

WIFE • MOTHER • DAUGHTER • SISTER • FRIEND

# Homegoing Celebration



Sunrise...  
*January 7, 1959*

Sunset...  
*February 11, 2025*

SISTER  
*Janet Lightfoot Viers*

Bishop Aaron Batiste Sr., Officiating  
Friday, February 21, 2025  
12:00 p.m.

# Obituary

*Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers* was born January 7, 1959, in Lawrence County, Alabama, to the late George and Catherine Lightfoot.

With her loving husband by her side, Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers of Decatur, Alabama, departed this life on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, after a battle with breast cancer. Sister Viers last words before her transition was Calling on JESUS.

Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers graduated from Short Ridge High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, and later attended Calhoun Community College. Sister Viers worked in accounting and HR and was a health and safety technician at Wayne Farms poultry plant for 16 years. She retired in 2016.

## Her Life

At age fifteen, the late Gladiolus Clay and Bishop Ernest Clay (her current Pastor and Father) accepted Sister Viers as their daughter and raised her as their own.

At fifteen, Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers started attending New Day Pentecostal Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. Sanctification and holiness were a must for Sister Viers. She committed her life to the apostle's doctrine, was baptized in Jesus' name, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance.

In 1982, Sister Viers married the Love of her life, John Viers, and from their union, two children were born, Johnetta and John II. Shortly after they married, Elder Viers and Sister Viers moved to Alabama. Sister Viers's hometown was Courtland, Alabama, but the family settled in Decatur, Alabama. Sister Viers served The Living Way Apostolic Church for 40 years. She was a charter member. She served in various positions, including Sunday School Superintendent, Youth minister, teacher, secretary, and many others. Whatever she could find her hands to do, she did it well. Sister Viers served there faithfully until her death.

Because Sister Viers had a desire and a passion to help women, the Lord put it in her heart to start a non-profit organization for women. In 2009, Women Inspiring Women started its humble beginnings. Meetings were held at different restaurants or someone's home. God told Sister Viers in January 2016 that "it was time to take

WIW to the next level. "WIW needed a set place, date, and time for meetings.

Sister Viers shared her vision with her husband and pastor, and they gave their blessings. She also shared her vision with her prayer partners. At that time, they were sister Kay Davis and her daughter Johnetta Viers. She asked them to pray that God would direct her to the right place and connect her with the right ladies for the vision. God is amazing!

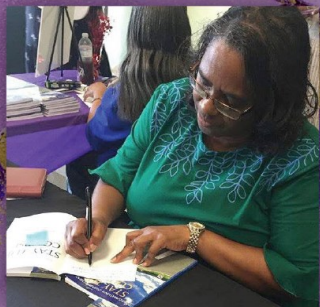
Sister Viers's daughter, Johnetta, had a connection with the owner of a mentoring ministry for girls ages 7-17. Through that connection with the owner and her assistant, God opened the door for WIW to hold meetings on the second Friday night.

The first meeting was held on Friday, March 11, 2016, and the rest is history! From there, WIW reached new levels of success, such as inspiring girls and women to aim high and succeed, significantly improving their quality of life. WIW developed a GED and mentoring program called Girl Talk Today for young girls.

In 2021, Sister Viers wanted to inspire more women, so she started a prayer line that has touched many lives through testimonies, the word of God, and Love. One plant, one water, but God gives the increase.

In 2017, Sister Viers wrote her first book, "Stay the Course," and that is exactly what she did through her diligent, loving, and caring spirit. She has touched so many lives. Yes, Sister Viers finished her course, and she kept the Faith.

**Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers** leaves to cherish her memory **a loving and devoted husband** of 42 years, Elder John Viers. **Children** – Johnetta Viers and John Viers II. **Grandchildren** – Katilyn Viers, Jaida Viers, and Jackson Nance. **Special Brother and Sister** Ernest Edward Clay II and Aletha Natasha Clay. **Siblings & In-laws** - Bertha M. Jones, Leighton, AL; Kathleen Anderson, Columbus, IN; Thomas Lightfoot (Cora), Madison, AL; Willie Lightfoot (Sharon), Courtland, AL; Elton Lightfoot, Indianapolis, IN; Marilyn A. Davis (Gregory), Colorado Spring, CO; **Sisters-In-Law**, Belinda Lightfoot, Huntsville, AL; Rochelle Viers, Indianapolis, IN; Toni Johnson (Fred), Indianapolis, IN; Roslind Sturdivant (Jon), Indianapolis, IN; Juanita Miles, Indianapolis, IN; **Brothers-In-Law**, Bishop Ernest Clay (Christine), Town Creek, AL; Jesse Miles (Franca), Indianapolis, IN. She has a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends, including god-children, her Living Way Apostolic Church Family, her Women Inspiring Women Family, and so many more.



