

In Loving Memory of
Lottie Ella Houston

Sunrise
November 17, 1934

Sunset
November 4, 2015



Thursday, November 12, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW A.M.E. CHURCH

336 Oakwood Avenue

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. Lanell D. Guyton, Pastor

Dr. Edna A. Foster, Officiating

New Reid Temple Church of God in Christ

Obituary

Lottie Ella Houston, a 65-year resident of East Orange, NJ, departed this life on Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, NJ.

Lottie was born to the late James and Freddie DeVette in McCormick, SC on November 17, 1934. At a very early age, she moved with her family to Hinesville, GA where she attended grammar school. She was educated in the Liberty County School System where she excelled as a student and twice was skipped ahead. Lottie was salutatorian of her graduating class from Liberty County Training School (High School) in 1950.

Raised in the Baptist church, upon moving to New Jersey, Lottie joined Union Baptist Church, Orange, NJ. Lottie met the love of her life, James Wallace Houston, in East Orange, NJ. They were married on June 29, 1957 and to this union two children were born.

During her early life she was employed as a seamstress for a number of years. In 1969, she found her lifelong calling and began providing childcare services in her home. For more than 30 years Lottie protected, cared for and loved hundreds of children. Lottie's "babies", as she affectionately referred to the children in her care, became a central part of the fabric of the Houston home.

Lottie enjoyed many social activities; she loved to dance and was an avid sports fan especially tennis. Another of her favorite and most important roles was as "Aunt." Affectionately called "Aunt Lottie" by many, she treasured the time she shared with her nieces and nephews. She will always be remembered for her generosity, spit fire personality, quick wit and her love for children and her family. One of her most important endearing legacies is the example she modeled as she taught so many others with her words and actions how to create a strong, loving family.

Lottie was predeceased by her husband, James Houston, three sisters: Edna Mae Wright, Mattie Catherine Baker, and Helen D. Barnes; and two brothers: James DeVette and Willie DeVette. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving children Eric Houston (Rosanna), Somerset, NJ and Sandra Houston, East Orange, NJ; three grand-children, who are her pride and joy, twins Nicole and Evana and James Houston; two sisters-in-law: Miriam Payne, Brookeville, MD and Hattie Way, Savannah, GA; one brother-in-law, Herman Samuels, New York, NY. She also leaves a dear friend, Margaret Stafford, a number of close neighbors on Madison Avenue, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer of ComfortBishop Douglas H. Adams
Joy Church of Christ

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23..... Ivan Tolbert

New Testament: John 14:1-6.....Esther Canty Barnes

Selection.....Aaron D. Pearson

Special Tributes..... Linda L. Baker
Spencer Way, Jr.
Nora Tolbert

Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Evelyn L. Baker

Obituary.....Lisa Hawkins Wilson

Selection.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy..... Dr. Edna A. Foster
New Reid Temple COGIC
East Orange, New Jersey

Benediction

Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Interment

Graceland Memorial Park
1900 Galloping Hill Road
Kenilworth, NJ 07033

Repast

*Immediately following the Interment family and friends are invited
back for a repast in the Church Fellowship Hall.*

Mother

*You can only have one mother
Patient kind and true;
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you,
To mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness,
She asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus, take this message,
To our dear mother up above;
Tell her how we miss her,
And give her all our love.*

Pallbearers

Harry O. Baker, Jr. • Wayne S. Earl, Jr.
Sean A. Irvin, Jr. • Aaron D. Pearson
Thomas J. Pearson • Herman A. Samuels

Acknowledgement

The family of **Lottie Houston** wishes to thank you for your acts of kindness and love during our time of bereavement. We deeply appreciate all of the love, prayers, smiles and sweet touches for our mother, grandmother, and aunt. We know that God will continue to bless and keep you in His grace always.

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