

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family would like to express their deep and sincere gratitude for the many expressions of kindness, sympathy and support. We are humbly grateful for your remembrances which have helped us to endure our time of sorrow.

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REMEMBERING
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DECEMBER 14, 1933 ~ JANUARY 12, 2022

THE FUNERAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022 | 11:00 AM

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Elder Rosie Copes, affectionately known as Aunt Rose, was the seventh of 11 children born on December 14, 1933, to the late Rev. Robert and Ida Dixon in Woodrow, South Carolina. Her earliest introduction to Christ was at Mount Olive AME Church which she attended with her parents and siblings.

Aunt Rose received her education from the Sumter school district and later graduated from Lincoln High School. While in high school she proudly enjoyed being a hall monitor, library assistant, playing on the basketball team, and member of the health club. She attended Morris College in South Carolina and later decided to migrate to New Jersey to find better employment opportunities.

One of the greatest discoveries of her transition to New Jersey was her being invited to Guiding Star U.H.C.A. in Roselle, NJ, and totally surrendering her life to Christ. In her mid-20s she was called to another ministry, the ministry of building a family with the love of her life, Deacon Alfonza Copes. They made a vow and commitment before God and their family on June 4, 1960, which was the beginning of their 61-year journey of love with God as the center of their life and a promise of, "until death do we part." To this union, they were blessed with four children: Renee, Anthony, who passed as an infant, Darrell, and Millicent.

Elder Copes faithfully served in many ministries for over 50 years, including president of both the Pastor's Aide Committee and Missionary Department. She later was elevated from an Associate Minister to an ordained Elder in 1995. The Lord allowed her to serve faithfully under the leadership of Pastor Nora Spivey and then later under Pastor Bobbie Smith both at Faith Tabernacle Church in Freehold, NJ. She then returned to Guiding Star Church to serve under Bishop Elijah Holmes until he placed Bishop Wayne N. Bullock as the pastor, where she was a faithful member until God called her home.

Elder Copes' love for God, her family, and her church were evident throughout her life. The true epitome of a Proverbs 31 woman! She was always ready to pray, visit the sick and shut in, have all-night prayer meetings, fast with you, fast for you or, share a meal with you. A true warrior in Christ whose desire was to share and introduce you to Christ!

On January 12, 2022, Elder Rosie Copes was called to be with the Lord. She leaves to mourn her loving and faithful husband, Alfonza Copes, their children Renee, Darrell, and Millicent. Her grand-babies Tierra and Zemira Adams, Alecea, Laboriel, Gabriel, and Arayah Copes. Her brother Rev. Abraham Dixon (Carol) Sisters Margaret Wilson and Geneva Wilson. Her brothers and sisters-in-love Elton Copes, Mitchell Copes (Anne), Kerry Copes, Helen Robinson, Shirley Copes, Millicent Copes. God sisters: Bishop Laverne Millicent Ball, Evangelist Ruth Whitley, Dr. Arthuree McLaughlin Wright, and one of her dearest friends First Lady Emeritus, Mariah Holmes. Godchildren and God-grandchildren, Jake Holmes Junior. Kevin Roy, Geneva Williamson, the Williamson family, and the Vanderveer family. Daughter-in-law Ginger Maus, son-in-law Keith Ingram. A host of nieces, nephews, spiritual daughters, and sons, Bishop Wayne and Lady Kendra Bullock and the Guiding Star family.

Elder Rosie Copes was preceded in death by her son, Anthony Copes, daughter-in-law, Robin Copes. brothers: Izaiah, James, William, and Roosevelt Dixon; and Sisters Marie & Robina Cabbagestalk, Dorean Mack.

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