

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

~ JOHN 10: 27-28 ~



OF
Louise
Jefferson
1935-2024

JANUARY 27, 2024 | 11:00 AM

ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
HAZLEHURST, MS
Rev. Martin Washington, Officiating





A GREAT JUBILATION

Louise Jefferson



"The Lord has great things for us; whereof we are glad.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Psalm 126: 3 and 5

Anna Louise Josephine, otherwise known as Louise, was born January 20, 1935 to the late Daton and Pinkie Lee Henley in Hazlehurst, MS. At an early age, she joined and was baptized at Temple Church of Christ Holiness. While serving the Lord at Temple, she was a member of the Usher Board. Much later in her Christian life, Louise joined Antioch Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Martin Washington, where she continued her love of serving on the Usher Board (local, and city levels of any denomination) until her health made it physically impossible to do so. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 11:27 A.M., in the home of her loving family, she departed this earthly home to enter her eternal life. (For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far. Philippians 1:21 & 23). She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Lula Bell Johnson, brother Anthony Williams, a precious daughter, Sherry Teresa Mims and great-grand son, Quentin R. Watkins.

Louise received her educational training at Parrish High School. Her career spanned over 66 years to include Rolling Hills Country Club, Edward Hyman Garment Factory and Copiah Jefferson Regional Library System. Her most gratifying and enriching experience was in the capacity of a Librarian's Assistant. She touched and impacted the lives of so many individuals.

Louise served as a Den Mother to the Hazlehurst Girl Scout Troop #12/5012 for numerous years with her baby daughter, Teresa. She chaperoned camping trips, & outdoor activities, assisted in cookie sales, supervised the earning of badges, and participated in their various programs.

Louise's leisure time was spent as an avid lover of cross-stitching, cooking and, especially, baking. She took great pride in making beautiful, personalized new born baby blankets for family members and family friends. She soon elevated her love for cross stitching blankets to quilts. Her signature pecan taffies and individual pies were world renowned. Her Spiritual Gift was 'loving' on God's people. Her greetings were a hug and the words, "I love You", without fail.

As a young lady, **Louise** married the late Eugene C. Tanner. And to this union, two children were born. She later married Emit Milton Jefferson and to this union, one beloved daughter was born.

Louise's memories will be lovingly remembered and cherished by three children, Eugene C. Tanner, Chris (Hezekiah) Watkins of Jackson, MS and Pinkie Lee Johnson of Clinton, MS; five grandchildren, Kristi L. Watkins, E. Carlos Tanner, III, Esq. (Erika), Eric C. Tanner, Esq., Quentin R. Watkins, all of Jackson, MS, Marvin (Loretta) Lilley of Terry, MS; 8 Great-Grandchildren, Mason J. Redd, Eugene C., IV, Ethan C., Emersyn Channing, Eryn C. Tanner, and Corey and Brandon Lilley; and three Great, Great-Grandchildren; Kaidin, Amora and Lyric Watkins and Londyn Reign; the Watkins' family of Milwaukee, WIS. and an array of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Charlotte Peavie, Elaine T. Smith, Monocia Connors, Ruby Davis, Barbara Tanner, the entire Hines family, Alvin Johnson, Joann Chism, and Greta Gilmore, had a special place in her life.

CELEBRATION SERVICE
For the Life of Louise Jefferson
Rev. Martin Washington, Presiding



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL *(soft music)*

SONG OF PRAISE “*Going Up Yonder*”..... Choir

SCRIPTURE (Old and New Testament)..... Pulpit

PRAYER Elder Fredrick Connors
*Austin Christ of Christ Holiness
Starkville, MS*

FAMILY PRAYER..... Minister Helen Farrish
Niece

SONG OF PRAISE “*Praise Is What I Do*” Choir

REFLECTIONS Alma Hines
Joan Chism
Ruby Davis

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT Rev. Marek Walker
*Cherry Grove M. B. Church, Pastor.
Jackson, MS*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

USHER’S CEREMONY

MESSAGE IN SONG “*Christ Is All*” Choir

WORDS OF SERENITY Rev. Martin Washington
Antioch M. B. Church, Pastor

RECESSIONAL



Louise's Love Story









Honorary Pallbearers

EUGENE C. TANNER, JR
E. CARLOS TANNER, III
MASON J. REDD
EUGENE C. TANNER, IV

ETHAN C. TANNER
HEZEKIAH WATKINS
QUENTIN WATKINS
WILLIE WATKINS

Active Pallbearers

ALVIN JOHNSON
RANDY SMITH
DARRYL JENKINS

BRUCE JACKSON
RANDY KRISTOPHER SMITH
OSCAR TANNER, III

Acknowledgements

Because of your love and respect for our beloved Louise Jefferson, you came to visit, called, texted or used Facebook to give loving condolences, kind words, or share a precious memory. Perhaps you sent a beautiful card, a deliciously prepared dish...or maybe you allowed us to reflect and shed a tear or two., or you sat with us as we had our private memories of a moment in past times. Whatever role you played in this difficult time, we are forever grateful and extend our heartfelt appreciation.

Special thanks to Accent Care Hospice staff—Nurse Brenda Williams and CNA Latoya; and Kristi Watkins and Ruby Davis who assisted in Mama's daily care.

*We, the family of Louise Jefferson, wish for you God's richest blessings.
Thank you, and we love you!*

Interment

WHITE BAY CEMETERY

Repast

ANTIOCH M. B. CHURCH
HAZELHURST, MS

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ELIZABETH DUCKSWORTH