

Obituary

An Exceptional Wife and Mother, Emma Ruth Shackelford-Jones was born on December 25, 1937 to the late Frank and Letha Ann Smith Shackelford in Lawrence County, AL. She departed this earthly life on Friday, August 21, 2020 at her residence.

Mother Emma Ruth confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church in Hillsboro. In years to come she decided to join with her husband at Mt. Zion M.B. Church in Town Creek, AL. After the drive became hazardous, she moved closer home to Westside Missionary Baptist Church in Decatur, AL, where she remained faithful until her health failed. She always worked diligently in her churches. She was a member of the choir, served on the mother board and in the missionary society. She also played a few notes on the organ and the piano.

Mother Emma Ruth was a very loving and caring person to all who met her. She was always smiling and had a very contagious laugh. She loved God with every fiber of her being. Her life displayed all the qualities of a virtual woman. Mother Emma Ruth loved her husband, children, and family. She loved cooking and was a great baker. Her delicious cakes were always a plus for everyone in the family and community.

Mother Emma Ruth was preceded in death by her son, Willie Jones Jr.; **twin granddaughters**, Tiffany and Stephanie Jones; **siblings**, Frank Shackelford Jr., Lawrence (LC) Shackelford, Carl Shackelford, Robert Shackelford, James Shackelford, Willie Mae Hill, Darlene Neville, Annie Jackson, Maxie Dobson and Rose Shackelford.

Mother Emma Ruth leaves a legacy of love to be shared by: **her loving husband**, Willie Jones, of Decatur; **one caring daughter**, Peggy Seay (Jerry) of Decatur; **one loving son**, Calvin Jones (Renae) of Kansas City, MO; **a devoted, loving grandchild and caregiver**; Tamala Marshall of Decatur; **one sister**, Vera Abernathy (Freddie) of Decatur; **two brothers**, Bobby Shackelford (Annie) of Town Creek and William Shackelford (Helen) of Chattanooga, TN; **one daughter-in-law**, Jamesetta Jones of Atlanta, GA; **one sister in-law**, Elise Shackelford of Hillsboro; **one brother -in-law**, Willie B. Jones (Ada) of Muscle Shoals; **five grandchildren**, Kemoine Seay (Angela), Dione Jones (Nicole) Calvin Jones Jr, Kyle Woods (Starr) and Kordell Woods; **twelve great grandchildren and one great great grandchild**; **a devoted and dedicated friend**, Nora (Red) Gholston; a host of adoring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Song.....Sis. Victoria Truss

Prayer.....Deacon Dwight Owens

Scripture

Old Testament.....Minister Marsha Garner

New Testament.....Pastor Reginald Johnson

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Sylvester Truss

Song.....Sis. Victoria Truss

Eulogy.....Pastor Jessie Little

Committal

Acknowledgement.....Dr. Lucy S. Cohen



Because the Angels Came

*Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad.
I left to be with Jesus,
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress.
I was tired of life's frustrations,
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions,
Or try to reason why.
Life there for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you,
Feed it with care.
Grow it with devotion,
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving,
Came in such a way,
We will have another meeting,
In God's eternal day.*

Pallbearers
Nephews



Interment
Mt. Zion Cemetery

Acknowledgement

The Jones Family would like to thank everyone who extended their prayers and acts of kindness during the illness and loss of their love one. Special thanks to Hospice of the Valley and Decatur Morgan Home Care. May God continue to bless each of you.



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Homegoing Celebration *for*

Mrs. Emma Ruth Shackelford-Jones

December 25, 1937

August 21, 2020



*Saturday, August 29, 2020
Eleven O'clock a.m.*

*Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
140 County Rd 271-Town Creek, AL 35672
Pastor Jessie Little, Officiating*