



Mrs. Barbara (Toostie) Levett

November 3, 2012

Mrs. Barbara Levett (Toostie), of Conyers, Georgia, passed Saturday, November 3, 2012. Wife of the late George W. Levett Sr., proprietor of Levett Funeral Home, Conyers, Georgia Survivors are Jerome Levett, Gregory B. Levett (Betty), Marilyn Levett-Brown, Sonya Levett, George W. Levett Jr. (Takelia), and Grote Levett. Arrangement announced later Levett Funeral Home Inc., 1041 Bryant St., Conyers, Georgia 30012 770-483-9885.

Barbara J. Levett, the matriarch of one of Rockdale County's long-time African American families died at her home in Conyers. Three generations of her family have operated Levett funeral homes in the area since 1950. The Levett Funeral Home is the oldest black-owned business in Rockdale County. Mrs. Levett was 79. Mrs. Levett had been ill for the last three or four months, battling cancer. She was released from DeKalb Medical Center on Friday into hospice care at home.

Family members said she was in high spirits when she arrived home. "I went in to check on her this morning and she was resting. She just breathed herself away," said George Levett, Jr., who, along with his sisters, Marilyn and Sonya Levett, were at the Levett family home when their mother took her last breath at 7:52 a.m.

"She had been very talkative, carrying on conversation as usual. We didn't

expect this to happen so suddenly,” said Gregory B. Levett, Sr., the second-oldest son.

He operates two funeral homes in DeKalb and two in Gwinnett counties. He and his wife, Betty, left several funerals scheduled today to join family members in Rockdale.

Mrs. Levett was looking forward to Tuesday’s elections, family members said. Her son, George Levett, Jr. is running for Rockdale coroner. Her grandson, Eric Levett, is running for Rockdale sheriff. “The elections meant so much to her. She had already voted, but she just wanted to be here on Election Day,” said Eric Levett. Mrs. Levett’s husband, George William Levett, Sr., established the family’s funeral home business in 1964.

Along with running the business, he went into law enforcement.

He became Conyers’ first full-time black police officer in 1972 and worked as a sheriff’s deputy from 1984 to 1992. He died of cancer on Aug. 9, 2004 at age 77.

He and Barbara Levett, whom he fondly called “Tootsie,” were married 56 years and had seven children.

Mrs. Levett, an only child, is survived by four sons, Jerome Levett; Gregory B. Levett, Sr. (Betty); the Rev. George Levett, Jr. (Takela); and Grote L. Levett; two daughters, Marilyn Levett Brown and Sonya Levett; one sister-in-law, Mattie Pearl Levett; two sister figures, Pearlie Mae Truitt and Betty Cornell Robinson; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Levett was preceded in death by a daughter, Phyllis Levett. Funeral services for Mrs. Barbara Levett of 1188 Green St., Conyers, will be held on Friday, Nov. 9, noon, at Voices of Faith Ministries, 1290 Sigman Road, Conyers, Bishop Gary Hawkins, Sr. presiding, and Rev. George Levett, eulogist. Viewing will be held Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Levett Funeral Home, 1041 Bryant St., Conyers.

Wake services will be at Rock Temple AME Church, 1023 Bryant St., Conyers.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ *The loss of a love one brings much grief and sadness, but there is so much comfort that can be found in God’s word the bible. The promise of a resurrection at John 5:28, 29 and Revelation 21:3, 4.*

Agnes L Taylor - November 15, 2012 at 07:30 AM

K2

“ *Sincere condolences for your loss. May God comfort you in the days ahead.*

Kathleen-Isaiah 25:8 - November 10, 2012 at 01:08 PM

SS

“ *To Gregory Levett, Sr. and Family,
Thank you for sharing Mrs. (Toostie) with so many of us. She will be truly missed. Our prayers are with you and your family now and forever.*

Sharon L. Seay and Family

Sharon L. Seay - November 08, 2012 at 09:34 PM

RH

“ To Levett Family and Staff,

Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. On behalf of our Owners/Managing Director, Family and Staff we would like to express our deepest sympathy during this time of great loss. It is our prayer that the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief and sorrow. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

*With sincere sympathy,
Roberson Funeral Home - Statesboro, Georgia*

Roberson Funeral Home - November 08, 2012 at 11:36 AM

RS

“ Roberson Funeral Home Family & Staff lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara (Toostie) Levett



Roberson Funeral Home Family & Staff - November 08, 2012 at 11:20 AM

MJ

“ To the Levett Family,
Weeping may endure for a night but joy is coming in the morning. On behalf of Mr. Antonio Harrington & The Harrington Funeral Home Staff of Valdosta, Georgia we would like to extend our condolences to you Mr. Gregory B Levett & your family in this your time of bereavement. May God continue to keep you and strengthen you is our prayer.

Marcus Jones - November 08, 2012 at 07:34 AM

TF

“ *The Levett Family: May the Knowledge, others care and share your sorrow. Ted's Affordable Mortuary Los Angeles, CA*



Ted Felder - November 08, 2012 at 05:01 AM

BN

“ *Jehovah God cares for you very deeply. He has made provisions to remove the tribulation and sting of death and to give the life He purposed from the beginning. (Genesis 2:15-17; Psalm 37:29; Revelation 21:4)*

BN - November 07, 2012 at 03:03 PM

LB

“ *To Greg Levett....May God strengthen you and keep you and your family in his loving care. You have been a pillar of strength and support to our family and the Scottsdale Community. From my family to yours, May God Bless You and your family during this time of bereavement.*



Leila Banks & The J.Z. Lucas Family of Scottsdale

Leila Banks - November 07, 2012 at 10:57 AM

LB

“ *To the Levett Family.... You have my deepest sympathy...May God strengthen you and give you peace now and during the days.*



Leila Banks - November 07, 2012 at 10:48 AM

BP

“ *To the Family:
May "the God of all comfort" continue to strengthen you as you all look ahead to the fulfillment of the Bible's promise recorded at John 5:28,29...."The hour is coming when all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out." God is faithful and always keeps his promises! ~ Isaiah 55:11, Revelation 21:3-5*

Beulah Parks - November 07, 2012 at 06:43 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Barbara (Toostie) Levett.*



November 05, 2012 at 02:33 PM