

Celebrating the Life of Mrs. Eliza Rhodes

*Alpha
January 26, 1921*

*Omega
June 13, 2018*



"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4: 7-8

Saturday, June 16, 2018- 2:00 P.M.

Antioch M.B. Church
13146 Hwy 51 S
Hazlehurst, MS 39083
Martin L. Washington, Pastor

Eliza's Story

On January 26, 1921, Dan and Daisy Craft Jones welcomed their daughter Eliza, the sixth of eight children into the world in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. Having been born during a time where resources were scarce for everyone, Eliza learned the value of practicing wise stewardship. It was a lesson that shaped how she worked, what she spent, and what she saved. Eliza's parents taught her the value of hard work and getting an education. She received her early education at Antioch School and then transitioned to Parrish High School. Eliza's parents also instilled in her that all these things are meaningless without a relationship with the Lord. She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, where she was a faithful member, in the choir, and in the Women Auxiliary until she was no longer physically able to do so. At the time of her transition, she was Antioch's oldest living member.

Eliza's life teaches us that the more important things in life cannot be quantified with tangible things. She had a green thumb to make anything grow and often cooked what she grew. She placed value on being prudent, not being wasteful, exercising wisdom, and saying what she meant.

In her late teens, Eliza's life changed. During a trip to town, she saw a dress that captured her eye. As she was admiring the dress, a gentleman named Marion was admiring her and eventually approached her and asked her on a date. Never at a loss for words or being one to mince words, Eliza told him that if he bought her the dress, she would go out with him. So, as destiny would have it, he bought her the dress. The two celebrated 39 years of marriage until Marion made his transition to be with the Lord. Eliza never remarried and now 39 years later, she too is with the Lord. She was preceded in death by their son, Norman Ellis Rhodes, step-sons Marion Rhodes, Jr. and Julius Rhodes, and her siblings: Emerson Jones, Ardell Jones, Robert T. Jones, Ellis Jones, Clara Jones, Mabel Jones Marshall, Dorthene Jones Ramsey, and Bernice Johnson.

Eliza is survived by her children: Carroll Rhodes, Sr. (Linda); Paul Anthony Rhodes (Tony); a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; friends; a special first cousin Thelma Eason; special "adopted" daughter Felecia Major (Jeff); special friend, Corrine Anderson; and the Antioch M.B. Church Family.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Selection.....Antioch M.B. Church Choir

Scripture and Prayer Dr. Carroll "CJ" Rhodes

SelectionAntioch M.B. Church Choir

Expressions and Reflections

As a Family Member.....Loretta Sumrall

As a Church Member.....Mattie Black

As a Friend.....Beulah Ramsey

Acknowledgments.....Carroll Rhodes and Paul Rhodes

Selection.....Antioch M.B. Church Choir

Eulogy.....Reverend Martin Washington

Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional

God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.



After Glow

I'd like the memory of me,
To be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
Of smiles, when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
Whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times
& bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
To dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave behind
When life is done.



We Will See You Later

Your price is far above rubies
And words of wisdom rested on your tongue;
Your laws of kindness spread abroad
And it touched everyone.
Your loving arms were always opened
And your heart was always true
You taught us how to live in love,
Not by what you said but what you do.
You taught us that if we just keep the faith,
Hold on and don't give in;
That there lay a crown of righteousness
For us and our eternal life will begin.
You have left this world and gone to the Father,
We will miss you, and this is true
But you taught us that if we lived accordingly,
Again we would see you.





Honorary Pallbearers

Sons
Grandsons
Great Grandsons

Active Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Bearers

Ladies of Antioch M.B. Church

Family Acknowledgements

The family of Mrs. Eliza Rhodes expresses sincere thanks and appreciation for the outpouring of love and support during our time of bereavement. The prayers, phone calls, cards, and many other thoughtful deeds and acts of kindness have made this journey so much easier to bear. It is our sincere prayer that God will bless each of you richly for the manner in which you have consoled our hearts.

Interment

White Bay Cemetery
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Repast

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
13146 Highway 51 South
Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Services Entrusted to

House of Peoples Funeral Home
446 Monticello St.
Hazlehurst, MS 39083