Celebrating the Life of

Essie Mae Person

Sunrise June 12, 1938

Sunset February 15, 2020



Service: Saturday, February 29, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

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1571 NW 68th Terr. Miami, Florida 33147



In Memory of Our Beloved Though You Are Gone, You're Never Forgotten

Essie Mae Person was born on June 12, 1938 to the proud parents of Wilbur Person and Mary Jenkins-Person. To this union, 12 children, seven boys and five girls with Essie being the ninth child was born to this marriage. She resided in Pelham, GA until the family moved to Quincy, Florida for better opportunities for raising the family.

Essie had a deep passion for fishing often wanting to catch the biggest one. She often wore her favorite brown jacket with her sidekick "Redman" in the front side pocket. She used to pull brims and yellow belly buttercat catfish from the L67 Tamiami Trail, all the while "chewing her bacca". Someone asked Essie if she wanted to go fishing and she replied "NO, I DON'T WANT TO GO DOWN THERE WITH THOSE BIG OLD SNAKES". Essie had a "ear" for gospel music. Her favorite song "On the Rough Side of the Mountain" helped her find joy during hard times. You could often hear her playing her favorite song artist Sam Cooke's songs Wonderful, Touched the Hem of His Garment and A Change is Gonna Come throughout the house.

Essie later met her lifelong partner, Melvin (Ham Flam) Faust Sr. who preceded her in death. She later moved to Florida City, Florida.

Essie retired from Chesapeake Resort in Islamorada, FL. Where she worked for many years.

She was honored as one of our "Living Legends" of the family at the Jenkins Family reunion in 2018 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

While in the comforting care of her niece, Mary "Mae" Florence of Jacksonville, Florida, the Lord called our dear "Aunt Essie" home to fellowship with her other siblings.

She leaves to mourn, three sons, Melvin Faust Jr., Chester "Peppy" Faust, and Isaac "Birdman" Faust; three grandchildren, Cornelius Tillman, Chesteria Faust, Chester Faust; two great-grandchildren Zyreonia Weston, Khalah Weston; one great-great grandchild Martavious Louis; four sisters Mollie, Elnora, Emma and Annie Jean and seven brothers, Frank, Fred, William, Willie, Mckenzie, Charlie, and Alvin (all preceded her in death); a devoted and caring niece Mary "Mae" Florence and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional/Final Viewing Entering Sanctuary

Interment

Vista Memorial Gardens 14200 NW 57th Avenue Miami Lakes, Florida 33014

REPAST 8606 NW 17TH AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA, 33147

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PALLBEARERS

Derrick McPhee Kenneth Person Lonnie Person Fred Person Jr. Shawn Person Billy Henderson

Alternates: Patrick Brown & Ronald Person

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to each of you. Thank you for the love, prayers and support extended to us during one of the most different times of our lives. Your kindness, patience and sincere concern has been most valuable to us. We love you; we appreciate you. May the Lord bless you to continue your good work, in his name.

THE FAMILY

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THEIR ACTS OF KINDNESS & LOVE

