



Bonnie Smith Bankston

March 23, 1967 - March 18, 2025

Bonnie Smith Bankston who was born on March 23, 1967 in Talladega, Alabama, was the beloved daughter of Leroy Smith and Mary Emma Cunningham Smith. She leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and commitment to her faith.

A devoted member of Rocky Mount Missionary Baptist Church in her youth, Bonnie continued her spiritual journey in Decatur, Georgia, where she became an active participant at Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church. Her faith was a guiding light throughout her life, illuminating the paths of those fortunate enough to know her. Bonnie's educational pursuits began in the Talladega County School System, culminating in her graduation from Lincoln High School. Her professional journey in the finance sector was marked by her tenacity and leadership as she held several managerial roles, and she was dedicated to furthering her knowledge by pursuing her license in theology at the time of her passing.

As Bonnie traveled this earthly journey, she was blessed with three loving children, John, Bonquita, and Chauncie, all of whom she loved with all her heart. These four were inseparable. Bonnie loved her grandchildren and her grand-fur baby unconditionally, but she got a thrill out of aggravating her bonus sister, Wanda. She met no stranger and loved talking and reading. In her warm presence, she found joy in engaging conversations, exploring new

ideas, and sharing laughter, especially with her beloved sisters, Connie and Mary Ellen. Her spirit, marked by love and friendship, will be profoundly missed but eternally celebrated. Bonnie will be remembered not only for her professional accomplishments but, more significantly, for the immense love she radiated as a mother and grandmother. Her grandchildren, as well as her beloved grand-fur baby, were the light of her life, and her generosity knew no bounds, as she would have given the shirt off her back for anyone in need.

The lovely Bonnie Smith Bankston gained her heavenly wings and peacefully accepted her Master's call on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at the age of 57, while in the care of Emory Healthcare in Decatur, Georgia surrounded by loved ones. Preceding Bonnie in death were her parents, Leroy and Mary Smith, her beloved husband Anthony Bankston, Sr., who passed on February 23, 2025, brother, Ronnie Cunningham, and sister, Beverly Brown.

Bonnie's legacy of love and her sweet spirit will live on and forever be cherished and remembered by her loving and devoted children, John (Robin) Smith, Chauncie McClellan, and Bonquita (Michael) McLeod; bonus daughter, Kimberly Duncan; grandchildren, Jaliyah Smith and Kaleb Smith; grand fur baby, "Missy"; bonus children, Anthony Bankston, Jr., Tarnesha Bankston, Angel (Dread) Bankston, Brandon Bankston, and Bria Bankston; brothers, Travis (Pamela) Smith, Victor (Rosanna) Smith, Leroy (Marion) Smith, and Derald (Sheree) Smith; sisters, Carolyn Sims, Mavis Wilson, Mary Ellen Caldwell, Connie (Johnny, Jr.) Henderson, Sharon (Troskey) Twymon, and Sheryl (Jesse) Garrett; bonus sister, Wanda Garrett; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

In reverence to Bonnie's remarkable life and the love she bestowed upon others, we are happy to honor her memory and legacy, while ushering her spirit into eternity. We are beyond grateful to have family and friends unite with us in this reflective gathering.

The cherished memories of Bonnie Smith Bankston will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege to know and love her. As we come together to remember her remarkable journey, let us honor her legacy of love, faith, and compassion.

Cemetery Details

Rocky Mount Baptist Church Cemetery

1380 Jackson Trace Rd
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAR **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

MAR **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FT

“ Bonnie and I were friends from our youth. We went to church at Rock Mount, where our families all worshiped. We always had lots to talk about, and she loved talking. On occasion, she would travel to Huntsville, and we always managed to say hello and have a moment to sit and chat; her conversation never changed. She was a soldier for the Lord for sure! Without fail, she always asked about my mom, whom she loved dearly. At times, I felt she knew my mom better than I did, but she was loving in that way. Her smile was infectious, and her intentions were always for the better, no matter what! We were the same age, but she always seemed so much wiser; God blessed her in that way. My heart is heavy because such a dear friend is truly missed. I have no worries, though, for I know you are with our heavenly Father. Fredrick B. Traylor

Fredrick B Traylor - March 27 at 11:30 PM

PC

“ I saw Bonnie in July while I was in Atlanta. We got to clowning around like we always do when we see each other. I am so hurt right now. Bonnie is one of my favorite cousins. I will see you again. I LOVE YOU!!!!

Patrick D. Cunningham - March 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM

PC

“ Patrick D. Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Bonnie Smith Bankston



Patrick D. Cunningham - March 26, 2025 at 03:15 PM

JH

“ Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of
Bonnie Smith Bankston



jackie Williams Hall - March 24, 2025 at 10:15 PM

VC

“ Valerie Cunningham lit a candle in memory of
Bonnie Smith Bankston



Valerie Cunningham - March 24, 2025 at 04:57 PM

BM

“ Bonquita Mcleod lit a candle in memory of
Bonnie Smith Bankston



Bonquita Mcleod - March 24, 2025 at 01:35 PM

RT

“ Regina TrussBriskey lit a candle in memory of
Bonnie Smith Bankston



Regina TrussBriskey - March 24, 2025 at 09:50 AM

WG

“ While lying here after midnight all I am doing is thinking about my sister asking God to step inside and walk me and her love ones through this VERY heavy load. My heart goes out to the family during this suddenly 💔 time. God I'll leave it all in your house where I know it will be taken care of. Amen 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Wanda Garrett - March 24, 2025 at 03:22 AM

KK

“ Ma you will be missed tremendously!! You never hesitated to let the world know that I was your daughter. Although you were miles away your presence in my home was there every day. There was rarely ever a day that went by that you didn't call Jaliyah or KJ. We love you! Take your rest Ma! 🥹

Kim, Jaliyah, and KJ - March 21, 2025 at 08:44 PM

RB

I am the other son of The Late Melvin Bankstin I met your mom after Anthony service she was so sweet and kind . May God comfort you'll during this time .

Reginsl Bankston - March 22, 2025 at 11:15 AM

AN

“ With deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.
Annette and Joe



Annette - March 21, 2025 at 08:06 AM

SJ

“ *Sending Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences To The Family. Sincerely From The Garrett and The Jones Family* ”



Sonya G Jones - March 20, 2025 at 01:13 AM

WG

“ *I'm really going to miss my sister. My deepest condolences to the family. I love you.* ”



Wanda Garrett - March 19, 2025 at 12:57 PM