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ANNA SANDERS

1889 -- 1975

On Dec. 22, 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods of Walnut Grove, Georgia, gave birth to their first of nine children, a daughter they named Anna. Her family was completed later with four other sisters and four brothers. The Woods family continued to live in Walnut Grove where Anna got the opportunity to attend school.

Early in her life, she met a young man by the name of Austin Sanders, and in 1903, Anna began a family of her own by marrying Austin. Out of this union, thirteen children were born -- six girls and seven boys.

In 1905, an event happened that later became one of the most important things in her life. She accepted Jesus and joined the New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Gilbert Clark. Her increased involvement in the church showed where her interests lied. At New Bethel, she was a Sunday School Teacher, Missionary Member, and also clerk of the church.

Around 1930, the Sanders' Family moved to Loganville. There she joined the Friendship Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Rome. At Friendship, she continued the work she had started and loved.

It was in 1939 that the family moved to Lithonia, Georgia. Immediately after arriving, she found another church where she could worship, and continue to serve. This was the Union Baptist Church, pastored at that time by the Rev. N. T. Walker.

A few years after moving to Lithonia, her husband Austin died, but, being the strong and proud woman that Anna was, she continued on with her work in the church, and it was during this time that she began to get involved in civic affairs. She worked with the P.T.A. and she was secretary of the Missionary Society at Yellow River. Anna also spent a lot of time with children which was another one of her loves.

Anna lived a full life. There were hard times, but for her there were many rewards. During the last part of her life, her health nearly put an end to one of her greatest enjoyments which was to attend and work in the church. But within herself and soul, she continued to pray and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, her greatest love.

On October 22, 1975, Anna Sanders died at the age of 86 years. Survivors are: two daughters and three sons, Mr. Lucious Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Grover L. Reynolds, Ms. Claudine Anderson; 28 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 18 great-great grandchildren; two aunts; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" ... Philippians 1:20/21