



## Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins

September 25, 1947 - November 1, 2021

“Absent from the body and at home with the Lord...”

That is our confident credence as we honor the life and legacy of our beloved Missionary Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.

Lois, as she was affectionately known by family and loved ones, entered the world September 25, 1947 to the late Elijah Boles and late Ruby (Nathaniel) Collins. Strong spiritual faith was at her core from birth as both parents were devoted Christians. Her father was a founding member of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Utica, NY. Additionally, her mother was a minister who went on to become President of the Usher Board therein. Growing up as one of nine children, Lois was educated throughout the Utica City School District. She demonstrated a love of writing and poetry, amongst many other interests including being a member of the infamous Screaming Eagles Drill Team that earned the privilege of marching in the 1964 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Ultimately, as a young adult, it was her compassion and love for helping others that led her to receive her certification and degree in Nursing while working at the Masonic Home. She also acquired a skill set of welding and would later utilize her versatile talents with such companies as Univac, Chicago Pneumatic, and General Electric, later known as Lockheed Martin. Her passions demonstrated in her work revealed just a fragment of the devotion she committed to her most cherished title: Mother.

Lois married Mr. Wardell Perkins in the late 60's and went on to collectively raise four children through whom her memory continues to live; Tyrone

Perkins of Syracuse, NY, Natasha Davis (Daniel) of Utica, NY, Wardell “Xavier” Perkins of Syracuse, NY, and Rashonda Perkins of Syracuse, NY. Her mothering catered to the unique needs of her family individually while overall exemplifying unconditional love, patience, respect, dedication, forgiveness, and hard work.

Truly a virtuous woman, Lois’ personal walk with God was a journey she held dear. It was an act of love how she kept her family grounded in church, and she would later carry out that tradition by instilling the love of God in her grandchildren as well; so much so that she was blessed to see the fruits of her labor realized when her eldest grandson DeQuan was appointed to pastor. She herself was ordained and received her licensure as a Missionary in 1995 under the tutelage of the late Bishop Calvin Ashley, Sr. of St. Marks Healing and Deliverance Ministries. In this capacity, she humbly honored her call to service with dignity and grace.

Lois wasn’t afraid of dreaming and reinventing herself. After many days of tirelessly commuting between Utica and Syracuse, Lois finally relocated to Syracuse in 2000 where she had since resided as an Engineer with Lockheed Martin.

In more recent years, Lois enjoyed traveling and the occasional cruise. She also helped to raise some of her grandchildren and even came to be known as “grandma” to her neighborhood, as she would cook meals to feed the local kids and offer an encouraging word and prayer without hesitation. She was the go-to person for many and her absence will certainly be felt.

On November 1, 2021, Lois peacefully transitioned to her heavenly home with her immediate family at her bedside. Predeceased by her sister, Beaula Bennett, her love will continue to shine bright through her siblings who held a special place in her heart: Ellard-James Boles of Texas, Nathaniel Bennett (Renee) of Downstate, NY, Charles Bennett of Cleveland, OH, Billy Bennett (Fern) of the State of Washington, David Bennett (Valerie) of Altus, Oklahoma, Hamza Joel Collins (Fatima) of Norwich, CT, Ronald Collins of Cleveland, OH, and Michael Collins (Marie) of Norwich, CT.

Her legacy will carry on through the joy of her heart, her grandchildren: Quantesa, Akita, DeQuan, Marcus, Andrew, Chucquan, Kasavian, Brianna, Jayvon, Latrell, Asianna, India, Fatimah, Khadijah, Josiah, Quadre, Tyasia, Tyrone Jr., several great-grandchildren, and her god-son, Pastor James Jackson. She was predeceased by her god-mother, Anna Mae Goodson of Utica, NY and her god-brother, Theodore Henderson of Denver, CO.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Joseph Hospital for their genuine efforts, care, and concern. Gratitude is also expressed to all those who have extended their love and condolences during this time of mourning.

Visitation will be held on Saturday afternoon, November 13, 2021 from 12:00 – 1:00, followed by remarks of remembrance, at Greater Highway Deliverance Temple, 1705 Whitesboro St., Utica. Her Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will be offered at 1:00 immediately following visitation. Interment will take place in New Forest Cemetery.

This tribute to Annie's life was lovingly written by her family.

# Cemetery Details

## New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Highway Deliverance Temple  
1705 Whitesboro St.  
Utica, NY 13501

## Home Going Service

NOV 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

Greater Highway Deliverance Temple  
1705 Whitesboro St.  
Utica, NY 13501

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *LONNIE BROWN lit a candle in memory of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins*



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**LONNIE BROWN** - December 09, 2021 at 01:40 PM

DW

“ *Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins*



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**Dawn Winston** - November 29, 2021 at 09:37 PM

TC

“ *I worked with Annie for the past 20yrs I'm so sorry for your loss I've heard many stories of her family and know how much you all meant to her and how much she loved all of you she had a great heart and spirit and will be greatly missed*  
*Teresa Clark*



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**Teresa clark** - November 18, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DW

“ *The members of the Family and Friends Cruise Group are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear cruise-mate, Annie. We'll miss the joy and spirit she brought to us. Rest in peace friend, and our condolences to the family.*

*Debora Wilcox  
Syracuse, NY*

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**Debora Wilcox** - November 16, 2021 at 10:16 AM

LC

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to Annie's family. Worked with her at Lockheed Martin for many years. A very special and spiritual saint.*

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**Larry Corriders** - November 13, 2021 at 09:54 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.*



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November 12, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.*



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November 12, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CP

“ *Annie was a beautiful person and kind to everyone always. She will be deeply missed. My deepest condolences to her family during this difficult time. She spoke of her family with pride and love.*

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**Cortney Phillips** - November 11, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.*



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November 11, 2021 at 11:58 AM

IA

“ *My sincere condolences to the Perkins family. I consider Mrs. Perkins as a very loving nurturing lady with a beautiful and amazing smile.*

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**Iesha Alpheaud** - November 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.*



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November 10, 2021 at 01:56 PM

FF

“ From David Jr. and Family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.



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**From David Jr. and Family.** - November 10, 2021 at 01:07 PM

ND

“ Words can't express how much I'm going to miss you Mom. I am so proud of you for all the things that you have accomplished in life. You inspired me to be the young lady that I am today I am a reflection of you and I only hope to continue to make you proud Until we meet again my beautiful queen rest in peace love always your daughter Natasha.

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**natasha davis** - November 10, 2021 at 04:38 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.



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November 09, 2021 at 08:30 PM

WE

“ Going to miss you, and our conversations about travel. Work isn't the same nor clam bakes without you.

*William Eaton  
aka Billie  
aka Bil-bo the Clown*

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**William Eaton** - November 09, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JP

“ I worked with Annie on and off for years, will always fondly remember her teasing me. Sorry for your loss.

Judy Papenfus - November 09, 2021 at 12:38 PM

YL

“ My condolences to the family of Mrs Perkins praying for the family she was a beautiful and sweet person To my childhood friend Rashonda (Ratifah) I love you sis Tasha Tyrone and Xavier Praying that God provides y'all with strength and comfort during this hard time and to Quantessa, Dequan and all the other grandkids keep the legacy going stay encouraged



Yolanda LinderMartin - November 09, 2021 at 06:30 AM

KL

“ KEISSA LEON-PARKINS lit a candle in memory of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins



KEISSA LEON-PARKINS - November 09, 2021 at 06:06 AM

KL

YOU ARE ALWAYS LOVED AND NEVER FORGOTTEN  
MAY YOUR SOUL REST IN PEACE

KEISSA LEON-PARKINS - November 09, 2021 at 06:09 AM

SL

“ It was a pleasure to have known and worked w/Annie. I offer thoughts and prayers to your family...Hoping loving memories will comfort you and bring a smile to all. God Bless her family and may she R.I.P.

Stephanie Ladisair - November 08, 2021 at 04:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins.



November 08, 2021 at 04:48 PM

LS

“ Linda Spratt lit a candle in memory of Annie Lois (Bennett) Perkins



Linda Spratt - November 08, 2021 at 01:23 PM

VW

I will always remember Annie she was a gift that God shared with everyone. I will miss her kind spirit and gracious affable to all.

Virginline Woodall - November 09, 2021 at 10:09 AM