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Georgiana Bennett Pettway Biography

Georgiana Bennett Pettway (1925-2007) was the daughter of Delia Bennett and Eddie Bennett, and like her sister Creola, was born and raised in the Brown's Quarters section of Gee's Bend, Alabama. She grew up working on the family's farm, doing all the chores that farm life required. One of those chores, quilting, became a life-long avocation. With her sister Creola B. Pettway, she was a founding member of the White Rose singers, along with Arlonzia Pettway and Leola Pettway. Georgiana is the mother of Stella Mae Pettway, one of the great quiltmakers and leaders within the Gee's Bend community, and Clinton Pettway, Jr., pastor of one of the largest churches in Wilcox County, Alabama. She passed away after a few years of illness but is remembered fondly by her friends and family.