

Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days .

All About My Daddy

*My daddy was a hard worker from a young age. He was taught how to drive at the age of nine years old by his late great-grandfather Ben. After marrying his high school sweetheart, my dad moved to Fostoria as a young man. He was known for his freshly creased jeans and long, curly hair, as he would say, "curls for the girls and waves for the babes" lol. My daddy drove school bus number 7 for years, which was the liveliest bus in town, and everyone wanted to ride it. As a daddy's girl, I would sit behind him, eating my snacks. My daddy also plowed snow for many people during the winter months. He always had a love for people, especially children. My cousins Toya and Marisa stayed with my parents as little girls and were there to welcome me when my momma and daddy adopted me. It was exciting for them to love me and affectionately call me Pumkin. My daddy was a great guy in his own way, very handy, and loved his coffee, children, grandchildren, and family. My daddy was the best in my eyes. I love you, Daddy, till we meet again. - **Shalawn Venita Elmore***

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to everyone for their unwavering kindness during this difficult time. Whether through thoughts, prayers, or acts of kindness, your support has brought us great comfort, and we thank you.

~The Family~

Arrangements Entrusted to:

The W. J. Gist Mortuary

519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina

Telephone 864- 476-3411

Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service

1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina

Telephone 574-5464 or 576-8800

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In Loving Memory of Mr. Bennie Lewis Elmore



*Sunrise
October 3, 1948*

*Sunset
March 3, 2025*

*Monday, March 10, 2025
12:00 pm in the Afternoon*

*WJ Gist Memorial Chapel
519 Workman Ave.
Woodruff, SC*

Rev. Derrick Scurry, Officiating

Life Profile

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Bennie Lewis Elmore, 76, of Woodruff, South Carolina, departed this life on Monday, March 3, 2025. Bennie was born on October 3, 1948, in Spartanburg County. He relocated to Fostoria, Ohio, after marrying his high school sweetheart, the late Louise Jackson Elmore.

Bennie was employed by Atlas Crankshaft for many years and was a school bus driver for many years as well. He also had several other side jobs and trades along the way. Bennie, affectionately known as Elmo.

Bennie was predeceased by his parents; Julia Mae Brooks and Oscar Lewis Elmore; his grandmother, Florence Tanner; and his great-grandparents, Ben and Selena Whitmire.

Bennie leaves to cherish fond memories, his children; Shalawn Venita Elmore of Greenville, South Carolina, and Andee Payne of Fostoria, Ohio; sisters Betty Smith of Spartanburg, South Carolina, Dorothy Pitts of Fostoria, Ohio, Suzzette (Larry) Gilchrist of Toledo, Ohio, and Eva Mae Elmore; brother James (Carie) Brooks of Gulf Port, Mississippi; grandchildren Abre'shia Elmore, Martearious Elmore, Chilo Orr; great-grandchildren, Harmoni', Ariyah, Mei'la, Kylo, Blaise, Amauri, Marleigh, Royal; Special cousins, Mary Jones of Woodruff, South Carolina and Josephine Mcbeth of Duncan, SC; and two special nieces Marisa Hunter of Duncan, SC and Toya (Gary Sr.) Mcbeth-McDaniel of Greenville SC; and a special nephew, Jerome (Diane) Elmore of Fostoria, Ohio.



Order of Worship

Rev. Gary McDaniel Sr., Presiding

Processional.....The Family

Song.....Mr. Ronald Browning

Scripture:

Old Testament.....Minister

New Testament.....Minister

**Prayer.....Rev. Gary McDaniel Sr., Pastor
Brown Temple CME Church, Asheville, NC**

Acknowledgments.....Mrs. Toya McBeth-McDaniel

Song.....Mr. Ronald Browning

**Words of Comfort.....Rev. Derrick Scurry
Greater St. John AME Church, Winnsboro, SC**

Closing Prayer

Recessional.....The Family

