



Izenia Bannah

March 31, 1954 - October 28, 2017

Izenia Dennise Simpson Bannah, affectionately called Zee, 63, of Johnson City passed away Saturday Oct. 28th peacefully in her home surrounded by her husband and children. Zee was the daughter of John Louis “Spooky” Simpson, Sr. and the late Wynonia “Winnie” Sylvia Love Simpson, both of Johnson City.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Handerson W. Bannah, son Kobelah Bannah, daughter Nonie Bannah, brother John Louis Simpson, Jr. and many in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

She joyfully taught elementary school children in Johnson City for 20 years as a Level 1 teacher, the system’s highest achievable level. She also served as Interim Assistant Principal of Woodland and Lake Ridge Elementary schools. Before teaching, she was an enthusiastic librarian at the Johnson City Public Library.

In addition to teaching, she enjoyed learning. She earned Bachelor and Master’s degrees in Education from East Tennessee State University. Afterwards, she completed additional post-graduate work at ETSU.

She was a passionate, world-class cook, preparing the most delicious food for

her family. She loved the Lord and humbly served by playing the church piano.

The family will receive friends Saturday, November 4th, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00p.m. at Thankful Baptist Church, with funeral services beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at West Lawn Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to Birchette Mortuary, Johnson City, TN.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Thankful Baptist Church
1501 E Watauga Ave
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-5241

Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Thankful Baptist Church
1501 E Watauga Ave
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 926-5241

Interment

NOV 4. 2:45 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Westlawn Cemetery
Lowell St.
Johnson City, TN 37601

Tribute Wall



“ *Izenia Bennah*

January 29, 2023 at 10:28 PM



“ *Mary Greenlee sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Mary Greenlee - November 14, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Tiffany Ryans sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Tiffany Ryans - November 11, 2017 at 07:13 AM



“ *RIP Mrs. Bennah. You were one of my favorite teachers. You always believed in me and I never forgot anything you did for me especially after I broke my arm. You will be missed.*

Jaimie Lynn Dunn - November 06, 2017 at 09:35 AM

SS

“ *Shona Shaw lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Shona Shaw - November 05, 2017 at 03:54 PM

RF

“ *Reneè Forney lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Reneè Forney - November 04, 2017 at 12:40 PM

CH

“ *Christus sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Christus - November 04, 2017 at 12:22 PM

CL

Izenia was a great mentor teacher and teacher!

Christus Leeper - November 04, 2017 at 12:26 PM

MC

“ To the family of Izenia may God hold to close to His heart and comfort you at this time of seperation. We are sadden to hear of my classmate and childhood friend passing. Many memories I will hold dear. Mat God’s peace and His amazing love carry you through this time. Much love,
Rev. Dr. Melvin T. and Dr. Emma Conley



Melvin T. Conley - November 04, 2017 at 09:13 AM

BS

“ We were saddened to hear of Zee's passing. You are all in our prayers. Zee and I were teaching friends. We had fun partnering our classes for readilng buddies and for field trips. I will remember Zee's wonderful sense of humor, her infectious laugh, and that big smile. We shared a friendship that continued after we both retired. Nonie and Kobelah, when your mother spoke of you she was so proud and full of love. I will miss her.

Jack, Brenda, Jayne, and Jill Sanders

Brenda Sanders - November 03, 2017 at 09:53 PM

MW

“ *Mary Jo Williams lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Mary Jo Williams - November 03, 2017 at 09:39 PM

PS

“ *Pastor Arthur H. Coleman Sr. lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Pastor Arthur H. Coleman Sr. - November 03, 2017 at 05:52 PM

EB

“ *Elaine Brady lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Elaine Brady - November 02, 2017 at 09:41 PM

LW

“ *Sorry for your loss. She was a sweet person, and a good friend of mine. Prayers going out to the family. - Linda Workman and Family*



linda workman - November 02, 2017 at 12:36 PM

BH

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I taught with Zee at Mountain View. She was a wonderful teacher and person. We had many good times together. Zee always had a smile for everyone. She will be missed. My prayers are with the family. Beverly Henley*

Beverly Henley - November 02, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ *Cissy Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah*



Cissy Rollins - November 01, 2017 at 08:47 PM

FF

“ *From the Monaco Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Izenia Bennah.*



From the Monaco Family - November 01, 2017 at 05:50 PM

PM

“ *Sad to learn of Mrs. Bennah's passing. Our prayers are with her family at this time. She was our children's (Bernadette & Joseph Monaco) most favorite teacher at Mountain View Elementary School.*

Paul Monaco & Mary Thomas

Paul Monaco - November 01, 2017 at 05:37 PM

CY

“ My brother, friend and fellow
"Tiger"..Handerson..

*May our All Mighty God gave you and your
family peace during trying time...*

Take care, be safe and most importantly, be blessed in Christ..!!

