



Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner

April 7, 1935 - June 22, 2017

BONNER, Missionary Jessie W. - Age 82, passed away Thursday, June 22, 2017 at her residence.

Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, July 1, 2017 at New St. James Church of God In Christ, 2229 W. Carpenter Rd.I, with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM, Pastor Eddie Parrish, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Missionary Bonner will lie in state at New St. James Church of God In Christ, and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday, with family present to receive friends from 2:00PM - 4:00 PM.

Mother Jessie Mae Wortham-Bonner was born April 7, 1935 in Crenshaw, Mississippi to the late Superintendent Eugene and Parthina Wright. She accepted Jesus at a very early age under the leadership of her father, Superintendent Eugene Wright, Pastor of Wright's Temple Church of God In Christ in Tutwilly, MS. She traveled with her dad singing for him as he preached the Word of God. She met Hubert Wortham and they were married April 23, 1953; from that union eight children were born. Jessie was an amazing woman with a strong determination to get an education. Jessie wasn't able to attend school until the age of nine due to the fact that she was too small to walk the distance (the many miles). She was so happy to finally attend school on the Anderson Plantation. She eventually attended Lambert High School in Lambert, Mississippi. After relocating to Michigan, while

working a full time job, Jessie was driven to continue her education in pursuit of her high school diploma, and graduated with Honors. She never stopped thrusting forward with the desire to pursue her lifelong dream, receiving her Culinary Arts degree in Baking and Pastry, at Mott Community College. Mrs. Bonner made great use of this degree working as a Professional Baking and Pastry Chef at Meijer Thrifty Acres where she retired after several years. She worked various other jobs prior to that such as; a C.N.A. in several nursing homes, Zenith Electronics and The Flint Journal. However, she returned to employment because of her love for children, becoming a daycare worker at Kingdom Academy leaving an indelible imprint on the hearts of so many children. Her hobbies and interests included baking, gardening, sewing, watching wrestling with her sister Luella Chappell, fishing and in depth studying of the Word of God. In addition to all the wonderful things she accomplished in her life, spending time with her children and grandchildren brought extreme joy to her heart. Mrs. Bonner went on to become a dynamic soloist, traveling Missionary making several trips to Haiti and a Chaplain at the Genesee County Jail till the time of her transition, (ministering to many broken women). Mother was a member of The New St. James Memorial Church of God In Christ where she served on many auxiliaries including the Usher Board, Mother Board, Choir President; Director of YWCC, CWC, Sewing Circle, Sunday School Teacher and Teacher of Home and Foreign Missions. She also served as District Mistress of Ceremony and District Missionary in The Mt. Zion District. She served in The North East Michigan Jurisdiction C.O.G.I.C. as a State Sunday School Field Representative, a worker in the Missions Department and Assistant to the Dean of the Missionary Training Institute.

Mother Jessie Mae Wortham-Bonner leaves to cherish her memory: husband of two years of whom she was very devoted to, Auburn Bonner; 4 daughters, Frances (Lonnie) Brown, Dorothy (Peter) Chaney, Mary (Thomas) Galloway and Marilyn (Rory) Farris; 3 sons, Hubert (Thomasine) Wortham, Benzile

Wortham and Madison (Regina) Wortham, all of Flint; special son-in-law, Alonzo Williams; step-sons, Anthony Bonner of Chicago, IL and Terrance Bonner of Arizona; 30 grandchildren; a host of great grand's; brothers, Willie Wright and Eugene (Dorothy) Wright, both of Milwaukee, WI; sisters, Ester Wortham of WI, and Hattie Jean (Bishop Timothy T.) Scott of Mississippi; a host of other relatives and friends including special granddaughter, Gretchen Grant; special daughters, Linda Wortham, Rhonda Dixon, Terri Davis and Ramona Parrish; special sisters-in-law, Geneva Stratchan and Mary Faulkner.

Mother Bonner was preceded in death by her first husband of 50 years, Hubert Wortham Sr.; daughter, Bertha Mae Williams; 3 great grands; parents, Superintendent Eugene and Parthina Wright; step-mother, Hattie Wright; sisters, Rosie Lee Butler, Ruby Mae Butts, Mary Rosenthal, Dorothy Jean Jones and Louella Chappell.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor Eddie Parrish and the New St. James Memorial Church Of God In Christ family, Bishop Phillip Aquilla Brooks and The Historic First Jurisdiction, Kingdom of Heaven Ministries family, Grace Transformational Ministries family, Family Worship Center Church family, and Power of God Ministries family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Family Present

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Public Viewing

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Family hour

JUL **1**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New St. James Memorial C.O.G.I.C.
2229 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI 48505

Service

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Sherry Williams lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Sherry Williams - July 11, 2017 at 09:52 PM



“ *To the family of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner; though your loving mother, grand & great-grandmother is gone from this earth her good deeds, love for her family, and God will live on forever! Having known Bertha and sharing my grandson (Devonte) through Mary, I would have to say" Mother Wortham Bonner instilled in you all, love and respect for God, and others". May the Lord continue to Bless You. Sincerely, Yvette Harper-Bey*

Yvette Harper-Bey - July 08, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Deaconess Gloria Thompson lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Deaconess Gloria Thompson - July 02, 2017 at 06:36 PM

LA

“ To the children; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and other family and loved ones of this beautiful spirit. Madison Sr. your mother sang at my mother's (your mother-in-law) homegoing service. May the Father give you all the peace and comfort you need at this time of sadness. A mother's second love are her children, her first love is our Father God. You will see her later, "back Home" so don't say bye, say see you later mama....



