

OBITUARY

Mrs. Sammie Lee 'Samantha' Denton was born in Lake Cormorant Mississippi, and moved with family to Memphis, Tennessee when she was just a child where she resided until 1968, before relocating to Oakland, California. She spent the last few years in Sacramento, California where she passed away peacefully.

Sammie was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Beulah Kirkwood and husband, Robert Denton. She was born and lived in Lake Cormorant, Mississippi until the family moved to Memphis, Tennessee where she resided until 1968 — at which time Sammie relocated to Oakland, California for many years. Sammie decided to spend her golden years in Sacramento, CA.

Sammie is survived by her loving brother, Clyde Kirkwood, Sr (Roselyn); children: Deborah Ann Smith, Robert Lee Kirkwood, Sr and Melinda Darnell Morehouse (Anthony).

Grandchildren: Yvonne Vittoria McIntyre (Wesley), D'Angelo Smith (Trina). Robert Lee Kirkwood III (Jonesha). Laura Samantha Kirkwood and Angelique Renee Wilson. Ronald Paul, Jr, Lakeisha Monique Paul, John Wade Morehouse and Anthony Wade Morehouse, Jr.

Nieces: Fay Myatt, Beverly Kirkwood, Anita Kirkwood and Alison Kirkwood-Murphy and a nephew, Clyde Kirkwood, Jr

Sammie was blessed with 20 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Additionally, a host of great nieces and nephews and the many children of her friends who loved her dearly. She also leaves to mourn her, the oldest living Kirkwood family member at 94 years old-Minnie Mae Peck.

Sammie cherished her childhood friendship with Mrs. Dorothy Carthan (Memphis / Los Angeles) and the many decades of sisterhood with Mrs. Jonnie Knighten (Oakland / Sacramento).

Many other friends will miss Sammie, especially those at Natomas Field Senior Apartments, where she often shared her open heart.

Sammie was a faithful and devout Christian member of Martin Luther King Baptist Church in Oakland for many years. She continued her faith journey in Sacramento until her health made it impossible to attend. However, her faith never faltered. She often had friends at her home for Bible study, lifting her wonderful voice in praise.

Special thanks are bestowed on the group who diligently visited her, bringing gifts, secret snacks and uplifting songs — Olga Brown, Donnice Thompson, Jonnie Knighten, Beatrice Hayes, and Mary Hall.

Special thank yous to Kathy Pittman-her in home care giver for several years and the nursing staff at College Oak Nursing Home who made her life comfortable with their gentle committed care.

Sammie is resting in the peaceful arms of God – pain free.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PROCESSIONAL LORD'S PRAYER SCRIPTURES

Old Testament..... Psalms 27: 1-4 New Testament..... John 17:24-26

SONG

"Pass Me Not Ol Gentle Savior" Sis. Marie Purdy

EXPRESSIONS

Two (2) Minutes each, please.

Reading of Obituary (Silently)

EULOGY

Reverend Sadie Jones

RECESSIONAL TO INTERNMENT

Thank you for your presence!

PALLBEARERS

D'Angelo Smith Ronald Paul, Sr. Dovantee Paul Marchand Myatt John Morehouse Robert Kirkwood III

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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ARRANGEMENTS

Thompson Rose Chapel 3601 5th Avenue Sacramento, CA 95817

INTERNMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SERVICES

Odd Fellows Lawn, 2720 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, California

REPAST

Natomas Field Apartments Clubhouse, 4000 Alan Shepard Street, Sacramento, California