Charles Yates



Charles Yates - November 01, 2017 at 03:06 PM

SL

“ Sharron Livingston sent a virtual gift in memory
of Izenia Bennah



Sharron Livingston - November 01, 2017 at 12:53 PM



“ Deborah Grey lit a candle in memory of Izenia
Bennah



Deborah Grey - November 01, 2017 at 10:47 AM



*Sending prayers for the Bennah family. Zee and I shared so many
lessons in life and she will always be loved and remembered for her
soft, gentle and loving nature.*

Deborah Grey - November 01, 2017 at 10:49 AM

LB

“ *Praying for the Bennah family, may God grant you strength and comfort.* ”



L. Beard - November 01, 2017 at 10:03 AM

Melvin Drumgoole

“ *Melvin Drumgoole lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah* ”



Melvin Drumgoole - November 01, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *Zee was a classy and gracious lady. It was a singular privilege to work with and get to know her. My sincere condolences to the family that will miss her desperately.* ”

Mark Thomas - October 31, 2017 at 11:54 PM

JW

“ *Janice Wells lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah* ”



Janice wells - October 31, 2017 at 08:09 PM

CB

“ I worked with Zee for several years in the Johnson City School System. She was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers to her family. Carter Brown

Carter Brown - October 31, 2017 at 07:14 PM

MF

“ Zee was such a sweet lady and I enjoyed working with her at the JCPL. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers to her family and loved ones. ♡

Melinda Hathaway Farthing - October 31, 2017 at 05:25 PM

GT

“ OH, I'm so sad to hear that Zee is gone. I loved her so much, treasured the time I worked with her at JCPL. Handerson, Kobelah, and Nonie, my heart goes out to you all. Love, Gina Thayer-Coleman

Gina Thayer-Coleman - October 31, 2017 at 02:54 PM

CS

“ Christine Scurryl lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Christine Scurryl - October 31, 2017 at 02:06 PM

KJ

“ Keith & Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Keith & Shirley Johnson - October 31, 2017 at 01:52 PM

JB

“ Jackie Briscoe lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Jackie Briscoe - October 31, 2017 at 12:27 PM

MF

“ Moricina Fain lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Moricina Fain - October 31, 2017 at 08:20 AM

FF

“ Fred Jackie Fields lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Fred Jackie Fields - October 31, 2017 at 07:50 AM

DS

“ DC & Shelia Smith lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



DC & Shelia Smith - October 30, 2017 at 04:37 PM

Sue
Nichols

“ My heart goes out to your family. I was saddened when I heard about my friend Zee's passing. My prayers are going out for you.



Pastor E. Sue (Owens) Nichols

Sue Nichols - October 30, 2017 at 02:47 PM

RB

“ Roddy Bird lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Roddy Bird - October 30, 2017 at 01:50 PM

NP

“ Nancy Posey sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah



Nancy Posey - October 30, 2017 at 12:28 PM

NP

“ Nancy Posey lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bannah



Nancy Posey - October 30, 2017 at 12:27 PM

SR

“ Susan Rhes lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bannah



Susan Rhes - October 29, 2017 at 10:11 PM

SR

Sending prayers for the family. Susan Rhea

Susan Rhea - November 04, 2017 at 11:29 AM

JC

“ James And Brenda Akins Charles sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bannah



James And Brenda Akins Charles - October 29, 2017 at 08:28 PM

JC

“ James And Brenda Akins Charles lit a candle
in memory of Izenia Bennah



James And Brenda Akins Charles - October 29, 2017 at 08:19 PM

JM

“ Janice & Darrell Murphy lit a candle in
memory of Izenia Bennah



Janice & Darrell Murphy - October 29, 2017 at 08:06 PM

CR

“ Clara Faye Hart Rutledge lit a candle in
memory of Izenia Bennah



Clara Faye Hart Rutledge - October 29, 2017 at 10:16 AM

ED

“ Evelyn Debroy lit a candle in memory of Izenia
Bennah



Evelyn Debroy - October 29, 2017 at 09:18 AM

AN

“ Angelo Newman lit a candle in memory of Izenia Bennah



Angelo Newman - October 29, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ Cissy Rollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Izenia Bennah



Cissy Rollins - October 29, 2017 at 07:42 AM

JW

Sorry for your loss god bless the whole family

Janice wells - October 29, 2017 at 08:28 AM

SG

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Shelia Goines - October 28, 2017 at 04:32 PM

JW

Sorry for your loss god bless the whole family

Janice wells - October 29, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DR

Dear Family, may the Lord's hands of compassion and love and His guiding light from above shine down upon all of you and give you strength during this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in knowing that friends share in your loss. We love you all and if there is anything that we can do, we are just a phone call away. 423-288-6040. Doug and Vivian Releford

Doug and Vivian Releford - November 03, 2017 at 03:06 PM