LaVerne Arther - June 30, 2017 at 09:44 AM

HD

“ Hattie Donald lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner



Hattie Donald - June 30, 2017 at 07:45 AM

PH

“ Our prayers are with you Bro. Bonner and the Wortham family.
Pastor Rodney and Patricia Hamer.



Patricia Hamer - June 29, 2017 at 10:29 PM

TM

“ *Hat day at New St James* ❤️



Tameka Marshall - June 29, 2017 at 10:10 PM

RB

“ *To the Wortham family, our deepest sympathies on the passing of your mom. I will always remember her for being a woman of faith who always had a song, but also for being extremely funny. May your many precious memories sustain you in the months ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



Rick and Lisa Banks - June 29, 2017 at 10:01 PM

CH

“ *This mommy is a Angel I will always remember her words that bless me about marriage be Bless and rest*

Cheryl hartfield - June 29, 2017 at 08:03 PM

LG

“ *Lynda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Lynda Gardner - June 29, 2017 at 05:28 PM

JG

“ I'm praying for the family. Just know the Lord will carry you through this. Ms. Janet Goodrum



Janet Goodrum - June 29, 2017 at 12:49 PM

FS

“ Flint Rail Services purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner.



Flint Rail Services - June 29, 2017 at 12:29 PM



“ Julia Gamble lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner



Julia Gamble - June 29, 2017 at 07:19 AM

RM

“ I remember Missionary Jessie Wortham's testimony like it was yesterday, of how she asked her husband to take her to church and lay her at the altar so she could cry out to God for her healing. She was such an awe-inspiring woman of God.



Rosie McFadden-Burris - June 28, 2017 at 09:09 PM

DF

Such an awesome lady of God has gone home to Heaven. A plea we all endeavor to reach. Many prayers of peace & comfort for the family at this time.

Diane Jemerson & Family - July 01, 2017 at 01:01 PM

LG

“ *LaDedra Graham lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



LaDedra Graham - June 28, 2017 at 06:16 PM

KF

“ *Kyle and Lottie Ferguson*



Kyle and Lottie Ferguson - June 28, 2017 at 03:53 PM

JG

“ *Jack And Donna Gallery lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Jack and Donna Gallery - June 28, 2017 at 02:46 PM

LC

My deepest condolences to family and friends. God Bless 🙏

Lila Mae Clark - June 28, 2017 at 07:13 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Brown Leslie lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Phyllis Brown Leslie - June 28, 2017 at 09:06 AM

DM

“ *To absent from the body is to be present with the Lord*



Delores Mosley-Childs - June 27, 2017 at 07:19 PM

ML

“ *Minister Debroah Lee-Tyiska sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Minister Debroah Lee-Tyiska - June 27, 2017 at 07:16 PM

DC

“ *Delicia Chaney lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Delicia Chaney - June 27, 2017 at 06:26 PM

DJ

“ *Debbra Jackson lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Debbra Jackson - June 27, 2017 at 03:34 PM

S(

“ *Mother Wortham-Bonner, was a very humble gifted woman in the body of Christ. I've known Mother most of my life, growing up in St. James Church of God in Christ. She had a way of making you feel so very special. My sisters and I spent countless Sundays over her home for dinner. Mother lived the life she sang about in song. I will cherish the time spent with her, she was a true example of a Proverbs 31 woman. Deacon Bonner I pray for you during the transition of your wife. Wortham family you're in my prayers I have set where you are, find comfort in knowing she's resting awaiting her reward.*



Syble (Waters)Smith - June 27, 2017 at 01:04 PM

CH

“ *Calvin And Pamela Hightower lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Calvin and Pamela Hightower - June 27, 2017 at 12:39 PM

CH

Praising God for a life well lived. Praying for the family, friends, and church family. God give you strength and comfort during this most difficult time. We love you

Calvin and Pamela Hightower - June 27, 2017 at 12:40 PM

MV

“ *Melvin And Penny Vickers lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Melvin and Penny Vickers - June 27, 2017 at 11:47 AM

SH

“ *Stephanie Hall lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Stephanie Hall - June 27, 2017 at 11:41 AM

VS

“ *To The Wortham Family,*

You have my deepest sympathy in the passing of Mother Wortham Bonner, she was a

beautiful and Godly woman who has left a strong spiritual legacy which is evident in

each one of you.

Sincerely,

Valerie C. Southall



Valerie Southall - June 27, 2017 at 11:14 AM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



A Jeffrey LaValley - June 27, 2017 at 10:46 AM



“ *Ivan Wilson lit a candle in memory of Missionary Jessie Wortham Bonner*



Ivan Wilson - June 27, 2017 at 09:55 AM

CW

“ Sincere condolences to the family of Jessie Bonner.



Cathy Williams - June 27, 2017 at 09:15 AM

PG

“ My heart is broken and I can't believe you are gone I'm going to miss you teaching Sunday morning you were such a beautiful woman of God praying that God will give peace and comfort to everyone that loved you rest in heavenly peace Mother Bonner

Pamela Gibson - June 27, 2017 at 08:30 AM

DJ

Mother Wortham-Bonner was such a wonderful testimony of a Proverbs 31 woman. Prayers continue for the family.

Diane Jemerson - July 01, 2017 at 01:06 PM