



Billy James Bennett, Sr.

June 2, 1928 - January 31, 2015

Billy James Bennett, Sr. was born to the late Willie and Isabel (Little) Bennett on June 2, 1928 in Mount Gilead, North Carolina. The family moved to Richmond, Virginia when he was 7 years old. He attended Navy Hill Elementary School and Maggie L. Walker High School.

At an early age, he developed a love for music and eventually became the pianist for the Virginia Choral Ensemble. In the early 1950's he served his country in the U.S. Army. Upon his return, he rejoined the Virginia Choral Ensemble and served for more than 40 years. Billy was a devoted member of Triumphant Baptist Church, where he was also the pianist for the Triumphant Gospel Chorus from 1969 until his health began to fail. Mr. B., as known to many, was a gifted musician and a wonderful singer. He had a cultivated baritone voice and a sharp ear for music like no other. He used his gifts to lift up and honor God through music.

He was married to Sadie B. Haskins for 49 years until she went home to be with the Lord on May 8, 1999. They were blessed with five children, Violet, Billy Jr., Deborah (Carl), Clyde, and Michael Bennett (Teresa).

During the decline of his health, he was cared for by Annie Daniels (Kitty) and Martha Braxton (Ms. B.). After a lengthy illness, Mr. Bennett went home to join his loving wife in heaven on January 31, 2015 with several family members by

his side.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Sonora Bibbs, two sisters, Lillian Bennett and Cozet McMillian and one grandson, Harry Bennett.

Billy is also survived by sons James Ford and Ronald Peyton, eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, a devoted sister-in-law, Pearlie (Chang) Moore, and a devoted aunt, Katie Jackson.

Billy J. Bennett, Sr. was a man of powerful words and a commanding presence. When he spoke, you listened and you were left with an important life lesson to take away with you. He was a humble, giving and respectable man who lived an exemplary life and leaves a legacy that will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Washington Memorial Park

6217 Memorial Dr.
Sandston, VA 23150

Previous Events

viewing

FEB **5**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Service

FEB **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumphant Baptist Church
2003 Lamb Ave
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy James Bennett, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Angie Akins King sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy James Bennett, Sr.*



Angie Akins King - February 07, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *My condolences to the family of a great man of God, he will be truly missed. Mr.B always made me smile with his jokes and witty spirit. Just know that we loved Mr B but God loves him best. No more suffering and no more pain nothing but joy unspeakable joy! May God continue to bless and strengthen you.*

Angie Akins King - February 07, 2015 at 09:13 AM

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“ God looked around his garden
and found an empty space
Then He looked down upon this earth
and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best



You will be missed Mr. Bennett!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to the Bennett family! May you all find peace in knowing that Mr. Bennett is resting peacefully.

Brenda Akins-Smith, Glen Allen VA

Brenda Akins-Smith - February 05, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - February 04, 2015 at 01:04 PM