



Mr. Franklin Hardnett

May 14, 1940 - February 24, 2026

A Time to Be Born

Franklin Hardnett was born on May 14, 1940, in Beehive, Alabama, to the late Maerena Hardnett and William Cooper.

A Time to Plant

At an early age, Franklin confessed Christ and joined St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church in Beehive, Alabama. He served faithfully as Chairman of the Deacon Board,

Sunday School Superintendent, a member of the church choir, and wherever he was needed.

He later united with his wife's home church, Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Reverend Walter Jones. There, he continued his faithful service

as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and member of the Benevolent Committee.

A Time to Learn

Franklin graduated from Drake High School and attended Tuskegee Institute until he

was drafted into the United States Army. He served his country honorably and

was

honorably discharged.

A Time to Labor

Franklin was employed with Uniroyal Tire and Manufacturing in Opelika, Alabama,

where he faithfully worked for 27 years.

A Time to Love

On October 5, 1963, Franklin was united in Holy Matrimony to Betty Jean Pink. This

earthly love endured for 62 beautiful years.

To this union, three children were born: Bertram (Bert) Hardnett, Anjanette (Nette), and

William (Bill) Hardnett.

A Time to Die

The Lord called Franklin from labor to reward on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at

Bethany House in Auburn, Alabama.

A Time to Mourn

Preceding Franklin in death were his parents; his sister, Minnie Bell Dowdell; and his

niece, Patricia Ann Brady.

A Time to Let Go

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his devoted wife of 62 years, Betty

Hardnett of Auburn, Alabama; his son, Bertram (Mary Dean) Hardnett of Hampton,

Virginia; his daughter, Anjanette (Alan) Green of Opelika, Alabama; and his son, William

Hardnett of Auburn, Alabama.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Bertram O'Brian (Gabrielle) Hardnett of

Newport News, Virginia, and Brandy Nicole Russell-Hardnett of Hampton, Virginia;
great-grandchildren: Deion Anthon Russell, Brianna Hardnett, Lathan Hardnett, and Landon Hardnett; one sister, Jessie Allen of Syracuse, New York; sisters-in-law: Cassie

Avery and Marjorie Pink of Auburn, Alabama; brothers-in-law: Reverend John L. (Alberta) Pink of Auburn, Alabama; Melvin Pink of Wetumpka, Alabama; and David Pink of Port Jervis, New York; nieces: Rena Mae Clark of Texas, Vicky Lynn Allen Williams of Dallas, Texas, and Cynthia Allen of Syracuse, New York; great-nieces: Latresha Brady-Pinkston of Montgomery, Alabama, and Heaven-Leigh Brady of Birmingham, Alabama; along with a host of other loving relatives and dear friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Cemetery

1535 W. Farmville Road
Auburn, AL 36830

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home
1016 McCoy Street
Opelika, AL 36801
(334) 745-6473
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

Lie in state

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
1535 W. Farmville Road
Auburn, AL 36830

Service

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
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Tribute Wall

RS

“ Priscilla and I send our condolences to the Hardnett family on the passing of Mr. Franklin Hardnett. A great co-worker and friend . Our thoughts are with his loved ones. Reggie Strickland



Reggie Strickland - March 03 at 09:03 AM

AN

“ So many great memories come to mind when I think about growing up next door to the Hardnett Family. My siblings and I have always had the utmost respect and admiration for Mr. & Mrs. Hardnett, and we will forever cherish our childhood relationships with Bertram and Anjanette. I will never forget the last time I saw Mr. Frank. He and I talked for almost an hour about the good-old-days and about how quickly life passes by.

Please know that we love you all and we will keep you in our prayers.

May His peace be with you until we meet again. God bless you always.

*The Andrews Family
Nigel, Cheryl, Donna, and Keith*

Andrews - March 02 at 09:14 PM

AD

“ *Angela Debrow-Alexander lit a candle in memory of Franklin Hardnett*



Angela Debrow-Alexander - March 02 at 08:59 PM

CE

“ *Constance Echols lit a candle in memory of Franklin Hardnett*



Constance Echols - March 02 at 05:34 PM

TR

“ *Sending my deepest condolences and Prayers to the Family, Tamikka Radford & Family*



Tamikka Radford - March 02 at 10:01 AM

MP

“ *Mary Ann Philipot lit a candle in memory of Franklin Hardnett*



Mary Ann Philipot - March 01 at 11:45 PM

DF

“ Dorothy Allen and family lit a candle in memory of Franklin Hardnett



Dorothy Allen and family - March 01 at 07:55 PM

IM

“ The Jones Family



Irene McIntosh - March 01 at 06:01 PM

MP

“ Deacon Hardnett was one of a kind he loved God and his family he was a responsible, respected, and kind ,I never will forget when he and his wife visited my husband when he was sick . . . your kindness and you type of genuine concern will surely be missed on this earth.God be the Glory...Rest until God returns Sir.

Mary Ann Philipot - March 01 at 05:59 PM

MH

“ I love you so very much Dad! I want to thank you for all the love you showed me as your daughter in love.



Mary Hardnett - March 01 at 09:01 AM

TE

“ Our deepest sympathies goes out your family.
May God comfort doing your time of
bereavement. Constance, Terrance, and
Jernardo Echols and family.



Terrance Echols - February 28 at 10:58 PM

WS

“ Wayne and Cherie Smith purchased the Peaceful
White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Franklin
Hardnett.



Wayne and Cherie Smith - February 28 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ The Veasley Family lit a candle in memory of
Franklin Hardnett



The Veasley Family - February 27 at 09:45 PM

VA

“ Deepest sympathies, prayers and
condolences extended to the Hardnett family.

Rest in peace.



Veasley Family/ Montgomery AL - February 27 at 09:44 PM

RT

“ *Rena, Starr and Tyler purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Franklin Hardnett.*



Rena, Starr and Tyler - February 27 at 11:58 AM

MA

“ *Ms. Jessie M. Allen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Franklin Hardnett.*



Ms. Jessie M. Allen - February 27 at 11:41 AM