

*A  
Celebration of her  
Life  
Jessie Mae Lacey Strange*

Sunrise  
March 9, 1923

Sunset  
June 13, 2018



***Honorary Flower Bearers***

*Ms. Lyric Fox      Ms. Camilla Mae Strange*

***Honorary Casket Bearers***

*Master Cadence Strange      Mr. James S. Shaw  
Mr. Thomas Strange      Mr. James Strange  
Mr. Maxwell Strange      Mr. Richard Strange  
Mr. Spencer Strange*

***Casket Bearers***

*Mack's Funeral Home*

***Ushers***

*Flat Rock CME Church*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*The family of Jessie Mae Lacey Strange expresses it's gratitude to all below and others who brought joy and care to her during her passing and transition to God's House the "Throne Room":*

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*All the Staff at The Summitt Memory Care Residence, Mesa, AZ*

*Kathy Marks, Generation at Agritopia Senior Home, Gilbert, AZ*

*New Hope Baptist Church, Oakland, CA*

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*Saturday, June 23, 2018*

*12:00 p.m.*

***Flat Rock CME Church***

*Hartwell, GA.*

*Rev. Eddie Thornton, Pastor*

*Rev. Doris Gray, Eulogist*

Interment ~ Flat Rock CME Church Cemetery • Hartwell, GA

## *Mrs. Jessie Mae Lacey Strange*

Warmly known by many as Jessie Mae or Mae, the seventh child born of thirteen to Bertha Leona Pope Lacey and Reverend John Sylvester Lacey, was raised in Lamar and Jefferson Counties, AL. Mae had the great opportunity to live not only with her parents who provided excellent care and training in an atmosphere where the Love of God and family provided the basics for all her endeavors in life, but also lived in the homes of two of her older brothers, Renzie Lee Lacey and Booker T. Lacey who followed the same traditions. Mae attended the Lamar County Schools, Packer High School in Birmingham, AL, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL, and Tennessee A & I State University, Howard University where she earned a bachelor's Degree. She completed graduate work at Howard University, San Jose State University, the University of California Berkeley, and the University of Hawaii.

In September of 1942, while enrolled at Stillman College, Mae met the love of her life the late Alonzo Strange. They were married shortly after Alonzo's return from Army service during World War II. Alonzo Sr. completed a Bachelor's Degree in Business at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, AK, to this precious and long-lasting union one son, Alonzo Strange, Jr. was born. The family move to Tuscaloosa, AL and several years later to Washington, DC, where Alonzo, Sr.'s work with the federal government relocated the family from Washington, DC where they had resided for eight years to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1969. Alonzo, Sr. retired in 1980 after thirty years of federal civil service. He died in 1981 following a short illness.

Mae's employment experience has been very rewarding, she taught high school for twenty-three years, in Tuscaloosa, AL, Washington, DC, Oakland, CA and Berkeley, CA, the latter of which she retired from the Berkeley Unified School District. Her diverse training enabled her to teach Family Foods and Nutrition, Advanced Clothing and Clothing Construction, Government, Reading, English, Social Studies, and International Foods. Her career encompassed twelve years of Social Work in San Francisco, CA an while in Washington, DC, three years as the Matron of the Juvenile Court.

Mae confessed Christ at an early age, and has held membership in the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Kennedy, AL, Piney Grove Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Washington, DC and the New Hope Baptist Church, Oakland, CA where she has served since 1970. Being an active and dedicated church member, Mae has served as the Gospel Choir President, Chairperson of the Alabama Club, Sunday School Teacher, Lydia Circle Counselor and Program Chairperson, Women's Missionary Society, Board of Christian Education Dean and Co-Chairperson for the annual church souvenir book and fundraising.

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She holds life membership in the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women U.S.A., Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc., California Retired Teachers Association El Cerrito, CA Senior Citizen Group and the Stillman College Alumni, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter.

Mae is survived by her son Alonzo Strange, Jr. and his wife Janice Lamarre, who has been a faithful daughter-in-law and the “daughter” she always wanted; three grandchildren, Jasmine Adina Strange (Linda), Alonzo III and Heather Elizabeth Lacey Strange Lenz (Rena); three great grandchildren, Lyric Fox and Cadence Strange (Jasmine) and Camilla Mae Lenz (Heather); one grand son-in-law Kevin Lenz (Heather), a sister-in-law, Mrs. Christine Strange Morrison; nephews: Keith Wright, Vernon Lacey, Larry Joe Lacey, Lorenzo Lacey, James Strange, Maxwell Strange, Richard Strange, Spencer Strange, and Thomas Strange; nieces: Sandra Strange Rozier, Vashti Strange, Dorothy Lacey Locke, Ellen Dora Lacey, Linda Lacey-Reed, Cosilyn Lacey, Cheryl Lacey Henderson, Deborah Lacey, Deloris Lacey, Patricia Lacey, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mae’s passion for travel include trips to Europe, Jamaica and Mexico. She loved her family and spent years of extensive research, compilation, writing and editing the Benjamin and Harriette Lacey Family genealogy book which Mae copyrighted and published and now resides in the Library of Congress.

We will miss Mae’s thoughtfulness, her exquisite cooking, her mastery of sewing, beautiful singing voice, devotion to her friends and family, her sorority and her devotion to God.

Mae will be laid to rest next to Alonzo, Sr., the love of her life, because after thirty-six years of marriage and 38 years of being his widow, as the words in that wonderful song by Gladys Knight and the Pips, “Midnight Train to Georgia”, I rather live in his world than live without him in mine.”

As recorded by CeCe Winans, “Welcome To The Throne Room” Mae.



Order of Service & Tribute

Order of Service

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Processional .....      | Soft Music                    |
| Musical Selection ..... | Throne Room                   |
| Prayer                  |                               |
| Scripture Reading ..... | The 23rd Psalms               |
| Musical Selection ..... | The Lord’s Prayer             |
| Remarks                 |                               |
| Acknowledgements .....  | Mack’s Funeral Home Staff     |
| Selection .....         | Amazing Grace                 |
| Eulogy .....            | Rev. Doris Gray               |
| Recessional .....       | Soft Music                    |
| Interment .....         | Flat Rock CME Church Cemetery |

Soloist ~ Alonzo Strange, Jr.

God Saw You Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be.  
So He wrapped His arms around you  
and whispered "Come to Me."  
You didn't deserve what you went through,  
So He gave you rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful;  
He only takes the best  
And when I saw you sleeping,  
So peaceful and free from pain,  
I could not wish you back  
To suffer again.

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