her health failed. Sister Craig was active in both civic and community affairs. She taught Mom's Kitchen cooking classes at God's Cares Ministries, cooked and organized activities at the Boys and Girls Club, Student Council sponsor and operated a Care Closet at Kemper County High School for many years. She was also an avid gardener, and maker of wine and persimmon beer.

Sis. Craig graduated from Ackerman High School in Ackerman, MS; Rust College in Holly Springs, MS, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work. After college she worked in the Choctaw County School System in Ackerman, MS. She was a dedicated and respected educator in the Kemper County School System for 18 years before her retirement at the age of 65.

Sister Craig was married to the late Mr. Roy Craig, a native of Kemper County, MS for thirty-seven (37) years. She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Monica Craig; one grandson, Caleb Wyatt; special friend, Luke Rush of Dekalb, Mississippi; three brothers, Jeffery Kennedy of Chicago, Illinois, Bruce Brooks of Moses, Alabama, and John Paul Brown of Ackerman, MS; four sisters, Debbie Edwards of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Casey Batson (John) of Chicago, Illinois, Ramona Brooks of Chicago, Illinois and Frances Hemphill of Ackerman, MS; three nephews, Nijer Edwards of Philadelphia, PA, Darrion Taylor, and Armon Shepard both of Dallas, Texas; four nieces, Tiffany Howse and Mallori Walker of Dallas, Texas, Kristina Stanizeski of Munster, Indiana and Vitoria Kennedy, Sao Paulo, Brazil; an uncle, Charlie Brown (Patricia) of Maryland; an aunt, Mildred Walker of Cleveland, Ohio, and a host of cousins and friends.





A TRIBUTE FROM THE FAMILY

God Saw You

God saw you getting tired,
when a cure was not to be.

So he wrapped His arms around you,
and whispered, "Come to me."

You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.

God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

When I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
to suffer that again.



Monica and Caleb



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 was once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.*

Pall Bearers

Billy Triplett
Vince Hibbler

Travis Triplett
Ronnie Jennings

Dennis Triplett
Grover Triplett

Honorary Pall Bearers

Jeffery Kennedy
Shedrick Coleman

Jessie Brown
Jeremiah Triplett
Dontae Triplett

John L. Jackson
Floyd Craig, Jr.

Flower Bearers

Family & Friends

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Words are inadequate to express the sincere appreciation we feel for your giving of yourself, your time, your support and your prayers. The family would especially like to thank Luke Rush, Rose McGraw, Mary Scott and Accent Care Hospice for the excellent care that you provided our loved one. We would also like to thank each and every one of you who helped us in your own sincere and very special way. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

- The Family

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DEKALB, MS 39328

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