

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took *His* hand when I heard *Him* call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I've now found peace at the end of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.
Oh yes, these things I, too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full. I have savored much--
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seems all too brief.
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee.
God wanted me now, *He* has set me free.

forever in our hearts
JEANETTE HOOKS

"Jennie" | 1949-2026

Earthly Place of Rest
NEW CORINTH CEMETERY
Hooks Mill Road, Leslie, Georgia

Pallbearers and Flower Attendants
Friends of the Family

OUR SINCERE THANKS

*We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of love,
words of encouragement, services rendered beyond the call of duty
and the joy you've shared to enlighten us during the passing of
our "Jennie" and our bereavement.*

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**CELEBRATING
THE MEMORY**
of

a life well lived
"JENNIE"

Jeanette
HOOKS

May 22, 1949

August 3, 2026



Funeral Services

Saturday, August 15, 2026 | 2:30 p.m.

from the chapel of

Barnum Funeral Home, Incorporated
217 Ashby Street, Americus, Georgia 31709

EULOGIST

Bishop Melvin McCluster
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church | Americus, Georgia

LIFE CELEBRATION

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL

led by Bishop Melvin McCluster

Last Glance and Final Closure

Prayer

Bishop Melvin McCluster or Appointee

Scripture

Bishop Melvin McCluster or Appointee

Reflections | limit 2 minutes

Open to Family and Friends

Words of Encouragement

Bishop Melvin McCluster

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church | Americus, GA

Acknowledgements and

Presentation of the Family Bible

Barnum Staff

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Bishop Melvin McCluster

RECESSIONAL

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off
or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes:
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things
are passed away (Revelation 21:4).*



LIFE REFLECTIONS

Obituary

Ms. Jeanette Hooks, affectionately known as “Jennie,” was born on May 22, 1949, in Americus, Georgia, to the late Mr. Raymond D. Hooks, Sr. and the late Mrs. Julia Mae Sutton Hooks.

Jennie received her education in the public school system in Sumter County, Georgia. At an early age, she joined, County Line Baptist Church in Leslie, Georgia.

Jennie was a woman who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved shopping, especially for clothes and jewelry, and enjoyed working puzzles and styling hair. Above all, Jennie cherished cooking for her loved ones and creating lasting memories with her family and friends. Her warm spirit, loving heart, and generous nature made her a blessing to all who knew her.

In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her sister, Louise Hooks Wilbon and three brothers: Charlie C. Hooks, Ree Hooks, and Marcellius Hooks.

Left to cherish her precious memories are her children: Garland Hooks of Jacksonville, Florida; Dennis Hooks of Americus, Georgia and Rebecca Hooks of Preston, Georgia.

She is also survived by her brother, Raymond (Leslie) Hooks, Jr. of Tampa, Florida.

Jennie’s legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren: Harmony Hooks, Jacksonville, Florida; Dennis Hooks, Jr., Americus, GA; Sheinyana Groover, Atlanta, Georgia; Shambrika Gibson, Fort Valley, Georgia; Andrea S. Leverette, LaGrange, Georgia; and Darrius Gibson, Reynolds, Georgia.

She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Jennie will be remembered for her love of family, her welcoming spirit, and the joy she found in caring for others. Her kindness, laughter, and unwavering love will remain forever in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

MAY 22, 1949

Jeanette “JENNIE” Hooks

AUGUST 3, 2026