



Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens

September 7, 1932 - September 27, 2022

Thelma Hennings Givens, known by many as "Blackie" or "Black Gal" was born on September 7, 1932, in Denmark, Tennessee to the late Marell H. Merriweather and late Johnny Maholmes. Thelma was raised by her mother Marell and her loving and devoted stepfather, the late K. C. Merriweather who instilled in her hard work and core/family values. She departed from her earthly home on September 27, 2022. Thelma received her education in the Madison County Education System in Denmark Tennessee where she enjoyed basketball. Early in life she professed a hope in Christ and was a member of Denmark Baptist Church. Later she joined Blairs Chapel C.M.E. Church, where she served as an usher for over 30 years. Thelma worked numerous jobs throughout her lifespan, many of which she would often speak about in her many sit-down conversations. Such jobs included Farming, Nursing Homes, Poultry Factory, Martha White Food, and Milan Arsenal Plant during the Vietnam War Era. There was no job that she could not conquer. Thelma was a woman that believed in raising her family, not only her family but anybody. Her house was where all the children in the community would come to play, eat and be at home. She was loving person, never hesitating to let you know what was on her mind. She would give to whomever needed anything. She was an excellent cook that would feed anyone who stopped by her kitchen. Having a house full of boys, if there was any food left in the pot, she would always say "everybody got full". She was married to Perry Givens, Sr. who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by four sons Larry Hennings, James Givens, Stanley Givens, Bruce Givens, and daughter Elaine Givens. Several sisters and brothers preceded her in death. Those left to cherish her loving memories are her children: Charles (Luretha) Hennings, Michael(Georgia) Hennings, Percy (Martha) Givens, Perry (Jennifer) Givens Jr., Ella Williams, K. C. (Regina) Givens and Caeaner Bartlett; eighteen grandchildren: Marcus, Tiketia, Felita, Latasha, Charles Jr, Larry Jr, Donald, Latorria, Ryan, Jarvis, Perry III, Karen, Maurice Lee, Jasmine, Greg and Latoya; twenty-three great-grandchildren; sisters: Geraldine Ellison, Rada Samuels; Lee Anna Merriweather, Mary Sykes (Robert), Bettye Merriweather, Lizzie (Norman) White, Linda (Odell) March and Patricia (Bob) Williams; sister-in-law: Carrie Givens and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. She had a loving and devoted caregiver, her granddaughter: Mrs. Tiketia (Keke) Currie.

Cemetery Details

Blairs Chapel Cemetery

2293 Steam Mill Ferry Rd.
Jackson, TN 38301

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.
807 N. Hays Avenue
Jackson, TN 38301
(731) 427-7411
info@stephenson-shaw.com
<https://www.stephenson-shaw.com>

Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Blairs Chapel C.M.E. Church
2293 Steam Mill Ferry Rd.
Jackson, TN 38301

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Renetta And Ashlee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens*



Renetta and Ashlee - October 03, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Our condolences and prayers for the family of Mrs Thelma Givens.*

*Lonnie and Charlotte Taylor
South Bend IN*



Charlotte Taylor - October 03, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *May God give you strength when yours is gone. May His grace and mercy carry you on.*

Patricia Booker - October 02, 2022 at 02:32 PM



“ *Patricia Booker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens*



Patricia Booker - October 02, 2022 at 02:26 PM

PS

“ *Phyllis Staten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens*



Phyllis Staten - October 01, 2022 at 02:41 PM

MH

“ *Mary Grimes Hunt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens*



Mary Grimes Hunt - October 01, 2022 at 12:12 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens.*



September 30, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens.*



September 30, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens.*



September 29, 2022 at 05:20 PM

FB

“ Our sincere condolences in the passing of your loved one.
The Late Joe L Brice Family



Frances Brice - September 29, 2022 at 01:28 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Thelma Hennings Givens.



September 29, 2022 at 10:36 AM

PG

“ Patricia Forbes Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Thelma Hennings Givens



Patricia Forbes Greer - September 29, 2022 at 01:22 AM

JF

“ James & Ruthie Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Thelma Hennings Givens



James & Ruthie Franklin - September 28, 2022 at 10:13 PM