



Odella Lawrence

June 23, 1935 - November 9, 2024

ODELLA LAWRENCE WAS BORN TO EVIE LEE "TOPSIE" EVANS AND C "LUCKY" LAWRENCE ON JUNE 23RD 1935 IN HOUSTON MISSISSIPPI. SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO CHRIST AT AN EARLY AGE. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN HOUSTON MS, AND LATER A MEMBER OF NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELOIT WS, NEW BEGINNING MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN MEMPHIS TN AND TRUE LIFE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN MEMPHIS TN. SHE RETIRED FROM CHRYSLER CORPORATION IN 1992 AFTER YEARS OF BEING A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE. SHE ENJOYED WATCHING BASEBALL AND WAS A FAN OF THE LA DODGERS. SHE REMEMBERED WHEN JACKIE ROBINSON WAS THE FIRST BLACK MAN TO PLAY PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND ALL THE HARDSHIPS HE ENDURED. SHE ATTENDED SAM COOKE'S FUNERAL IN CHICAGO IN 1964 AND WAS ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY FROM

MUHAMMAD ALI AS THEY VIEWED THE BODY. SHE ENJOYED GARDENING, SEWING AND SITTING ON HER FRONT PORCH. SHE ALSO LOVED GOING TO THE THRIFT STORE, SOMETIMES JUST TO LOOK. ABOVE ALL SHE LOVED GOD AND HER FAMILY.

ODELLA LEAVES TO CHERISH HER LIFE, HER FOUR CHILDREN: DERRICK

LAWRENCE (SANDRA), CHERYL DUFFIE-LEE (ROSS), FLANDERS HOBSON (JOYCE),

AND LAWANDA HOBSON. ELEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

AND A HOST OF FRIENDS. SHE IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER GRANDSON ADONIS

LEE, HER BELOVED MOTHER MRS. EVIE LEE "TOPSIE" EVANS, HER STEPFATHER MR.

OZIE EVANS, HER BROTHERS OSCAR LEE DIXON, WILLIE "BO" CARRADINE,

WILLIEDALE EVANS, JULIOUS EARL "BIG BOY" EVANS, AND HER SISTER MRS. BONNIE

KILGORE.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (cst)

True Life MB church
67 E. Raines Rd.
Memphis, TN 38109

Service

NOV **17**. 1:00 PM (cst)

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