



## Mary Smith Banks

April 2, 2013

Mary Alice Banks 91, passed away on April 2, 2013, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She was born June 4, 1921, in Stonesville, NC to the late Darian M. and Nannie Frances Smith.

Mary was a graduate of Whitney High School. She retired from JCPenney after 22 years, and previously worked at Spicer and Toledo Hospital.

Mary was a member of Warren A.M.E. Church for 62 years and was a member of the Mass Choir, Chancellor Choir, a Deaconess, Mother of the Year, and was a Legacy of 5 generations. She was also a member of Pride of Composite Chapter #81, LaPlaz Assembly #20, NAACP, and a Foster Grandparent.

Mary enjoyed singing; she sang on radio and television ministries and performed at the Zoo Amphitheater and at the Toledo Art Museum. She was well known throughout the city. She taught arts and crafts at Link's Teen Town, the Senior Center, and the Parkwood Apartments.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; all of her siblings; her granddaughter, Tina M. Banks-Allen, and great-grandson, Robert L. Banks, III. Mary leaves to cherish her memory her sons; Rev. Calvin K. Jr., Robert L. Sr. (Imogene), and Pastor Darian N. Banks; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. including Eastern Star Rites at 5:00 p.m. Dale-Riggs Funeral Home Chapel, family hour Monday 10:00 a.m.

followed by funeral services at 11:00 a.m. Warren A.M.E. Church, Rev. Dr. Otis J. Gordon officiant, interment Historic Woodlawn Cemetery. The family would like to thank Hospice of Northwest Ohio and Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home for the loving care, you gave Mary while she was a resident.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to express my condolence to your family. The enemy that has over reached your Family is no stranger. The Bible calls death an enemy, none of us can out run it or fight it off. In view of this the Bible also teaches “As the last enemy Death is to be brought to nothing” (1Corinthians 15:26) That Is Good news. May The True God Jehovah Reveal himself to your Family and, May He Comfort All of you.

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**BJ Daniels** - May 07, 2013 at 02:14 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May the scripture found at Revelations 21:3&4 bring you and your family comfort.

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**Danielle** - April 12, 2013 at 11:45 PM

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“ I'm sorry to read of the loss of Mary. My thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "is healing the broken hearted ones, and is binding up their painful spots." May God bring you comfort and peace.

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**D Williams** - April 07, 2013 at 11:28 AM

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“ May the Lord's hands of compassion and Love and his guiding light from above, shine down upon you and give you strength during this time of sorrow.

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**Vivian McGee-Carroll** - April 07, 2013 at 08:48 AM