



Iletha Cotton

May 6, 1923 - September 10, 2008

COTTON, Mrs. Iletha - Age 85, Promoted to Glory on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Family hour 11AM Monday, September 15, 2008 at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 2120 N. Saginaw St., with funeral service commencing at 12noon, Pastor E.L. Girley officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11AM Monday. Mrs. Cotton will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-8PM Sunday. Iletha Cotton was born on May 6, 1923 in Quitman, Mississippi to the late Charlie and Earlene Hayes. She was the fourth child of eleven siblings. In 1939 Iletha married Kenard Jones and to that union nine children were born. She later married the late Ike Cotton. Iletha gave her life to Christ at an early age. She was a member of Canaan Baptist Church for twenty years under the leadership of the late Rev. Newman and the late Rev. Alford Robbs. She later moved her membership to Family Missionary Baptist Church under Rev. Tellis Simon. In 1983, Ms. Cotton moved her membership to Morning Star Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Henry Robinson and now senior leadership of Rev. Ernest L. Girley. She was a faithful servant at Morning Star until her promotion to be with the Lord serving on numerous committees and boards such as the Kitchen Committee, Mothers Board, Pastor's Aide and Willing Hands. Her faith was strong in the Lord which helped her to raise her children, grandchildren, greats and great-great grandchildren along with

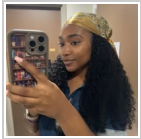
numerous extended children. She leaves to cherish her memory: Her sons, Bennie (Patricia) Jones of Atlanta, GA, Curtis (Patsy) Jones, Lindsey (Pauline) Jones and one daughter Iletha Bailey all of Flint; Step children: Lorraine Jones-Smith, Juanita Kelly, Larry Jones, Samalia Pittman and Rose Cleveland all of Cleveland, Ohio and Kenard Jones of Tennessee; Jimmie Lee Richards of Flint; God Children: Gloria Risen, Ruth Ann Henry and Jackie Blair; Extended Children: Bennett (Sylvia) and Dr. Mark (Cheryl) Engleman all of Grand Blanc; Eve and Ralph Mills of Los Vegas Nevada; Dr. Max and wife Carol Engleman of Petoskey, Michigan; Jason Engleman of Golden Valley, Minnesota. Daughter-in-Laws: Ilene Jones, Judge Ramona Roberts and Joyce Jones. Son-in-Law: Le V. Bailey, Sr. Grandsons: Charles, Carl, Raymond, Kenyana, DeMarko, Derek Jones all of Flint, Michigan; Omar (Tonya) Hull of Atlanta, GA; Pastor Le V. (Tonya) Bailey II of Flint, Lacey (Nicole) Jones of Pensacola, FL; Granddaughters: Cynthia, DaShonda, DaMeka, Dea Jones all of Flint; Crystal Robinson, Colleen (Ron) Fails both of Flint; LaVeda (Dean) Moore of California and Debony (Arlo) Washington of Little Rock, Arkansas; twenty-four great grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. Sisters: Earlene Clayton, Barbara Puritt both of Median, Mississippi and Florene Bell of Cincinnati, Ohio; A host of nieces, nephews and cousins; Close Friends: Savannah, Mary, Ruth and Blanch Engleman. Iletha Cotton was preceded in death by her children Lucille, Richard, Kenard, Ilean and Vernell; parents, brothers Charlie Jr. and James (JW) Hayes; sisters Agnes Smith, Annie Gartheright, Mattie Bell, Creola Henderson and Jurette Jones. The family would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, Five Fold Ministry Christian Center, the staff of Kith Haven Nursing Home, Dr. Shau, Barbara Kirkland and Mr. & Mrs. (Francis) Duncan; Special thanks to Dea and Pauline Jones and all others who helped with her care.

Tribute Wall



“ *Iletha Cotton*

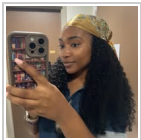
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“ *Happy Birthday Grandma you're loved*



Leah Simone Feimster - May 06, 2022 at 03:17 PM



“ *Grandma I miss you! Thinking about you today- all the love we shared. Til I see you again ❤️ I love you so much*

Leah Simone Feimster - April 17, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Miss Iletha. As a little girl, I lived on Wood Street, not far from her home on the corner of Wood and Root Streets. Several years later, I saw her again and remembered me. She was a nice person and a great cook. I got two very special recipes from her that I use quite often. Every time I use them I will remember her fondly.*

N. Jeanne Keys-Wells - September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *When I was a teenager, grandmother, your intellectual limitations seemed trying to me and your puritan morality seemed to me excessive, but when I was a child your great affection for me and your intense care for my welfare made me love you and gave me that feeling that all children need to feel safe. I remember laying awake at night thinking how dreadful it will be one day when your gone.*

Now that your gone, I cannot say that I don't mind. But I have grown older and I realize more and more the molding you had on my outlook on life. Your fearlessness, your public spirit, your contempt for convention and your indifference to the opinion of the majority...having always seemed good to me and have impressed themselves upon me as worthy of imitation.

I don't really know how to say goodbye Grandma, we were always so close, I don't know where you end and I begin. I do know that few things in this life will ever hurt as bad as this moment.

Loving you forever,

LaVeda

LaVeda Jones-Moore - September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ I would like to thank you for everthing you have done for my family. You are, and always will be, an angel among mortals. You have made an unquestionable difference in my life, as well as numerous others. You have taught me that life naturally brings hardship. However you have also taught me that no matter the atrocity that life brings, there is always a positive side to life. I will remember you for the rest of my life on Earth and I hope to be half the person you were. I love you and I always will.
-From your little boy

Adam Engelman - September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Miss lletha,
You were one of the strongest women I have ever known, from a generation that endured all. I will miss how you would always tease Laveda and I and tell us to stay out of trouble. I will remember you as I saw you last - beaming with pride at your granddaughters wedding.

My prayers are with Curtis, Laveda and the rest of the family.
Love, Michele

Michele (Ruffin) Duncan - September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ There are no words to say how much I loved Leatha. My heart is aching! I grieve along with all of her family!

Jason Engelman - September 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM