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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION IS THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021, 6-7 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 7 PM AT ST. JAMES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 6654 HIGHWAY US 41 NORTH, CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE 37032; INTERMENT IS IN RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN, CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE.

Mrs. Fannie Belle Kendrick Green entered this life on March 13, 1950, in Allensville, Kentucky to the late Mother Elnora and Deacon Washington Irving Kendrick. After some family travel she was raised up in Springfield, TN at Banks Chapel and later joined St. James Missionary Baptist Church.

Fannie's smile and laughter was infectious. She enjoyed music, dancing, family gatherings and traveling whenever possible. Music was her passion and God given gift. As a young girl she recognized her unique first soprano voice was much different from the other girls she went to Bransford High School with. At home, in school, church or other community events people always requested and insisted that she sing and she loved it! Singing gave her a sense of confidence and purpose, she never had. She was selected to attend Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute to receive classical voice training for Opera in Nashville, TN. This Bransford High Lion of the Class of 1969 was moving on up. Fannie, loved to sing and was offered a scholarship to do exactly what she enjoyed doing most. Never in her wildest dream would she have imagined that she would receive such a tremendous blessing. This small town little country girl from Cedar Hill, TN shared her gift of music, hospitality and crafts wherever she was blessed to go freely. Excited to be selected by this prestigious college as one of two girls from her community made her parents and siblings proud.

Later she would go on to become a wife and mother always hospitable to her family, friends and co-workers. Fannie was truly a rare jewel and loyal to those she was closest to. After moving to Nashville she found a refuge at Beech Creek Missionary Baptist Church where she served in the choir, on the hospitality staff and found joy in serving the youth in the summer months. She always said "no grass is gonna grow under her feet" if you needed her you didn't even have to ask because she was packed and on her way to help immediately. If you needed the support, love, care, cook, housekeeper and/or attending to after medical care she was at your side. She personally helped advocate for many people and gave them a safe haven.

Fannie spent years in both industrial and retail careers to provide for her family. As a young woman Fannie married her high school sweetheart, Claude Baker and went on to become the proud mother of Carol Baker Beckett, Carlene Baker, and Larry Baker.

Fannie will be missed dearly for her big heart, generosity, loving joyful spirit and support to family and friends. Fannie is preceded in death by her sister, Estella Dowlen; brothers, Paul, Simon, James and Billy Kendrick and nephew, Kevin Gardner. Her life will forever be cherished with fond loving memories by everyone who was blessed to know her including the loving Horace Young; children: Carol Baker Beckett, Carlene Baker and Larry Baker; grandchildren: David Baker, D'Erica Baker, Thomonica Beckett, James Beckett II, Jada Beckett and Trinity Beckett; great grandchildren: Aliah, David Jr., Zariah, Zamari, SaMiah, Journee Baker, Wynter, Marcella and Isabella Beckett; sisters, Betty Gardner, Robbie Gardner, Eleanor McKissick; brothers, Jeffrey and Larry Kendrick; step-children and a host of nieces, nephews and extended special family friends, Claude David as Momma Jean would shout, leaves us the priceless gift of laughter, love and many memories to carry us through the days and weeks ahead.