



In Loving Memory

Estelle Delores Jefferies

January 14, 1931 - July 2, 2020

Monday, July 13, 2020 - 10am

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Obituary

Estelle D. Jefferies, age 89, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2020. Born on January 14, 1931 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina as Estelle D. White, she was the daughter of Hattie Louise Virginia White-Simmons.

With her oldest daughter, Sarah A. White-Lee, Estelle Jefferies moved to Norfolk, Virginia where she met and married Lacey Lee Jefferies. From their union came five children in the following order, Yllanne Jefferies, Terrence A. Jefferies, Anthony L. Jefferies, Aleta Jefferies-Jeanette, and James L. Jefferies. In the early 1960s, Estelle Jefferies moved to New York City where she raised her children.

After returning to school and earning her high school equivalency diploma, she worked for the New York State Workers' Compensation Board for twenty years as a Case Worker Supervisor.

Estelle Jefferies was a member of Paradise Baptist Church where she was baptized by Reverend Lee A. Arrington. She was a past member of the Pastor's Aide and Hospitality Ministries.

Estelle Jefferies was an avid reader. She loved board games and was the family's Scrabble champion. She also loved Backgammon, Bid Whist, and bowling. But most importantly, she loved the Lord and her family in that order. Estelle Jefferies' favorite quote was, "Trust God and keep getting up." Her favorite Bible scripture was Psalm 121, and her favorite hymn was "How Great Thou Art".

She was preceded in death by her mother, Hattie Louise Virginia White-Simmons, siblings, Rayfield Simmons, William Simmons, Hattie Carroll, and Helen Price-Simmons; and children, Yllane Jefferies and Aleta Jefferies-Jeanette.

She is survived by: her siblings, Cecil Simmons, Sarah Simmons, and Maxine Isaac-Hatcher; her children, Sarah A. White-Lee, Terrence A. Jefferies, Anthony L. Jefferies, and James L. Jefferies; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional.....Reverend Dr. Lee A. Arrington
Reverend Brenda K. Davis
The Family

Selection.....Organist - “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament.....Sha-Risse Smith

New Testament.....Reverend Brenda K. Davis

Prayer.....Sister Barbara Avery

Remarks.....Family and Friends (2 Minutes)

Obituary.....Read Silently

Selection.....Keith Gamble - “Amazing Grace”

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Lee A. Arrington

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Organ Postlude

Interment

Forest Green Memorial Park
Morganville, 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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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.

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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