



Sunday, August 2, 2009

2:00 p.m.

*Celestial Deliverance Holiness Church
Danville, Virginia*

*Overseer Pastor Louise Hayes
Minster Joseph Lee Reynolds, Eulogist*



Jean Carolyn (Gunn) Venable was born 75 years ago on Saturday, August 19, 1933 to the late Lillian (Davis) and Charlie Gunn in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. She was one of ten children: Jerlina (Beard), Billy, Bobby, Marysilver (Reynolds), David Lee "Dinky", and the late Harry "Junior" George "Gunnie", Charlie, and Linward Gunn



Jean married the late Harvey A. Venable on February 25, 1953 and together they had seven daughters: Jeanette Millner, Sentry Barksdale, Tounder "Faye" Stokes, Bernice, Pamela Martin (Scott), Lorraine Anderson (Michael) and the late Shirley Ferguson.



Jean Venable accepted Christ as her personal Savior in 1966. She stood firmly by her husband's side as he established the Celestial Deliverance Holiness Church on August 11, 1979 in the basement of the home of Pastor Louise Hayes and the late Willie Hayes. She welcomed the church into her home for where she has been the mother of the church for the last 30 years. In addition to being the mother of the church, Jean Venable enjoyed her responsibilities in missionary work.

Mother Venable has had a hand in the rearing of her 24 grandchildren. The early years consisted of Clara (Eggleston), Ryan Venable, Adrian Ferguson, Torry Venable, Niki Dickerson, Michael Venable, Erick Ferguson, Tonya Walker, and Pamela Barksdale, and the late Joseph T. Millner. Soon afterwards, Mother Venable cared for Fabian Martin, Chavis Millner, Toccara, Scott, and Lanice Venable, Cassandra Stokes, Taquila Anderson, Denise and Dennis Venable, Benjamin Stokes Jr., Talitha and Tamekia Anderson, Harvey and Christopher Martin. In addition to the 36 great-grandchildren, Mother Jean Venable touched the lives of a multitude in the church and in the community.



Although Mother Venable departed this earth on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, her service for the Lord will continue in the memories and the lives that she has left to flourish.

"But when it pleased God..."
Galatians 1:15 (KJV)

As much as I sometimes wish that He would, God is not going to move before He determines that it is time for Him to move.

In His position above and beyond all my circumstances, God has a better vantage point and a better view of my situation than I. Since He created knowledge and wisdom, He possesses much more of both than I can ever dream of having. Since He created time, He always knows when the time is right.

I've come to understand that the problem is never anything connected to God, but always everything connected to me. I want what I want when I want it. Too often, I don't think about the long range outcomes, I simply want the immediate relief/gratification.

But God doesn't move until He - with ultimate everything - decides that the time is right for Him to move. When I think back over the recorded life of Christ, I remember Him saying time and again, "My time has not yet come." In effect, it isn't time yet for God to act.

So I must learn to trust in God completely. To seek His face whole heartedly.
To love Him unconditionally. To praise Him tirelessly.
And to pursue His purpose relentlessly.

Then, when He determines that it is time, He will move on my circumstance so "that all things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28, KJV)

And I will be much better for it because He always moves with perfect timing.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding
Pastor Louise Hayes
Celestial Deliverance Holiness Church

PROCESSIONAL

Selection Fellowship Choir

Scripture

Old TestamentMinster Eggleston

New TestamentMinster Crews

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Hairston
(Collinsville, VA)

Selection Fellowship Choir

Resolutions & Acknowledgements. Mrs. Tammy Reynolds

Solo Divana Venable
"I Won't Complain"

Solo Margo Hairston
"We're Gonna Make It"

EulogyMinster Joseph Lee Reynolds
Celestial Deliverance Holiness Church

Selection Fellowship Choir

RECESSIONAL

Service of Committal and Interment. Floral Hill Memory Gardens
Danville, Virginia

Pall Bearers Nephews

Floral Bearers Nieces

Family Acknowledgment

**Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,**

**WE THANK YOU SO MUCH
WHATEVER THE PART
The Family**

Professional Services Entrusted To:
Fisher & Watkins Funeral Home, Inc.
707 Wilson Street
Danville, Virginia 24541

