

Celebrating the Life of



Missionary

Jessie Hamm Truesdale Houston

March 8, 1929 – June 19, 2014

Thursday, June 26, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.

New York, New York

Bishop William L. Bonner, Pastor

The Life of Jessie Houston

Sister Jessie (Hamm) Truesdale Houston was born March 8, 1929 in Darlington, South Carolina. She was the second of seven children born from the union of Annie Lee and David Hamm. Jessie was educated in the Darlington County School System. Jessie moved to New Jersey in 1946 and later married Willie Truesdale. During this blessed union, Jessie had one child Jessie Truesdale.

Jessie was a devoted member of the Greater Refuge Temple COOLJC New York City for many years. She was a faithful servant of God serving on the Hospitality as Chaplain, the Usher and Missionary Boards, as well as other boards within the Church. She sought Him with her whole heart. Her vigor and vitality for life served her in ways that presented to all a level of determination and strength that was contagious and encouraging to others. She loved her Church and was counted as faithful among them. Her kind-hearted spirit and outgoing personality, made her easy to love by those who had the privilege of sharing any time with her. She actively attended The Temple until the commute became too much for her, however she would still visit occasionally.

Jessie was employed as a professional homemaker for several New York and New Jersey families until her retirement in 2005. Many of the families that she cared for maintained a personal relationship with her all throughout her life. She considered the families she worked for as family and they felt the very same about her.

Jessie loved to cook and was known for her duck on Christmas Day and her iced tea that she made year-round. She opened her doors to many and her culinary skills were always on display. Jessie loved listening to Gospel music, watching game shows and daytime soaps. She had a passion for traveling; she never let moss grow underneath her feet.

Jessie was preceded in death by her husband Deacon Louis Houston; her son Jessie Truesdale; her parents Annie Lee and David Hamm; her three sisters Millis Wise, Hattie Mae Hamm and Barbara Wesley; her two brothers Sylvester Hamm and Joseph Hamm; nephew Gregory Robinson.

Jessie (Hamm) Houston was called home to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 19, 2014.

Those who shared the sorrow and joys of life and cherish precious memories are: her beloved sister Elease (Hamm) Robinson of East Stroudsburg, PA; nephews Fredrick Robinson, “her boy” of Paterson, NJ and Aaron Robinson and wife Ella of Summerville, SC; niece Barbara Robinson-Tyre and her sidekick, niece Marcella Robinson- Stuart and husband Thomas of Stroudsburg, PA; a great nephew Rasheen and great nieces Tyisha, Na'Asia, Jazmine as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews with a multitude of cousins and friends that will truly miss the laughter, smile and energy that she brought into the room when she arrived.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Obituary

Eulogy

Bishop Charles Wright

Recessional

Interment

Friday, June 27, 2014 - 10:00 am
George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Sister Jessie (Hamm) Truesdale Houston** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

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