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### Joseph Samuel (Buddy) Brannen

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*In Celebration of the Life  
Of*



*Mr. Joseph Samuel (Buddy) Brannen*

*Monday, February 22, 1999*

*1:00 P.M.*

*Elm Street Church of God*

*Elder Calvin Donaldson, Presiding*

*Rev. Alexander Smith, Eulogist*

*Interment: Lakeside First Baptist Church Cemetery*

*Metter, Georgia*

## Obituary

*"There will never be another you"*

*Sunrise: March 17, 1913*

*Sunset: February 18, 1999*

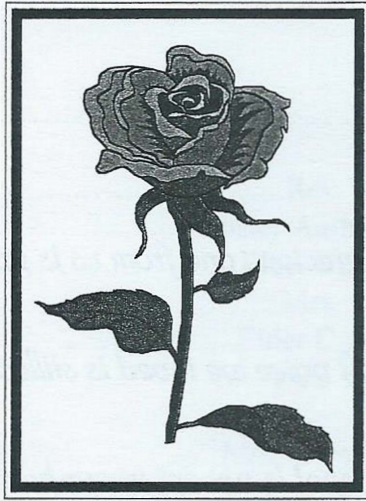
Mr. Joseph Samuel "Buddy" Brannen was born on March 17, 1913 in Bulloch County, Georgia to the late Mr. Tom and Mrs. Molly Young Brannen. He had eleven brothers and sisters, all of whom preceded him in death.

He received his early education in the public school system of Candler County. While he was still a young boy, Joseph moved to Florida, where he continued his education. Upon becoming a young adult, he relocated to Corona, New York and attended the New York public school system. Although he received his formal education in the school systems, it was his professional training and life experiences which made him a "man of knowledge."

At an early age, Joseph accepted Christ into his life and joined a Baptist church in Guyton, Georgia. After living in Corona, New York for many years, he returned to Statesboro, Georgia in 1997 and became a member of the Elm Street Church of God.

As a young man, he was married to Mrs. Lear Brannen, who preceded him in death.

In April of 1987, he was joined in Holy Matrimony to Mrs. Margarette Simon Brannen. Together they shared a caring and joyful relationship. He was a good husband and a good provider, and in return, she was a loving and devoted wife who made her husband her first priority in her life. It was his special dream that she would one day open a personal care home so that she could care for him as well as others and he did all that he could to make that dream a reality.



Joseph Brannen passed into eternal rest on February 18, 1999 from the Newcare Rehabilitation Center. He leaves to cherish many loving memories: his dedicated wife, Mrs. Margarette Brannen of Statesboro, GA; one step-daughter, Mrs. Lillian Cone of Statesboro, GA; one step-son-in-law, Mr. Dennis Cone of Statesboro, GA; three granddaughters, Miss Leamonica Cone, Miss Jutosha Cone and Miss India Cone, all of Statesboro, GA; two great-grandchildren, Master Akeem Elbridge Oglesby and Master Elijah Lee Cone, both of Statesboro, GA; two Godsons, Mr. Craig Riggs of Augusta, GA and Mr. Vernon Parrish of Arlington, VA; three special nephews, Elder Calvin Donaldson of Sanford, FL, Mr. David Evans of Ridgeville, SC and Mr. Edward Byrd of Miami, FL; one niece, Mrs. Joyce Ann Gaines of Sanford, FL; four special cousins, Mrs. Grace Cooper and Mr. Roy Roberson, both of Jersey City, NJ and Mr. Van Buren and Mrs. Barbara Brannen, both of Savannah, GA; several special and devoted friends: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mays of Brooklet, GA, the entire Hunter Family of Guyton, GA, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Byrd, Mrs. Mabel Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Whitaker and Mrs. Pearl Brinson, all of Metter, GA, Mr. Charlie Anderson and Mrs. Luerene Easley, both of Corona, NY and Mr. and Mrs. George Evans of Albany, GA; a loving and supportive church family from the Elm Street Church of God in Statesboro, GA; and many other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who held a special place for him in their hearts.

# Order of Service

Processional	
Selection.....	Choir
Scripture	
Old Testament.....	Rev. Julius Abraham
New Testament.....	Minister Anthony Donaldson
Prayer.....	Elder Calvin Donaldson
Solo.....	Mrs. Carrie Howard
Remarks.....	Elder Calvin Donaldson Dea. Jerry Humphrey
Acknowledgments.....	Hodges Staff
Solo.....	Mrs. Gwendolyn Jackson
Eulogy.....	Rev. Alexander Smith
Viewing	
Recessional	
Interment	

## *Active Pallbearers*

Mr. Larry Roberts	Mr. Leroy Mincey
Mr. Floyd Riggs	Mr. Kenny Oglesby
Cousins	Nephews

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Deacons of Elm Street Church of God

## *Floral Attendants*

Cousins and Friends

## *Acknowledgment*

*We would like to thank everyone for all acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us during this most difficult time. We would especially like to thank the pastor and members of the Elm Street Church of God for being so caring and supportive to us. We pray that God will continue to watch over and bless each and every one of you.*

*The Family*

The family will receive friends and share repass at the social hall of the elm Street Church of God.

*A precious one from us is gone*

*A voice we loved is stilled*

*A spot is vacant in our hearts*

*That never can be filled*

*Take him in Thine arms, dear Lord*

*And ever let him be,*

*A messenger of love,*

*Between our hearts and Thee.*

*Submitted With Love By:*

*The Family*

God Saw the Road was getting rough,  
The hills were hard to climb.  
He gently closed those loving eyes  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,  
The sleepless nights are passed.  
The ever patient, worn-out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.

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