

Pallbearers
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Psalm 23
A Psalm of David ~ The Shepherd Psalm

*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.*

Acknowledgement

During our season of sorrow, we want to take time to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for every outpouring of comfort, love and support. We are eternally grateful to God for you and the kindness shown during the life and home going of our beloved mother. It is truly a blessing to have the prayers and consolations of friends. May God forever bless each and every one of you.

~ The Family ~



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Celebration of Life

Philippian Community Church
7578 New Kings Road
Jacksonville, Florida
Bishop Virgil C. Jones

Interment – Evergreen Cemetery

Sunrise
April 15, 1937

Sunset
February 20, 2022

MRS. VERA LEE KENNEDY

Saturday, March 5, 2022 ~ 1:00 PM

The Life of Mrs. Vera Lee Kennedy

Vera Lee Kennedy, known affectionately as “Mother”, was born April 15, 1937 in Sandusky, Illinois to Ellis Sykes and Callie Sykes. Vera was a spirited individual who sincerely had a love for people, and who was fueled with the spirit of God with a perseverance until the very end. Filled with the Holy Ghost, she fulfilled her assignment up to the day of her transition to her heavenly rest February 20, 2022.

Vera, a true woman of God, committed her life to Christ when she was saved in 1965 at 28 years of age in Los Angeles, California. While in Los Angeles and a single mother of five children, Vera was called by God on assignment as an evangelist. She began ministering God’s Word to the lost souls throughout the country; continually bringing light into dark places. Resulting from her love and obedience to God, and her love for people, many souls have been saved and gone to be heirs to the kingdom with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In 1979, she married Bishop Aaron Kennedy, Jr. and together they ministered through the Evangelistic Deliverance Team Center established in Folkston, Georgia. In 2000, this team began a street ministry on Oak Street and Tebeau Street in Folkston, reaching out to the community sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing hot meals for those in need. In 2011, she received a proclamation commemorating her 74th birthday by the Mayor of the City of Waycross extending appreciation for her service. One of Mother’s favorite scriptures was Matthew 9:37, “Then He said unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” Vera, Mother, labored for the Lord for fifty-six years of her life. Truly a life of service to be admired!

She is preceded in death by husband, Bishop Aaron Kennedy; sons, Leon Wilkins, Wesley Wilkins, and Joseph Wilkins; both parents, Ellis Sykes and Callie Sykes; brothers Elbert Wells, Joseph Sykes, Alvin Sykes, Michael Sykes, Elroy Sykes, Leroy Sykes; sister, Alma Massey. Vera leaves behind a devoted family to cherish her legacy, children, Ronald Wilkins (Los Angeles, CA) and Veronica Jennings (Yulee, FL); grandchildren, Ronald Wilkins, Jr., CiJi Flores, Kelly Kennedy (SON), Carmen Awuah, Kellee Chambers, Latasha Dillon; eight great-grandchildren; siblings, Deloris “Shirley” Gillum (Vancouver, WA) and Doris “Maxine” Jones (Los Angeles, CA); other relatives and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MOTHER VERA KENNEDY ELDER REGINALD VALENTINE, PRESIDING

Processional.....New Abundant Life Outreach Ministries Chorale

Selection.....Minister Ronald Wilkins

Prayer.....Elder Pete Griffin

Scripture

Old Testament.....Elder Gary Stubbs

New Testament.....Elder Renee Allen

Reflections (2 minutes please).....Pastor Darwin Days
New Life Abundant Outreach Ministries
Gainesville, Florida

Minister Fred Almond

Evangelist Brenda Hairston

Apostle Austin Lancaster
Rohi Kingdom International Ministries, Inc.
Gainesville, Florida

Selection.....New Abundant Life Outreach Ministries Chorale

Eulogy.....Bishop Virgil C. Jones
Senior Pastor, Philippian Community Church

Recessional.....New Abundant Life Outreach Ministries Chorale

