



## Essie Riddle

February 18, 1923 - December 8, 2010

RIDDLE, Mrs. Essie Mae - Age 87, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 11 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2010 at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 424 E. Kennelworth Ave., with funeral service commencing at 12 Noon. Rev. Dr. Major Stewart, Officiating. Interment River Rest Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11 a.m. Friday. Mrs. Riddle will lie in state in the Sanctuary of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, and may be viewed Friday, during family hour only. Mother Essie Mae Riddle was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Sallis. Mrs. Riddle was united in Holy Matrimony 54 years to the late Samuel L. Riddle, Sr. Upon moving to Flint they made Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church their church home, where she served actively and faithfully for over 35 years. She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Norma Jean Jefferson; sons, Samuel L. (Barbara) Riddle, Jr. and Thomas E. (Betty) Riddle; numerous loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren especially great-granddaughter, "Little Essie"; sisters-in-law, Bertha Sallis, Grace Sallis, both of Oklahoma and Hazle Riddle of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Riddle was preceded in death by her husband; parents; 4 brothers; and 4 sisters. The family would like to express special thanks to Hurley Medical Center ICU/CCU staff for its tireless care.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Essie Riddle*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *MAMA I AM MISSING YOU SO VERY MUCH...I REALLY NEED TO TALK TO YOU....I GUESS YOU MUST BE MY ANGEL....I'M STILL HERE.....THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PRAYING FOR ME...FOR TOMMY AND SAMMY TOO.....LOVE YOU....NORMA JEAN*

**JEAN RIDDLE** - October 22, 2015 at 07:44 PM



“ *Sam, Tommy & Jean... Nothing can ever replace the wisdom, advice, and love of a good mother. Your mother will be with you always in so many ways. May it help to know how many hearts are touched by your loss today, and how many thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

**Brenda Wesley Kimble** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sam, James and Jean, you have my sincere condolences in the loss of Mother. I will continue to pray that the Lord will give you strength during this time. Trust in the Lord and lean not to your own understanding..earth has no sorrow that Heaven can not heal.*

*Peace be with you.*

**Andrea Clark** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *She was very kind and soft spoken when I had the opportunities to meet her. My deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**TaKesha** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother. The love and support of a mother can never be replaced, but I hope you find some strength, in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends. Although you and I have never met face-to-face, we have bonded on facebook and have spoken on the phone several times. I feel like I've known you for years. I am a phone call away. God bless you and your family!*

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**Kandee Cooks** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Jean, I know words cannot express the loss of a loved one, but, May you and your family find comfort in knowing that, the same God that kept her here on earth is keeping her now. Keep looking up. You all are in my Prayers.*

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**Phyllis Joseph** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *My Deepest Condolences Go Out To The Riddle Family In These Times Of Sorrow...*

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**Carl D. Dutch** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME LIFE. I LOOK AT THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE AND KNOW IT IS REAL...JUST LIKE YOU WERE...OH I KNOW I WAS A MESS BUT YOU STEAL LOVED ME. YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL YOUR EYES TWINKLED LIKE THE MOON SHINING ON THE OCEAN..YOUR VOICE WAS LIKE A MELODY TO MY EARS.. YOU SPOKE AS SOFT AND SWEET AS COTTON CANDY.I KEEP REMEMBERING RUSHNG TO THE HOSPITAL AND WHEN I GOT THERE GOD HAD ALREADY COME AND GOT HIS GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. OH I LOCKED MYSELF IN THE ROOM WITH YOU AND I SHOUTED I SHOUTED SO LOUD UNTIL I BELIEVE I WAS HOLDING BACK THE LIGHTNING WITH THE PALM OF MY HAND AND MAMA I DANCED LIKE DAVID. OH HOW WONDERFUL IT WAS TO SEE YOUR BODY AT PEACE.I JUST HAVE TO SAY I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU HAVING ME GET ON MY KNEES IN FRONT OF YOUR CHAIR AND YOU PUT YOUR HAND ON MY HEAD WHEN I WAS SICK AND PRAYED FOR ME SOMETHING WENT ALL OVER MY BODY AND HERE AM I....THANK YOU MAMA...I KNOW YOU WILL WALK A STREET OF GOD AND WEAR A CROWN YE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE LORD. OOOOOOOOOH I MISS YOU MAMA PRAISE GOD FOR YOU...

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**JEAN RIDDLE-JEFFERSON** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Jean I know all too well the LOVE & LOSS of one's MOTHER. My heart and prayers are with you in your time of loss. She will always be with you. A mother is ONE that can never be forgotten or replaced.....

