

Celebrating the Life of



Reverend

Odessa Vera (Johnson) Robinson

May 27, 1925 - April 26, 2013

To our Queen Mother



Anyae Brenda Smith

My grandma was so sweet and kind she was always in my mind. She was in my heart from the start. And that's where she will stay for the rest of my days. She was happy, she was sad but when my poppy came around her it made her glad.

Love ♥♥

Anyae

The Day God Called You Home

God saw you getting weary, He did what he thought was best,
He put his arms around you and said come and rest. On that
heartbreaking day with his arms around you, You gently slipped
away. It broke my heart to lose you and you did not go alone. A
part of me went with you the day God called you home.

I love and miss you
Big grandma always love
Naya and your grandchildren

A Tribute To Our Mother-In-Law

You left me precious love
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Ah, yes these things I will miss.
You was always more than a mother-in-law to me.
My life been full, because of your love.

Your daughters-in-law,
Brenda McMillan Robinson
Brenda Cunningham Robinson

Acknowledgements

*The family of the late **Rev. Odessa Vera Robinson** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!*

Special thanks to Davita Dialysis and Staff of Fairlawn, her Doctors, Dr. Howard Weizman, Dr. Jeffrey Kozlowski and Dr. Allan Simon, Barnert Rehabilitation Center Paterson, Dr. Christina Min, Dr. Daniel Chur, her extended family, Carnie P. Bragg, Jr. and the Staff at the Bragg Funeral Home, and to her caregiver after our sister Theresa passed, Denice McEachin.

Reflections of Life

Rev. Odessa Vera (Johnson) Robinson was born in Bat Cave, North Carolina on May 27, 1925. Her family later relocated to Conway, South Carolina. She was the third of six children, three daughters and two sons born to the late Jimmie and Roberta (Luke) Johnson.

She was educated in the Conway School system graduating from Whittemore High School, Conway, SC.

She attended the Mason Temple Church of God in Christ Conway, South Carolina, where she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at the age of seventeen, where her parents were co-founders and the late Bishop J.W. Wilson, Pastor.

Rev. Robinson was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Deacon Edward J. Robinson in June of 1952. They were happily married for over thirty-four years. To this union five children were born, Rebecca, Vera, Henry, Edith and Samuel. They relocated to Paterson, New Jersey along with their first born daughter, Rebecca in October of 1955. Once in Paterson, Rev. Robinson began looking for a church home. A family friend, Matthew Rhue told her about Jackson Temple Church of God in Christ located in Hackensack, New Jersey. She became a member of The Jackson Temple Church. Living in Paterson, she desired a church home closer. In April of 1956, her nephew, Selton Scott told her of a church around the corner from her house. The church was the former Faith Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, where the late Elder Clarence Gilmore was the pastor. She went that night and felt the presence of the Lord there and joined that very night.

Rev. Robinson was employed by the North Jersey Training School in Totowa, New Jersey as a Supervisor for twenty-two years before retiring in 1987. Because of her passion for the love of children, she later returned to school to receive her Child Care Certificate from Passaic County Community College in Paterson.

Rev. Robinson was a member of Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Look and Live Ministry in Paterson, New Jersey for over

fifty-five years. During her years of service she served as the President of the Floral Club, a Group Leader, she was a Deaconess, member of the Nurse's Unit, Helping Hand, Pastor's Aide, Interdenominational Women's Conference, Golden Age, Women's Council and Sunday School. She was ordained an Elder in 1995.

Rev. Odessa Robinson was greatly inspired through the word and teachings of God, by her late pastors Elder Clarence Gilmore who would later become Bishop Clarence Gilmore and after his death by his beloved wife her friend, Rev. Dr. Allene Gilmore. One of her favorite scripture was Isaiah 55:5.

In her community she was a member of the Silver Light Ladies Club. Rev. Robinson was greatly loved by those in her community. People would often come to her for Godly Advice and words of encouragement. She is affectionately known as Mom, Grandma, Granny and Queen Mother.

She was predeceased by her husband, Deacon Edward Robinson, daughters, Edith Nadine and Vera Theresa Robinson-Crockett, granddaughter, Viola Robinson and brother, Jewel Johnson.

Rev. Odessa Vera Robinson departed this life and entered eternal rest Friday morning, April 26, 2013.

She leaves to cherish wonderful memories: her sons, Samuel David Robinson and his wife, Brenda, Henry Edward Robinson, Sr. and his wife Brenda McMillian and James Shawell; daughters, Rebecca E. Jenkins, Patricia Lawrence, Denice McEachin and JoAnn Roberts; brother, James Johnson; sisters, Mildred Suggs, Roberta Briscoe and Frances Ladson; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; godchildren, Sondra Ladson, Bishop Ronald McPherson, Virginia Blake, Jennifer Avery, Melody and Tonya Taylor; five sisters-in-law, Veronica Stewart, Cleo Fredericks, Bertha Bownes, Elizabeth Johnson and Katherine Bownes. devoted friends, Janie Carmichael, Rev. Rosa Lee Kuykendall, Rose Mack, Rev. Rebecca Davis and Rev. Drissie McNeill; sons-in-law, Bernard Crockett and Rodney Jenkins; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, neighbors and friends. Pastor Thomas Farrar and the entire Gilmore Church Family, and to her family and friends for sharing their love with us on this special day in our lives.

Order of Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Look and Live Ministry

68 Bishop Clarence Gilmore Plaza

Paterson, New Jersey

Pastor Thomas P. Farrar, Officiating

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Word of God Declared

Old Testament - Psalm 34:1-10 Elder Thomas P. Farrar

New Testament - I Thessalonians 4:13-18Rev. Rebecca Davis

Prayer of Comfort

SoloSis. JoAnn Roberts

Acknowledgments

Selection

Remarks Clergy, Church, Friends and Community

Selection Sis. Brenda Bradley

Word of Life Proclaimed Bishop William T. Cahoon

Prelate New Garden State Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of New Jersey

Recessional

Interment

Rev. Odessa Vera (Johnson) Robinson will be laid to rest

Monday, May 6, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Fair Lawn Cemetery

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Our Mom

Throughout our lives as we counted our successes and patted ourselves on the back, how seldom. Did we remember who it was that began it all. We want to thank you mom because a long time ago you gave us the most precious gift we'll ever receive, our "Life." It is a gift that grows in value over time, a gift we can share with others. Thank you for enabling us to experience all that life has to offer. You were always there to help and to guide. You taught us how to care about ourselves. You shared our interests, our dreams and our beliefs. You helped us to discover what we can do and who we can be. For this, we thank you. But most important Mom, you were always there, to love us and we want you to know we are always here to love you. You have touched the hearts of so many people through your walk in life, through your generosity, words of encouragement and just for being you. For our mothers love was fashioned after God's enduring love, it was endless and unfailing like the love of him above. You were part of an unbeatable team, composed of father and mother. Being a woman was one thing, but being our mother was another. So Mom with all you've given us, we thank and we love you.

Honorary Pallbearers

Jason Legette
Marvin Cruz
Kevin Evans

Gustavo Gutierrez
Lionel Gonzalez
Tommy Gilberty
Danny Camacho

Jose Castro
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