# Order of Service



Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers that we saw sitting there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not able to make it, but you thought of us today.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever part.

Master of Ceremony | **Adrian Warren**

The Music Prelude | *"I'll Fly Away"*

THE PROCESSIONAL

**The Clergy**

**The Viers & Lightfoot Family**

Congregational Melody

The Old Testament Scripture Reading | **Elder Reginald Burrell**  
*Huntsville, Alabama*

The New Testament Scripture Reading | **National Evangelist Martha Cohens**  
*II Timothy 4:6-8*

Favorite Scripture | **National Evangelist Martha Cohens**  
*II Corinthians 2:14*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sister Janet Viers  
as a Friend | **Evangelist Victoria Hodges**, *Muscle Shoals, Alabama*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sister Janet Viers  
as a Sister in the Lord | **Sister Terrie Robinson**,  
*The Living Way Apostolic Church, Decatur, Alabama*

Solo | **Jeroyl Shelly** – *(Niece) Columbus, Indiana*

Special Expressions | **Family Tributes**

**Ms. Aletha Natasha Clay**, *Town Creek Alabama (Niece/ Sister)*

**Mother Bertha Jones**, *Leighton, Alabama (Sister)*

**Elder Lee Edwards**, *Montevallo, Alabama (Brother-in-law)*

Resolutions | **Evangelist Sheila Perry. Th. D.**, *Springfield, Illinois*

**Apostolic Assemblies of Christ, Inc**

**The Living Way Apostolic Church**

**Eastern District Council**

Selection | **Nieces, Nephews, and Cousins**

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sister Janet Viers  
as a Mentee | **Karleena Clark**, *Decatur, Alabama*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sister Janet Viers  
as a Member of the Apostolic Assemblies of Christ, Inc. | **Elder Tim Williams**,  
*Gallatin, Tennessee*

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sister Janet Viers  
as a Member of WIW | **Shoshannah Anderson**

Condolences, Acknowledgments, and  
The Obituary read silent | **Evangelist Sheila Perry. Th. D.**, *Springfield, Illinois*

Congregational Song

Special Remarks | **The Honorable Bishop Ernest Clay**  
*Town Creek, Alabama (Father, Pastor, and Friend)*

The Eulogistic Message | **Bishop Aaron J. Batiste, Sr.**, *Springfield, Illinois*

The Benediction | **The Honorable Bishop Ernest Clay**

The Recessional | *"Going Up the Yonder"*

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the Faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:6-8*

*(Remain at your seat until the family has recessed)*



## *Expressions of Gratitude*

On behalf of Elder John Viers & our entire family, we appreciate your calls, words of comfort, condolences, and presence to express your Love for Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers and us. During this season of reflection, rejoicing, and remembrance of Sister Janet Viers' life, we thank you all for your many acts of kindness. Your prayers, expressions of Love, and heartfelt support have been an encouraging source of strength for us and are sustaining us through this season of transition. We are grateful for Elder Reginald Burrell and the Pentecostal Lighthouse Church. We thank you for your meticulous precision in providing excellence. The Living Way Apostolic Church, Apostolic Assemblies of Christ, Inc., we, the family, appreciate and love you all. We thank God that you attended, streamed, or viewed this celebration of life service. We are prayerful that something conveyed, exemplified, and/or felt has left a lasting impression. We acknowledge that Sister Janet Lightfoot Viers completed her mission on Earth. Now, her legacy hinges on the furtherance of her fruitful deposits.

*Pallbearers*  
Nephews

*Flower Bearers*  
**The Living Way Apostolic  
Church Sisters**  
*Town Creek Alabama*  
**Women Inspiring Women  
to Flourish Together**  
*Decatur, Alabama*

*Final Arrangements  
Entrusted to...*

**Jackson Memory Funeral Home**  
*15737 Main Street • Town Creek, Alabama*

*Entombment...*

**Roselawn Cemetery**  
*709 Memorial Dr. SW • Decatur, Alabama*