

**Active Pallbearers**

Grandsons

**Honorary Pallbearers**

Deacons of Saint Matthew Baptist Church

**Flower Attendants**

Granddaughters

**“A Tribute To Grandmother”**

Thank you for the gift of love, Now, you're sharing it up above. You had many things to say, all in a caring way. You always saw good in everyone, no matter what they've done. You were always the one we could all lean on, even though it must have felt like a ton. You were always the strength of the family, now we must let you rest calmly. We say goodbye as tears roll down our eyes. I know your place in heaven has a good view, you're telling God, "I need to keep an eye on a few". I know you will always be in our heart and mind, so, Grandma, we must go, but we'll never forget you're one of a kind.

*-From Your Grandchildren*

**Acknowledgement**

The family of the late, Bertha M. Smith Benton wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, kindness, your calls, visits, words of comfort and above all your prayers shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.

*A special thanks to Lanier Manor & Staff*

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A CELEBRATION  
*Life*



**Mrs. Bertha M. Smith Benton**

November 8, 1927 - February 25, 2015

**Service**

Eleven O'Clock, Saturday, March 7, 2015

**Saint Matthew Baptist Church**

3811 Moncrief Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32209

**Reverend George A. Price, Officiating**

**Interment**

Evergreen Cemetery

## Obituary

*“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”.*

### *II Timothy 4:7*

**Mrs. Bertha M. Smith Benton**, the beloved wife of the late Deacon McCarthy Benton, was born on November 8, 1927 in Dawson, Georgia. Her early education was received in the local public school of Terrell County.

**Mrs. Benton**, accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at an early age. She kept Him in her life as she lived, and laid the foundation for a Christian life for her children and grandchildren. Mrs. Benton, was a member of the Senior and combined Adult Choir, as well as the Senior Women Bible Class. She loved her church, where she was a faithful member until her health failed.

**Mrs. Benton**, was a very humble, loving, caring and giving person, but above all she was a Christian and godly praying mother who loved her children, grandchildren and entire family; as well as her Saint Matthew church family.

She loved old gospel music and hymns, her favorite hymn was “Love Lifted Me”. Mrs. Benton was loved by so many people whose lives she touched.

She was a member of Rabia Court #25 of the Grand Masonic Lodge and Clanzel T. Brown Community Center.

After living a full and meaningful Christian life, on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 she slept away to enter her Heavenly home.

**Mrs. Benton**, was preceded in death by her parents, and five siblings. She leaves to cherish her loving memory, her devoted children, Retired Sergeant Major, Jerry Benton (Joyce), Alexandria, Louisiana, Betty J. Benton McClendon, Edward Kinnel (Stella), Dawson, Georgia, Tommie, William, Gary and Brenda Benton; extended family, Gloria Perry of Atlanta, Georgia and Elder Morris Perry (Sheila) of Miami, Florida; her sister, Emma Brown; brother, Deacon Claude Smith (Doretha); twenty - five grandchildren; forty-eight great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many sorrowing friends.

## Order of Service

Processional .....	Musicians
	“Jesus I’ll Never Forget”
Scripture .....	Elder Terrence Pender
	Jerusalem Holiness Church, Folkston, GA
Invocation .....	Reverend Tommy Rodgers
	Bethlehem Baptist Church, Palatka, FL
Selection .....	Choir
	“Total Praise”
Acknowledgement of Condolences .....	Marie H. Mobley
Selection .....	Choir
	“Thank You”
Reflections .....	(Two Minutes Please)
	As A Christian ..... Deacon Henry Greene
	As A Grandson ..... Pastor Derek McClendon
	God’s Power and Deliverance Church, Atlanta, GA
	As A Granddaughter ..... Sekia Grimes
Solo.....	Reverend Darien Bolden, Pastor
	First Missionary Baptist Church of Fernandina
	Fernandina Beach, FL
Words of Comfort .....	Reverend George A. Price
Recessional .....	Choir
	“Bye and Bye”

### **Repast**

*Immediately following Interment in the Fellowship Hall at the church*