

Arrangements Entrusted to

Dixie Guneral Home - Bolivar, TM

Mother Coren Reaves September 7, 1924 - July 1, 2020 Mt. Zion Cemetary Saulsbury, TN Pastor Melvin Bufford, Eulogist

Celebrating the Life of

## **Obituary**

Coren Reaves - *Queen of all Oueens* – loved and revered by all who knew her! Born September 7, 1924 to the late Shiloh Cheairs and Idell Sain in Hickory Valley, TN.

She attended school in the Hardeman Couty School System. She gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Mt. Salem Missionary Baptist Church, where she served faithfully, as a Mother of the church, until she was no longer able to physically attend. Additionally, she simultaneously attended Bowden Chapel CME Church, where her husband served as Deacon for their entire marriage.

Her life of 95 years is marked with her care and devotion to; her late husband of 63 years; 13 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and giving them instructions and directions for living a godly life.

She was extremely devoted to her church and followed the leadership of her Pastor until her departure to be with the Lord. Coren was diligent in her walk with the Lord. She worked tirelessly to provide a stable and spiritual foundation for not only her children and all descendants, but everyone who entered her home. She was known by all as one of the most precious, loving, loyal and not to mention, the best dressed Mother in this area. She leaves behind, for us, a legacy of a godly woman, a woman full of grace, love, wisdom and a role model for everyone who came in contact with her. Her daughter, Pastor Pauline, calls her a Prophet in her own right. What most people did not know about Coren was her wonderful sense of humor and her love for basketball. Something that even her children were not aware of until the latter years of her life.

Proverbs 31:10, 25, 26, 27 describes our Mom as "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

In her most recent days, God gave her supernatural strength to enjoy her family, friends and loved ones. And believe you me, we as a family, enjoyed and thanked God daily for what He was doing in her life. She departed this life on July 1, 2020 at Jackson-Madison County Hospital in Jackson, TN.

Coren Reaves was preceded in death by her husband; William O. Reaves and her infant daughter; Dorethea Reaves; son, Thomas Reaves; 4 brothers Jerry Lee Cheairs, Sylvester Cheairs, Shiloh Cheairs and Roosevelt Cheairs, and 1 step-sister; Liddie Puckett. Today she leaves to cherish her memory; 4 sons; William (Lana) Reaves of Bonaire, GA; Billy (Louise) Reaves of Bolivar, TN; James (Pam) Reaves of Chicago, IL; Ray (LaVita) Reaves of Smyrna, TN; 7 daughters; Beatrice Williams of Gary, IN; Josephine Perry of Bolivar, TN; Mae Toy (Charlie) Jones of Detroit, MI; Gwendolyn (JT) Hamer of Nashville, TN; Jerry Mason of Saulsbury, TN; Pastor Pauline (Michael) Ezell of Nashville, TN; Patricia Gibson of Bolivar, TN; 2 sister-in-laws; Lonnie Mae Wright of Memphis, TN and Lurean Price-Cheairs of Whiteville, TN; 1 brother-in-law; Rev. Solomon Sain of Detroit, MI; 29 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, a very special niece and long-term caregiver, Mae Toy Cheairs, most recent caregiver, Wanda Woods and special Pastor that she called her son, Pastor Melvin Bufford.

## Order of Service

Song of Celebration	David Perry Jr.
Scripture & Prayer	Pastor Henry Coles Jr. Faith Life Church Nashville, TN
Selection & Remarks	
Eulogy	Pastor Melvin Bufford Mt. Salem MB Church Hickory Valley, TN
Benediction & Committal	Pastor Melvin Bufford

## Psalms 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 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 forever. Amen.