

*Mrs. Katherine Blackshear Tyson*, affectionately called “Moah” by some and “Toby” by others, lived 97 glorious years. She transitioned gracefully on September 27, 2020, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, GA, leaving a legacy of six generations of loved ones.

Katherine was born on February 11, 1923, to the late Ed Blackshear and the late Jimmie Pullum in Dawson, Georgia. Katherine worked for a short period of time at the Jimmy Carter Peanut Plant in Plains, Georgia. In later years, she became a devoted housewife when she married the late Mr. Robert L. Tyson. She dedicated her life to serving God, her husband, and her family. Katherine attended St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Webster County for many, many years and later became a member of St. John A.M.E Church in Plains.

Katherine kept the family house in Plains a “home” for decades. She always met family and friends with a smile, entertained them with her wittiness, and taught anyone who cared to learn to cook, clean, garden, and other important things in life. Among the things she enjoyed doing, she loved watching wrestling, episodes of what she called “the stories” and discussing them with family. But by far, being with family was her favorite pastime. She was blessed to be a blessing for a lifetime and then some.

She is preceded in death by her sisters: Eva Blackshear, Ola Blackshear, Mattie Blackshear, Margaret Blackshear, Jackie Blackshear, Lizzie Mae Watson, Lizzie Mae Burns and Rochelle Mitchell and two brothers, James Graham and Wilbert Lorenza Graham.

She is survived by three daughters: Katherine Harvey of Plains, GA; Leila Brown of Cordele, GA and Bernice Tyson of Plains, GA; five sons: R. L. (Eloise) Tyson, Jr., Lucious Tyson, Wilmon Tyson and Arthur James Tyson, all of Plains, GA and Shelly (Isa Bell) Tyson of Americus, GA; also surviving Mrs. Katherine Tyson is a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, great-great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.