

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, curly grey hair, smiling gently. She is wearing a white top and a long, multi-strand pearl necklace. The background is a soft-focus floral arrangement with white and pink roses.

*Celebrating
The Life
of*

Emmage Lee (Glover) Riggins

October 24, 1921 - July 29, 2013

Service

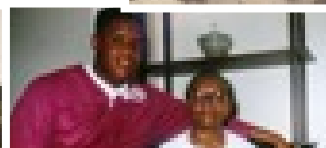
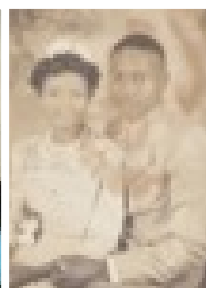
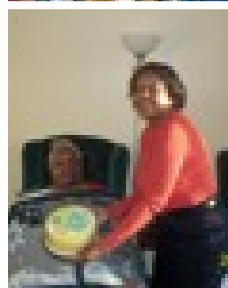
Tuesday, August 6, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE OF PRAISE

311-15 Oregon Street

Vauxhall, New Jersey

Rev. Reginald Jackson, Officiating



Reflections of Life

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee..." Isaiah 43:2a

When the angels came to take **Emmage Lee (Glover) Riggins** to be with her heavenly Father, she sang her song; "I'm free, praise the Lord, I'm free. No longer bound, no more chains holding me; my soul is resting, it's such a blessing. Praise the Lord, hallelujah I'm free.

Born on October 24, 1921, in Pineview, Georgia to the late Alex and Edna Mae (Coley) Glover, Emmage affectionately known as "Jean" was the second oldest of seven siblings. After a lengthy illness, Jean joined her parents and all of her siblings in that "cloud of witness" on July 29, 2013 in Richmond, VA.

Jean met and married her husband Willie Clyde Riggins, Sr. and they lived in Tampa, Florida. To this union, four children were born; Willie Jr., Priscilla Jean, Steve Tyrone and Edna Bonita.

They migrated to New Jersey in the early 60's and lived in Summit with her brother Rev. Lester I. Glover and his family for a short period. After leaving Summit, they moved to Union, NJ. Sometime after Jean's accident there was a need for more accessible living accommodations and so with the help of her grandson, Sammie, they relocated to Bethlehem, PA.

Jean was raised in a Christian household, got saved at an early age and never lost her faith in God. You could always count on her for a song, a prayer, a scripture or just a word of encouragement. She touched the life of everyone who came in contact with her. Due to her illness, Jean had to have twenty-four hour care and she ministered to her caregivers. It was impossible to leave Jean's bedside and not have your spirits lifted.

Having lived through segregation and the Jim Crow era, she was ecstatic beyond believe when Barack Obama ran for the presidency. So much so she made her daughter Priscilla wheel her to the election booth so she could pull that lever. Not only did she vote in person the first time, but for his reelection as well.

Before Jean's health failed her, she was an active member of Glad Tidings Pentecostal Tabernacle of Praise in Vauxhall, NJ where she was affectionately called Mother Riggins. Not only was she a faithful member of the church, but she was also a member of the usher's board.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, Willie C. Riggins, Sr., two sons, Willie, Jr. and Steve Tyrone Riggins; five brothers, Alex Walter, Rev. Lester I., Oberly Samuel, Clarence and Bobby, two sisters, Willie Mae Davidson and Laverne Canton, and one godson, Torre Everett.

Leaving to cherish her memories: two devoted daughters, Priscilla Jean Mickens and Edna Bonita (Dennis) Hinson; eight grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Processional Clergy and Family

Closing the Bier

Hymn of Consolation

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 121:1-8..... Rev. Effie Jackson

New Testament - 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Rev. Samuel Long

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn of Celebration

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Solo

Eulogy Pastor Reginald Jackson

Recessional

Interment

*Wednesday, August 7, 2013 - 10:00 am
Hollywood Memorial Park
1621 Stuyvesant Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083*

Pallbearers

Coley Carr

Jason Hinson

Darryl Henderson-Roy

Jarret Hinson

Sammie Mickens

Tudgie Smith

There's A Reason

*For every pain that we must bear
For every burden, every care
There is a reason.*

*For every grief that bows the head
For every tear drop that is shed
There is a reason.*

*For every hurt, for every plight
For every lonely, pain-racked night,
There is a reason.*

*But if we trust God, as we should
It will all turn out for our good
He knows the reason.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

*The family of **Emmage Jean Riggins** extend our gratitude and love for the many acts of kindness, support and prayers during this time.*

If you would like to pay honor to Jean's memory, you may do so through donations to The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation at www.christopherreeve.org or mail in to Christopher & Dana Reeve, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078 or call 800-225-0292.

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