

Come With Me

The Lord saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
A beautiful smile at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you
We miss you so each day,
Our lives aren't the same
Since you went away.
When days are sad and lonely,
And everything goes wrong,
We seem to hear you whisper,
"Cheer up and carry on."
Each time we see your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
"Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping,
We'll meet again someday."

Pallbearers

Man Up Ministry of Perpetual Praise & Worship
Ministries

Dea. Kenneth Ruffin, Sr. Dea. Jimmy McAllister
Dea. K.B. Ruffin Brother Corey Howell
Brother Odis Paulk Brother Marcus Whitfield

Interment

Nicholls City Cemetery
101 Nicholls City Cemetery
Nicholls, Georgia, 31554

Acknowledgements

We, the family of the late Mother Queen Esther Henderson wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, love and support extended to us during the passing of our mother, grandmother and sister. We are grateful that God has blessed us with loving family and friends. We pray that God will bless you with good health and prosperity.

-The Family

Homegoing Celebration For

Mother Queen Henderson



Sunrise:
July 29, 1932

Sunset:
June 15, 2020

Sunday, June 21, 2020

2:00 PM

Nicholls City Cemetery

101 Nicholls City Cemetery

Nicholls, Georgia, 31554

Elder Paul E. Briggs, Sr., Officiating

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:

HARRELL'S FUNERAL HOME
400 E. CHERRY STREET ~ DOUGLAS, GEORGIA 31533
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About Her

The 1st born beloved and beautiful Queen Esther entered this world on July 29, 1932, to William Watts and VanDora Hixon Watts. On Monday, June 15, 2020, she was called to Glory. Queen confessed her faith in Christ at a very early age and became a member of Saint James Church of God in Unity.

She received her early education at Carver High & Elementary School in Douglas, Georgia. Due to her friendly disposition and beauty, she was elected as the Homecoming Queen of the 10th grade class. The Queen was now officially a "Queen".

On September 17, 1949, Queen Esther Watts was joined in Holy Matrimony to John Hezekiah Henderson. To this union of 53 years was born five children, four boys, and one girl. Also, she and her husband raised a granddaughter.

At St. James, COGIU, Queen was able to work in multiple capacities; local church & District secretary, 1st female, Senior Pastor, and as an esteemed member of the Supreme Council of the Churches of God in Unity Organization. She later joined Perpetual Praise and Worship Ministries under the tutelage of her son and daughter-in-law, Pastors Van and Georgia Henderson.

Queen Esther was employed at Swift for several years and later at South Georgia College. She was a cook and chef for 30 plus years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon John Hezekiah Henderson, Sr, parents, Presiding Elder William Watts Jr. and Mother VanDora Hixon Watts; Son, Joseph Henderson; Brothers Emmitt Watts, Walter Watts, and William Watts III.

She is survived by her children; John Henderson Jr. (Linda) of Oklahoma City, OK, Ricky Henderson of Metter, GA, Brenda Joyce Moore, Van Henderson (Georgia) both of Douglas, GA and Grand-daughter she raised, Regina Henderson Scruggs (Andre) of Valdosta, GA ; god-daughter: Thomasina McAllister Bailey (Norman); Sisters; Minnie Lee Carter of Douglas, GA, and Irene Crawford (Willie) of Brooklyn, NY. Brothers; Sylvester Watts (Vena) of Queens, NY, Freeman Watts (Mary) of Bebe, AK, & a very special cousin Minnie Lee (Spooky) McCaskill of Valdosta, GA. 13 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Elder Paul E. Briggs, Sr., Presiding

Obituary Reading.....Elder Paul E. Briggs, Sr.

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Invocation.....Dr. Lewis Logan II

Pastor of Gaines Chapel AME Church

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament.....Minister Virginia Briggs

New Testament.....Minister Sandra McAllister

Solo.....Elder Kentaiwon Durham

As I Knew Her:

As a Sister.....Mother Minnie Carter

As a Grandmother/Mother...Elder Regina Scruggs

As a Church Member.....Minister Jeanette Ruffin

Solo.....Melanie Amaro

Words of Comfort:

Elder Brenda Moore & Sr. Pastor Van. B. Henderson

Committal Ceremony.....Elder Paul Briggs, Sr

Benediction