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Interment
ROYAL CEMETERY
Madison, Alabama

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Mary Bessie Rice Jefferson wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many kind expressions of love and sympathy shown during the illness and passing of our loved one.

Royal Funeral Home, Director
"When only memories remain, let them be beautiful"

D. G. ROBINSON CORPORATION

In Loving Memory

OF

Mrs. Mary Bessie Rice Jefferson



Sunday, June 2, 1991

12:00 O'clock Noon

MT. ZION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

REVEREND JERRY RUSSELL, *Pastor*

Obituary

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The late Mrs. Mary Bessie Rice Jefferson was born in 1906 to the late Mrs. Ada Rice and Mr. Issace Mason of Madison, Alabama. Mother Jefferson, as she was affectionately called by those who knew her devotion and commitment to the Church. Her late husband, Virgil Jefferson, confessed hope in Christ at an early age and they joined the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church where she served faithfully until her health failed. Mother Jefferson lived a life indicative of her Christian faith and very quietly with the hands of love instilled in her children and grandchild, the high principles expressed by Paul as given in Galatians 5:22.

She was a member of the Glidding Star Eastern Star. She was married to the late Virgil Jefferson and to this union nine children were born. She leaves to cherish her memory eight children: Mary Lanier, Joe Willie Jefferson and Ira Jefferson of Madison, Alabama; Elenora Jordan of Huntsville, Alabama; Rev. Erenest Jefferson, James Jefferson, J.D. Jefferson and Ada Scruggs of Chattanooga, Tennessee. One child preceded her in death, Parlie Jefferson Gladys. One sister, Martha Fletcher, three devoted neighbors, two brother-in-laws; Mr. Roosevelt Jefferson and Mr. Council Jefferson of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Five daughters-in-law; Two sons-in-law; Twenty-four grandchildren; Thirty-nine great, great grandchildren; Five great, great, great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

... 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 to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. . .

(II Timothy 4:7-8)

Programme

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PROCESSIONAL

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE *Deacon Robert Crutcher*

SELECTION *Choir*

SCRIPTURE *Rev. Herbert Lewis*

PRAYER *Deacon Fern Smith*

SELECTION *Choir*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AND RESOLUTION *Sister Winnie Ross*

OBITUARY *Read Silently-Soft Music*

SOLO *Mother Effie Gaines*

SELECTION *"Amazing Grace" Choir*

EULOGY *Rev. Jerry Russell*

CLOSING PRAYER *Deacon Booker T. Washington*

MORTICIAN *Royal Funeral Home*

RECESSIONAL