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**Family Funeral: Three Who Died in Emmons Fire Remembered**

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**Family funeral: Three who died in Emmons fire remembered**

It was one week ago that the Lucas family from Lincoln County learned three of their loved ones were killed in the Emmons apartment fire. Ben, Angel and Quentin Lucas were just teenagers. On Saturday, they were laid to rest.

Nearly 300 people packed into the Toney Christian Fellowship in Harts to pay their final respects. The accident is still a shock to so many people in the community, all wondering why three young friends...three siblings...three children were taken in the tragedy.

Their lives may have been cut short, but it's clear that Ben, Angel and Quentin Lucas touched many others through their friendship and their faith. Especially their older brother Ben.

"His was a faith I and everyone else I know will only search for, for the rest of their life," said Tina Lucas, their sister. "You'll search for it, but I've never known anyone else with it."

"Benny" was described as an intellect. He was a 19-year-old wise beyond his years, yet humble, and was a constant witness to others.

Younger brother Quentin was just 14-years-old. Many of his young friends could only watch and wonder why he was taken so suddenly.

"I would never trade that time for anything in the whole world, because he was my baby brother, and I loved him so, and I'm gonna miss him so much. He was a wonderful little boy."

"She was the greatest friend I've ever known."  
 Tina Lucas couldn't hold back the tears talking about her younger sister, who was her best friend.

Angel Lucas always wanted to sing in church, but the shy 17-year-old chose to record her voice instead. Finally, after years of waiting, in front of her family, friends and God, Angel's dream came true.

Through song, through dance, and most importantly through prayers, people honored lives lost and remembered what's important.

"God let me talk to my babies all three of them while their last breath of life was in them and they were praising Jesus," said Marcia Lucas, their mother.

While clutching their Bible, Angel and her two brothers died together in one another's arms. So it was only fitting that a horse-drawn carriage took them to their final resting place, each to be buried side by side.

The horse and carriage took Ben, Angel and Quentin to a mountain behind their home. That's where they were buried. Instead of donations, Marcia Lucas asks you to simply hug someone you normally wouldn't. Three hugs...one for each of her children.

All three children died of smoke inhalation, and somehow, the flames did not spread to room 428 where they were trapped.

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