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In Our Hearts

*We thought of you with love today,
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.*

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name;
All we have now are memories,
And your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we will never part;
God has you in his keep,
We have you in our heart.*

*It broke our heart to lose you.
But you didn't go alone,
For a part of us went with you...
The day God took you home.*

THE FRIERSON FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Family of Irene Peterson Monroe Frierson acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of sympathy and prayers by all during this difficult period. We are eternally grateful for the love and support of our neighbors in the Richard Street Community and members of Saint John Baptist Church. May God continue to bless you all.

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A Celebration of
Her Life

Thursday, January 26, 2017
Two O'clock in the Afternoon

Saint John Baptist Church
3404 West Beltline Boulevard, Columbia, SC
Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.

Sunrise
June 16, 1935

Sunset
January 19, 2017



MRS. Irene
MONROE FRIERSON

REFLECTIONS OF HER LIFE



Irene Monroe Frierson was born in Bishopville, South Carolina on June 16, 1935. She was the daughter of the late Jackson Monroe and Elizabeth Peterson Monroe. After a period of illness, she was called to eternal rest to be by the side of our Lord on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at their family home in Columbia, South Carolina.

Irene was a 1951 graduate of Dennis High School in Lee County. Later, she married (now) Deacon Jessie Frierson, Sr. on December 6, 1953, which resulted in a union of almost 65 years. They were blessed with five children: (the late) Carrie T. Sims, Shirley A. Brown (Edward) of Columbia, Jesse Frierson, Jr. (Jerome) of Richmond, Virginia, Curtis E. Frierson (Ann) of Phoenix, Arizona and Lawrence Frierson of Atlanta, Georgia.

With their young family, (now) Deacon and Mrs. Frierson moved to Columbia in 1958 and joined Jehovah Baptist Church. In 1971, the family joined Saint John Baptist Church, becoming active members. She was a member of the Senior Musical Choir from 1971 to 1995; a member of the Green/Minister Likes/Harts Sunday School Class; a member of the Naomi Missionary Circle; a leader with the Ruth Missionary Circle; a member of the Repass Ministry; and participated with the Food Pantry Team.

A dedicated wife and mother, Mrs. Frierson was employed by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health before she joyfully retired on Thursday, May 23, 1996 after more than 31 years of service to the State of South Carolina.

In addition to her loving husband, Jessie, and their four children, Mrs. Frierson is survived by her grandchildren: Thomas M. Sims, Youlanda L. Frierson, Adrienne N. Jones, Arlisha Sims Bailey, Towanda Sumter, Robert Frierson, Ginna Tejada, Ariel Young, Chase Monroe Frierson, Chad Dunbar Frierson, Chet Conrad Frierson, Clark Andrew Frierson; a host of great-grandchildren; and her brother Jessie Monroe. Her in-laws include: Ada Belle Frierson, Annie Mae Frierson both of Columbia, South Carolina, Rebecca Monroe of Bishopville, South Carolina and Charlie L. Harriott of Richmond, Virginia as well as other relatives who will miss her dearly.

In loving memory and to be forever remembered by our Family, Mrs. Frierson was also predeceased by her siblings: Wilford Monroe, Nicola Monroe Harriott, Pelzer Monroe McDonald, Golden Monroe, Bernice Monroe Reames and her oldest daughter Carrie T. Sims; her dear aunt, Carolyn Peterson Brown, who all lovingly called and is remembered by family and friends as "Aunt Shoot."

A faithful partner in marriage, caring mother and warm friend, Irene Frierson will surely be missed by all of her family members, friends, neighbors in the Richard Street Community and members of Saint John Baptist Church.

A Virtuous Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31

***How hard it is to find the perfect wife. She is worth far more than jewels.
Her husband depends on her. He will never be poor.
She does good for her husband all her life. She never causes him trouble.
She is always gathering wool and flax
and enjoys making things with her hands.
She is like a ship from a faraway place.
She brings home food from everywhere.
She wakes up early in the morning, cooks food for her family,
and gives the servants their share.
She looks at land and buys it.
She uses the money she has earned and plants a vineyard.
She works very hard. She is strong and able to do all her work.
She works late into the night to make sure her business earns a profit.
She makes her own thread and weaves her own cloth.
She always gives to the poor and helps those who need it.
She does not worry about her family when it snows.
She has given them all good, warm clothes.
She makes sheets and spreads for the beds
and she wears clothes of fine linen.
Her husband is a respected member of the city council where he meets with
the other leaders.
She makes clothes and belts and sells them to the merchants.
She is a strong person, and people respect her.
She looks to the future with confidence.
She speaks with wisdom and teaches others to be loving and kind.
She oversees the care of her house. She is never lazy.
Her children say good things about her.
Her husband brags about her and says,
“There are many good women, but you are the best.”
Grace and beauty can fool you,
but a woman who respects the LORD should be praised.
Give her the reward she deserves.
Praise her in public for what she has done.***



ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND DR. JAMEY O. GRAHAM, SR., PRESIDING

Prelude

Processional

Final Farewell to Our Beloved IreneBostick-Tompkins Staff

Hymn of Praise“Revive Us Again”
Combined Choirs of Saint John Baptist Church

Scripture ReadingsMinister Alphonso Counts, Jr.
Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament..... John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Preston Wilson

Hymn of Praise“Amazing Grace”
Combined Choirs of Saint John Baptist Church

Reflections (three minutes please).....Deacon Jackie Epps
Frierson/Boykin/Epps/Gist Jackson Family Ministry

Minister Warren Lykes
Family Friend

Ms. Kathleen Williams
Community Leader

Mr. Jesse Frierson, Jr.
On Behalf of the Family

Solo..... “I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy”
Mrs. Sharon D. Minneweather

Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Jamey O. Graham, Sr.

Instrumental Selection “Going Up Yonder”
Byron Counts, Sr.

Recessional

SERVICES OF COMMENDATION
Committal, Closing Prayer, Benediction & Interment

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