

*The Homegoing Celebration
In Loving Memory of*



Rissie West

*Sunrise
September 18, 1927*

*Sunset
February 17, 2016*

Service

Monday, February 22, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Second Baptist Church

*378 East Milton Avenue
Rahway, New Jersey 07065*

*Rev. Dr. James W. Ealey, Officiating
Mack Williams, Organist*

Reflections of Rissie West

“I have made the journey home...rejoice for me; I am with my FATHER...”

Rissie West, completed the last mile of her journey on Wednesday, February, 17, 2016. Rissie was born September 18, 1927, the sixth of ten children to the late William Buggs and the late Ethel Smith in Wetumka, Alabama. She was educated in Wetumka, Alabama at the Mt. Canon Baptist Church School and reached the eighth grade before having to enter the work force to assist in providing for the family.

Like many southerners, Rissie was part of the “The Great Migration”, she relocated from the rural South to New York City. Her first job in New York was as a live-in Nanny and care provider to a well-known movie star. After leaving domestic service, and moving to New Jersey, Rissie was employed as a laborer at Atlantic Rumble, Rahway Grill as a short order cook, Magnum Organ, and an assembly line worker at The Hershey Company in Rahway, New Jersey for ten years before retiring in the late 80’s. Rissie held a number of jobs as she took great pride in her independence and willingness to help others.

Mr. Fred West of Rahway married Rissie Buggs in 1964 in his house which she made their home; where he embraced step daughter, Vanessa and adored her as his very own, and their beloved dog Jip. Rissie made sure to let Fred know it was a package deal....**“All 3 of us or nothing!”**

Rissie joined Second Baptist Church in Rahway, New Jersey, where she has been a FAITHFUL and DEVOUT member for more than fifty-one years. She proudly served on the Senior Missionary Society and 100 Women in White Choir. In her youthful years, you could count on her caring for the sick, cooking, washing or doing whatever task needed attention.

Rissie was spirited, strong willed and a generous woman; that gave of herself willingly to help family and friends in times of need and support. She was a woman of substance, a NUTURER who lived her life with dignity and great pride. Highly favored and fiercely of FAITH her walk with GOD was daily and her acts and treatment of others reflected as much.

She was predeceased by her husband, Fred West and only child, her beloved Vanessa. Surviving are two sisters, Anne Davis of Newark, NJ and Annie Queen Robinson of Akron, Ohio. She leaves behind two granddaughters, Tisha Jones and Sharese Jackson of Gadson, Alabama and four great grandchildren.

***“God saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb...
He gently closed His loving eyes and whispered “peace be thine.”***

Order of Service

Musical Selection.....Church Choir
Final Viewing.....Family
Processional.....Clergy and Family
Hymn of Praise.....“No, Not One”

*There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one, No not one!
None else could heal our soul’s diseases, No, not one, No not one!*

*No friend like Him is so high and holy, No, not one, No not one!
And yet no friend is so meek and lowly, No, not one, No not one!*

*There’s not an hour that He is not near us, No, not one, No not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us, No, not one, No not one!*

[Refrain]

*Jesus knows all about our struggles, He will guide till the day is done;
There’s not a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one, No, not one!*

Prayer of Comfort.....Church Ministry
Musical Selection.....“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Reading of Holy Scriptures:

The Old Testament....**[Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8]**

The New Testament....**[1 Corinthians 15: 50-58]**

Remarks.....(2 minutes Please)

Tributes:

Tribute to Aunt Rissie.....Jared Buggs

Tribute to Aunt Rissie – “The Neighborhood”.....Lori Sexton

Reflections of Rissie West.....Lori Sexton

Acknowledgements.....Annie Queen Robinson

Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. James W. Ealey

Benediction and Recessional.....“I’ll Fly Away”

Interment.....Graceland Memorial Park
Kenilworth, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family would like to extend gratitude to all
expressions of sympathy at this time.*

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