

Active Pallbearers

James Carter
Wesley Carter Jr.
Lonnie Clay Jr.

Frank Carter
Newgene Rawls
Kevin Davis

Honorary Pallbearers

Irvin Raphiel
Amari Ivey
Michael-Alan Williams
Dezrick Ledet

Douglass Raphiel
Demarques Holmes
Dente Ledet

Acknowledgement

We, the family, are deeply saddened by the loss of our dearly beloved Bessie. We are eternally grateful for your many acts of kindness: your phone calls, texts, monetary donations, words of expressions and love and other deeds of love. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Interment

Houston Memorial Gardens
2426 Cullen Blvd. | Pearland, Texas 77581

Repast

Decorby E&AStufio
5959 Long Dr. Suite G Venue

Final Arrangements Entrusted to



205 FIDELITY ST. HOUSTON TX. 77029 | 713.223.4966

Celebration of Life for



Bessie Lee Rawls

Sunrise: June 27, 1948 | Sunset: February 9, 2022

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

Matthew 25:34 KJV

Service

**Saturday, February 19, 2022
11:45 a.m.**

C.A. Dixon III & Sons Funeral Home
205 Fidelity Street / Houston, Texas 77029

Rev. Randy Williams, Officiant

Obituary

Bessie Lee Rawls, affectionately known as Mama, Granny, and Auntie was born on June 27, 1948, to Wesley Carter Sr. and Hester (Carter) Johnson in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

She graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School in May of 1968. Bessie met the love of her life, Donald G. Rawls, at Sylvan Beach in LaPorte, Texas when he rolled up on the beach wearing a three piece bell-bottom suit. Their path crossed again when Donald noticed Bessie doing her laundry at the washateria. The two married on February 6, 1971. Bessie and Don shared fifty-one years of fond memories,

Bessie accepted Christ and was baptized in July of 1962. She attended Galilee Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. E.J.Galloway. She later became a member of First Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Gene Moore. Bessie, later join Don at Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church and served under Pastor Randy Williams. Bessie served faithfully, and with great joy as a Deaconess and Usher. She loved the Lord with her whole heart and loved serving people. She became the First Lady of House of Bread Church where she served faithful with her husband until her passing.

Bessie was preceded in death by two children, Korey Rawls and Baby Rawls; her parents, Wesley Carter Sr. and Hester Carter Johnson; step-mother, Bessie Carter; brothers, Wilson Raphiel, Irvin Raphiel, Leamon Wardsworth and sisters, Earlene Jones, Patricia Collins and Gloria White.

On February 9, 2022, Bessie departed this life. She left to cherish her memory forever her husband, Donald G. Rawls; three daughters, Shantala Bratton (Terrance), Tiffany Rawls, and Vernice Rawls; three brothers, James Carter (Debra), Wesley Carter (Janice), and Frank Carter; two sisters, Betty Anderson and Shirley Heath (Charles); one aunt, Lois Carter; one brother-in-law, Newgene Rawls; sisters-in-law, Mary Johnson, Geneva Raphiel of Natchitoches, LA., and Mary Ann Collins of Fort Washington, MD; nine grandchildren, Dominique Rawls, Shanell Rawls, Tyana Rawls, Jamia Chavis, Jahlaya Irvin, Jalissa Irvin, Amari Ivey, Asia Bratton, Jace Jones and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.





Order of Service

ProcessionalClergy, Pallbearers and Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Rev. U Tobby Mooring Jr.

New Testament Rev. Charles Heath

Prayer.....Appointee

SelectionAppointee

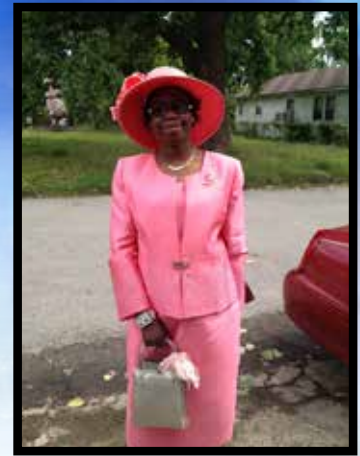
Resolutions & Acknowledgements

Expressions.....(3 minutes please)
Limited to three (3) people

Selection

Euolgy.....Pastor Randy Williams

RecessionalClergy, Pallbearers and Family



Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A Brothers and Sisters

Tribute

*Truly an inspiration and blessing from above
Always embraced with Brotherly and Sisterly Love*

*Being born the fifth of ten
Is when your angelic journey began*

*When we chose to argue, fuss and fight
The God in you helped us to get it back right*

*You never missed an anniversary or birthday
With Love and kindness, you always knew what to say*

*It breaks our hearts to lose you
However, you didn't go alone
For a part of us went with you
The very day God called you home*

*Our family chain is once again broken, and things are not the same
But as God calls each one of us home, The chain will be linked again.*

*For you, no more suffering and no more pain
Our loss is Heaven's gain*

**Love,
James, Frank, Wesley. Betty, Shirley**

