

Celebrating the Life
of
Mrs. Jessie L. Ford

January 9, 1913

September 15, 2016



Friday, September 23, 2016

11:00 A.M.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Burkeville, VA

Minister Daniel Tucker, Pastor

Obituary

“To be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord.”

Jessie Louise Ford, the daughter of the late John Henry Brown and Katie Ann Bethea Brown, was born January 9, 1913 in Little Rock, South Carolina. She was the youngest of eight children, all of which are now deceased. She quietly departed this life on September 15, 2016 at Good Samaritan nursing home in Baltimore, Maryland.

She was educated in the public schools of Little Rock, South Carolina. She was married to Joseph T. Ford, Jr., until his death on June 13, 1997.

At an early age, Jessie accepted Christ and became a member of McCoy Chapel Methodist Church. After leaving South Carolina, she became an active member at Emmanuel Christian Community Church in Baltimore, Maryland for many years.

After retiring from City Hospital, she and her husband moved to Burkeville, Virginia where they were very active members at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher and greatly enjoyed working with children; she was also known for sharing candy with them.

After moving to Baltimore, Maryland she later became a member of First Charity Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Hollis C. Neal, where she loved attending Sunday school with her son-in-law Deacon William Thomas Sr., who preceded her in death.

She was affectionately known as “Aunt Jessie” and Mom. She leaves to mourn one daughter, Etta Pegram; two granddaughters Doris Byrd (affectionately known as Sissy) and Tamara Pegram; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and many family and friends from South Carolina; Burkeville, Virginia and Baltimore, Maryland. She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Ford, her son-in-law William Thomas and daughter Evelyn Thomas.

Special appreciation to her granddaughter/caregiver Sissy; devoted nephews Andre and Larry Tillman and Leonard McEachern; niece Chandra McClain; Jackie Ingram; granddaughter Shirley Thomas; great-grandchildren Sharonda and Tyrone; and her babies (great-great grandchildren) Jambria and Amera.