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**wilma baker** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ To The Riddle Family, I am so sorry for your loss, Essie and I use to work together and she was one that I would come by and give her a ride to work, May God keep you in his blessing and grace and I will keep the family in my prayers.

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**Addie Mae Barnett-Hart** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To Sam, Jean and all of the Riddle family. My deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family in this great loss. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Barbara McKeown** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ MY CONDOLENCES GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY. MAY GOD COMFORT EACH OF YOU IN THE LOSS OF YOUR MOTHER.  
MARILYN OSBORNE SAMS

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**MARILYN OSBORNE SAMS** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To: Sam, Tommy and Jean, I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Riddle was a fine lady indeed. Stay strong.

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**Jimmy Wesley** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ To The Family: You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother and grandmother.  
She will never be forgotten, the special memories will live forever in your hearts.

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**Craig Kimble** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *May God Bless You All, from your Families all over United States,  
We will miss her beautiful Smile and Wisdom, From Eliza of the  
National  
Chairperson of Sallis/ Silas Reunion.*

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**ElizaClemons King** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ To The Family of Essie Riddle, my prayers are with you. Know that Aunt Essie was very special to me. Always remember the good times. I am praying that God give you strength. God needed another special flower in His Garden. And that flower was Aunt Essie. Here is a poem I want to share with family, friends and love ones.

*DON'T PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY!*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: I GO VISIT ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS*

*MY GOD SAID: GO TODAY: TOMORROW YOU MAY NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY*

*MY GOD SAID: TODAY WOULD BE BETTER YOU LIVED TO SEE ANOTHER DAY*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: I'LL FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE DID ME WRONG*

*MY GOD SAID: TODAY WOULD BE BETTER, YOU'RE JUST STANDING STILL DON'T YOU WANT TO MOVE ON*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: I'LL TURN MY LIFE OVER TO YOU*

*MY GOD SAID: TODAY I WILL MAKE YOU BRAND NEW*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: I'LL GET MORE INVOLVED IN MY CHURCH*

*MY GOD SAID: DO IT TODAY DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR LIFE WOULD BE WORTH*

*TOMORROW DEAR LORD: I'LL LEARN HOW TO FORGIVE  
MY GOD SAID: TODAY AND EVERYDAY THIS IS MY WILL.  
DON'T PUT OFF TIL TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY.  
MY GOD SAID: LISTEN TO MY VOICE BECAUSE IF YOU WAIT.  
MY CHILD YOUR CHOICE COULD BE TOO LATE.*

*Rev. Pam Riddle  
AKA Ms. Butterfly*

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**Rev Pam Riddle** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *To the Family of Essie Riddle  
I am going to miss Aunt Essie but I Know she is in a better place.  
My prayers are with everyone of you.*

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**Marcus A. Riddle** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ *"We meet but briefly in life, if we touch each other with stardust -  
that is everything." ~ Unknown Author*

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*God Bless The Riddle Family on the Loss of the Family Matriarch,  
Mrs. Essie Mae Riddle. May she rest in peace and love for death is  
not the final sleep, but a new awakening.*

*--Tracey Martin-Henry, Esq.*

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**Tracey Martin-Henry, Esq.** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Too Mrs Riddle iam going to miss you so much. you was my second mother to me so have a good rest now .

Lee c English - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Tears and words could not pay an adequate tribute to Mother Essie Riddle. She had an extraordinary, unconditional love for her family and always supported them. We carry on the legacy that she taught us so well - never quit, always pray - you can't lose because God is on your side. Our deepest condolences to Sam, Tommy, Jean, Barbara and all other family members. Love Aubrey and Pat

Aubrey V. Verdun Sr. - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YT

“ "Let not your heart be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me." John 14:1

With my deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. Know that I will keep the family in prayer.

Yvonne Tidwell - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Norma Jean, Tommy and Sam, my thoughts and prays are with you at this time of sorrow. God bless you and the entire Riddle family.

Colleen Jenkins - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ TO THE RIDDLE FAMILY, I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY FOR THE PASSING FOR MRS. RIDDLE. AS A CHILD GROWING UP ON CHURCH STREET, I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE RIDDLE FAMILY ESPECIALLY MRS. RIDDLE. SHE WAS ALWAYS VERY SWEET TO THE CHURCH STREET KIDS THAT RAN UP AND DOWN THE STREET. I KNOW THAT YOUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY BUT TAKE COMFORT IN KNOWING THAT GOD PICKED ONE OF HIS MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS TO PLACE IN "HIS" HEAVENLY GARDEN. I LOVE YOU ALL, STEPHANIE STRANGE-ARON

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**STEPHANIE STRANGE-ARON** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“ *I love you forever and miss you. Rest in peace grandma Riddle.*

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**Inyata Jordan** - December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM