



Eunice (Hankerson) Mims

January 20, 1932 - January 11, 2024

UTICA/YORKTOWN, VA - Eunice H. Mims was born January 20, 1932, to the late Elijah Hankerson and Elder Pearl Lee (Flowers) Bennett in South Bay, Florida where she was raised in a loving home with her mother and stepfather, Rufus Dexter. She married the late Phillip Mims, Sr. in a ceremony officiated by the late Elder Elester Wright on March 1, 1949, in Utica, NY. The couple traveled across the United States and Europe as Phillip Mims, Sr. served in the U.S. Military.

Eunice was a faithful member of The House of God Church, Utica, New York serving in several capacities including Church Treasurer, and was one of the lead singers of the spiritual group, the Gospel Spreaders. It was around this example that Phillip and Eunice Mims raised their eight children and provided the spiritual foundation for the various roles and offices they hold in their home churches today as ministers and deacons and ministry workers.

Eunice worked for UNIVAC and retired from Lucas Aerospace and served also as a grievance officer where her fair and honest character was invaluable in the execution of her duties. In the community Eunice supported the United People of Cornhill charity and served as PTA President underscoring the importance of education to her children. Remarkably, even with this challenging schedule, Eunice still prepared hot meals daily for her eight children and family, and cooked and provided baked goods for the church

when needed as well.

With the passing of her sisters, Barbara and Gladys Melzina; and brother, Leonard, Eunice took on the role of matriarch for her nieces and nephews as the last and the eldest family member before being called home to glory.

Eunice Mims passed away to her heavenly home on January 11, 2024, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law in Yorktown, Virginia (Mark and Loretta Mims) with family by her side. Eunice leaves a wonderful legacy behind for her children Rev. Phillip Mims Sr., Syracuse, NY; Regina (Basil) Watson, Danbury, CT; Larry (Patricia) Mims, Concord, NC; Elder Craig (Rev. Velma) Mims, Hampton, Virginia; Rev. Gary (Dr. Gretchen) Mims, North Chili, NY; Elder Mark (Loretta) Mims, Yorktown, Virginia; and Tamera (John) Liggins, Marcy, NY; eighteen grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren.

She is predeceased by her husband, Phillip Mims, Sr.; son, Alexis Vergil Mims; granddaughter, Rashana Wright; daughters-in-law, Vernell and Sandra Mims; siblings, Barbara Archer, Gladys Melzina Carter; brother-in-law, Gamage Carter; and her brother, Leonard Dexter.

Special acknowledgements, brother-in-law Charles Blue, Florida; nieces, Naomi Screen, Tallahassee, FL; Michele Campbell, West Henrietta, NY; and Erica Mims, Lansing, NY. She will also be cherished by a host of nieces and nephews.

The Mims family would like to thank all their family and friends for their support. Additional gratitude is extended to Eunice's caregivers, Nichole Davis, Latoya Darby, and Gentiva Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at The House of God Church, 1304 Genesee St., Utica, NY. Eunice's Home Going

Service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Eunice will be laid to rest in New Forest Cemetery.

This obituary was lovingly written by Eunice's family.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Home Going Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

House of God Church
1304 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

EH

“ I will always remember Sister Mims’s broad smile and sweet disposition. Seeing her picture brought back many memories of her young family, her mother, sister & and the Saints of yesteryear. My condolences to the family, love ones, and friends

Edwina Harris - January 29, 2024 at 10:46 PM

VH

“ Vaughn & Rana Harper purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.



Vaughn & Rana Harper - January 26, 2024 at 01:00 PM

TW

“ The Wrights purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.



The Wrights - January 25, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.



January 24, 2024 at 09:21 PM

YS

“ Your Brothers in Christ at SecureVision planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.

Your Brothers in Christ at SecureVision - January 24, 2024 at 09:21 PM

RF

“ RFTWM Inc., And The Gibson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.



RFTWM Inc., And The Gibson Family - January 24, 2024 at 03:58 PM

EW

“ With Deepest Sympathy From the Rolle Family - Altamonte Springs, Florida

Eleanor Wilson - January 22, 2024 at 08:34 AM

NP

“ Nathaniel Price lit a candle in memory of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims



Nathaniel Price - January 21, 2024 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ *Susan Green Bynum lit a candle in memory of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims*



Susan Green Bynum - January 20, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.*



January 20, 2024 at 09:06 AM

BC

“ *Bessie A Clayton lit a candle in memory of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims*



Bessie A Clayton - January 19, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.*



January 19, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.



January 19, 2024 at 06:25 AM



“ David Patterson and Patterson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eunice (Hankerson) Mims.

David Patterson and Patterson Family - January 19, 2024 at 06:25 AM



“ Praying For The Family Sending Condolences and love Jackson Workman & Prince Families



Jackson Workman & Prince Families - January 18, 2024 at 09:56 PM