



"Be The Best"

*If you can't be a Tree on
The top of a Hill
Be a Bush in the Valley,
But be the best little
Bush on the side of a Hill,
Be a Bush if you can't be a Tree*

*If you can't be a Highway,
Be a Low way
If you can't be the Moon be a Star
It is not by size that we Win or Fail
Just be the best of
Whatever you are*



Psalm 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'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 forever.

Mother,

We thank God each day for blessing us with a loving and devoted mother. You have always been a shining example of "unconditional love". Hopefully we will be good reflections of the example that you have set. It is our prayer that we have that made you proud. Your strong faith and devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has helped to set each of us on a path of Christian Service.

Although we know you must leave us now, we look forward to the time when we will all meet again. Thanks for all that you have done.

Love always,
~ Lee, Ann, Izora and Mason Jr. ~



Funeral Service

Visitation

Processional

Scripture

Prayer

Congregational Hymn

Mother's Ministry

Condolences

Life Reflections

Solo

Tribute To Grandmother (Granddaughters)

Rev. Roszell White

Rev. James White, Jr.

Mother Encie Bowie

Sis. Tracy Branch

Sis. Rita Caffey

DeMontré

Joy

Anishika

Marshelle

Solo

Cherri Donnelson (Great Granddaughter)

Clergy Remarks

Eulogy

Reverend Linden Bowie

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Rodney Shelton
Mason Shelton III

Reginald Shelton
Brandon Shelton

Dorian Shelton
Michael Liggins, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

Lee Shelton
James White

Mason Shelton, Jr.

George Branch
Michael Liggins, Sr.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Roena Shelton** would like to express our sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness and love. We greatly appreciate all the very comforting support shown during our bereavement.



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Homegoing Celebration for



Mother Roena Ramona Cherry Shelton

Sunrise: June 2, 1929 Sunset: November 13, 2020

Saturday, November 21, 2020

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. ♦ Service: 10:00 a.m.

Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church

351 Chambers Road ♦ Saint Louis, Missouri 63137

Reverend Dr. Linden Bowie, Officiating



Life Reflections

Roena Ramona Cherry Shelton was born on June 2, 1929 in Arlington, Tennessee to the union of Manuel and Leona (Westbrook) Cherry. Roena's parents and twelve siblings preceded her in death.

At an early age, Roena professed her hope in Christ and was baptized at the Belmont Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend F.R. Nelson. Roena received her formal education in the Shelby County School District.

On March 4, 1948 Roena was united in Holy Matrimony to Mason Bell Shelton. This union was blessed with five children, Barbara Joyce, Lee, Olivia, Izora and Mason Jr. Roena's husband, Mason and eldest daughter, Barbara Joyce also preceded her in death.



In search of gainful employment and a better life, Mason moved his family to Saint Louis, Missouri in 1953. Roena found employment as a Nurse's Assistant at St. Mary's Hospital. Always striving to improve, in 1960 Roena received a degree in Nursing from the St. Mary's School of Nursing. Roena was an excellent and dedicated caregiver for St. Mary's Health Center until her retirement in 1991.



the Berean Missionary Baptist District Association.

Roena found great joy being surrounded by her family and friends. She stood firmly on her faith and hope in the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Roena remained steadfast in her faith to the end.

Roena committed her life to supporting and encouraging her immediate and extended family. She leaves to cherish her memory: two sons ~ Lee Shelton of Arlington, Tennessee and Mason (Valerie) Shelton of Saint Louis, Missouri; two daughters ~ Olivia (James) White and Izora (Michael) Liggins; one goddaughter ~ Christina Bowie all of Saint Louis, Missouri; one brother ~ George (Cheryl) Branch; three sisters-in-law ~ Alberta Patterson, Irene Rodgers, Patricia Matthews all of Arlington, Tennessee; fifteen grandchildren ~ Rodney, Reginald (Cheryl), James Jr., Demontre' (Ronnie), Dorian (Tandalaya), Joy, Roszell, Renee (Joseph), Mason III (Christina) Anishika (Kareem), Marshelle (William), Brandon (Erika), Michael Jr., Gwendolyn and Antoinette; thirty-one great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces and cousins; last but not least, a loving and devoted caregiver ~ Ms. Carmen Miller.



Roena united with Zion Travelers Missionary Baptist Church in 1959 under the leadership of Reverend Arthur Mitchell. She was a loyal member and served faithfully on numerous ministries until her health began to fail. Roena's greatest honor came when she was selected and made a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Union by



Our grandmother was a special lady and the loss of her is felt deeply by family and friends, even though she lived a full life. For the past year we've watched her fight her illness to be with us. Through her fight she would always say to us "One day at a time". Our grandmother deeply loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren as we also loved her dearly. She was our rock and our go to for everything.

The love of a grandmother is unexplainable. God must have given grandmothers to us to liven up our lives, to make our lives more complete, to make us well rounded and loving. She played a big part in our childhood. I can remember so many times sitting in the kitchen and tasting the dishes, she prepared with special love. Our summers spent with our grandmother keep us close. She taught us a lot about love and the meaning of family. She has never been just our grandmother, but our guardian, our friend and our inspiration.

Still, it's hard to digest that our lovely grandmother has transitioned on to be with our grandfather, Mason. But we are so thankful that we were apart of her ninety-one on this Earth. We will miss our grandmother deeply, but her spirit and strength lives on in each of us and in the lives that she touched. She lives on in all those who have been touched by the love, strength, conviction, wisdom and beauty of her soul.

We love you grandmother — you truly were a special woman to everyone you came in contact with! You may have passed on, but your love and memories would always live on within us. Thank you for your sacrifices, your care and concern, your love and everything that you have don't for us. We know you are in a much better place. We will be forever grateful and thankful that you are our grandmother.

Rest in love grandmother, we love and miss you so much...until we see each other again. Fly high our angel.

