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The Family

### *A Psalm of David*

#### *Psalm 23*

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 for ever.



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### *Obsequies'*

## *Sister Mary Lee Hood Stephen*

*Saturday, December 5, 2015 11 o'clock in the morning*  
*First Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church*  
*Panama City, Florida*  
*Reverend Aldredge Young, Officiating*

*Obituary*  
*of*  
*Mary Lee Hood Stephen*

Ms. Stephen was born February 26, 1932 to Arthur Thornton and Beatrice Wynn Thornton in Jackson County, Florida.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur James Thornton and Bonnie B. Thornton, Sr., and a grandson: Clarence LaDon Harrison.

She leaves two step sisters: Mary Jane Patterson and Eula Mae Mack. She was the mother of five daughters: Barbara Pittman of Panama City, Florida, Lois Elaine Harrison of Lynn Haven, Florida, Roshell Durr (Willie James) of Newville, Alabama, Nevale Hill (Darryl) of Callaway, Florida and Donna Profio (Joseph) of Montgomery, Alabama.

She was grandmother of thirteen: Eric Pittman, Montricia Kenney, Deondra Grady, Rodney Peoples, Regis Peoples, Reginald Hill, Sr., Darryl Hill, Jr., Theresa Profio, Gertrude Profio, Mary Loveless, Antonella Profio and Josie Profio; great grandmother of fourteen and great-great grandmother of one. She leaves two cousins: Flossie Cook and Lucille Reid of Pensacola, Florida; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was a resident of Bay County since the early 1940's.

She was a member of Potter's Temple for many years and most recently a member of First Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.*  
*I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.*  
*I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,*  
*Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.*  
*I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;*  
*Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*  
*Unknown at that hour. At that hour when all things have repose,*  
*O lonely watcher of the skies, do you hear the night wind and the sighs*  
*Of harps playing unto Love to unclothe the pale gates of sunrise?*  
*When all things repose, do you alone*  
*Awake to hear the sweet harps play To Love before him on his way,*  
*And the night wind answering in antiphon*  
*Till night is over gone? Play on, invisible harps, unto Love,*  
*Whose way in heaven is aglow at that hour when soft lights come and go,*  
*Soft sweet music in the air above and in the earth below.*

*Order of Service*

Processional/ *"Oh Happy Day"* ..... Clergy, Family  
 Selection/ *"Victory Is Mine"* ..... Choir  
 Invocation ..... Reverend Henry Harper  
 Scripture Readings  
     Old Testament ..... Bishop David Charles Mack  
     New Testament ..... Reverend Darryl Hill, Sr.  
 Solo ..... Sister Sonia Broxton  
 Words of Encouragement ..... Minister Duane Broxton  
 Favorite Song/ *"May The Works I've Done Speak For Me"* ..... Choir  
 As I Knew Her ..... Sister Susie Gibson  
 Obituary ..... Soft Music  
 Solo ..... Sister Julia Mae Haley  
 Resolutions and Acknowledgments ..... Sister Barbara Flood  
 Selection ..... Choir  
 Eulogy ..... Reverend Aldredge Young  
 Recessional/ *"Soon and Very Soon"* ..... Ministers, Family, Friends

*Earthly Resting Place*

Redwood Cemetery—Panama City, Florida

*Flower Attendants*

Granddaughters and Friends

*Pallbearers*

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| Eric Pittman       | Rodney Peoples   |
| Reginald Hill, Sr. | Darryl Hill, Jr. |
| Regis Peoples      | John Kenney      |