



Mother Annie Ree Herron

January 20, 1933 - August 6, 2019

Annie Ree (Jones) Herron transitioned this life to Glory on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. She is the daughter of the late JD Jones and Dollie Mae (Lofton) Jones and wife of 60 years to Oliver Herron (who preceded to Glory).

Born January 20, 1933 in Fannin, Mississippi, 1 of 8 children, Annie Ree was every bit the daughter of a hardworking, sharecropper and anointed preacher. It was there in the white fields of cotton that she learned her great work ethic and to sing the songs of Zion. As her father “preached out” churches across Mississippi, Annie Ree and her sisters and brothers would sing them happy.

She met and married Oliver (“Red”) Herron at her father’s church and they were married on Christmas Day 1949. Of course, this was after they were caught trying to elope.

They moved to Chicago, Illinois by way of Erie, PA and to their union ten (10) wonderful children were added: Zonna, Pat, Olivia, Jesse, Larry, Ronald, Denise, Annette, Dollie, and David. Pursuing a better life for their family, in 1962 Oliver and Annie Ree purchased a 40-acre farm and moved to Decatur, Michigan. Of course, this was after mom had to repeatedly walk her children to school with a butcher knife to keep them safe from gangs.

Annie Ree went back to her roots and raised her children on the farm with the

great work ethic that was instilled in her. Once again, she sang the old songs of Zion and taught them the Word of God. Raising her children in the fear of God, she sought a place of worship. Unable to locate a suitable church so far in the country, Annie Ree cleared the living room in our house and church began right there where she taught her children how to truly worship God passionately, through songs of Zion and musical instruments, prayer and the Word of God. But the greatest of her teachings was how to Love. It was a model for her children and any child or person that walked into our home. Although we were 12 people in a 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom home, She always said, "There's plenty of food and sure we can make room for one more". She welcomed you with a hug that would melt all your worries away and had the unique gift to make you feel that you were the most important person in the world to her. Her love made you feel special and important.

In 1971, the Emmanuel Church of God in Christ was established in Decatur where Oliver and Annie Ree Herron were founding members. She was a member for 43 years and served passionately as the first church musician. She also served faithfully as Church Mother and the Hospitality Auxiliary President. In 2014, she became a member of New Life Fellowship Church of God In Christ and was also one of the founding members. However, it was beyond the church walls where she perfected her ministry of Love. Annie Ree loved to visit the sick, shut-in and elderly, and loved to cook for those in need and was always the first to prepare meals and give comfort for bereaved and grieving families, whether she knew them or not. She took in the homeless families and provided food, shelter, clothing, and of course, love and nurturing. She was passionate about all children and loved to encourage and teach them about the love of God. They affectionately called her "Big Momma".

God gifted Annie with many talents to share with all. She was an excellent cook and made "Fried Corn" that melted in your mouth. She was a Master Gardner with the ability to transform a barren field into the most beautiful,

bountiful vegetable and flower gardens your eyes have ever seen. She loved traveling across country with her husband, Oliver and hearing her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren laugh.

Annie Ree was preceded in death by her parents, JD and Dollie Mae Jones; her husband, Oliver Herron; two brothers, JT Jones, John Jones; three sisters, Alice (Jones) Carpenter, Mary (Jones) Atlas, Queen Elizabeth (Jones) McLaurin.

Annie Ree leaves to love and cherish her memory two brothers Bobby (Jackie) Jones, Samuel (Beverly) Jones; Ten (10) children, Zonna Herron, Pat (Lupe') Herron, Olivia (Wendell) Mitchell, Jesse (Brenda) Herron, Larry (Elaine) Herron, Ronald (Shawn) Herron, Denise Herron-Burgess, Annette (Mark) Blade, Dollie (Eddie) Bristow, and David (Gloria) Herron. Other sons and daughters: Dewayne (Joyce) Powell, Robert (Kathy) Herron, Kathia ("Putney") Williams, Keith Williams, Rhonda Herron and Leslie (Lee) Lance; Thirty-four grandchildren, Tramaine Johnson, Lacresha Johnson, Ivory Herron, Bree Herron, Brice Herron, Ashley Curths, Shane Herron, Brian Mitchell, Jessica Williams, Jamar Herron, Marcus Herron, Todd Herron, Kendra Fogleman, Lamar Herron, Larry Herron, Alana Herron, Samara Herron, Andrea Herron, Nicole Fuller, Jocelin Bailey, Noah Herron, Justine Herron, Jason Williams, Antoinette Williams, Tiffany Williams, Justin Williams, Terece Williams, Sherrod Brown, Joshua Bristow, Davian Herron, Devonica Herron, Courtney Blutt; forty-five great-grandchildren and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Annie Ree was known by many different names, Momma, Big Momma, Aunt Petty, AnnaRee, and Ms. Anne by those who loved her. She has left with us a Legacy of Love that can never be forgotten, but forever replicated.

We will miss you dearly, Mom for you have been the heart of our family and

you have taught us how to live faithfully, laugh hopefully and love passionately. And now abide, faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is Love. Corinthians 13:13 NKJV

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery (Annex II)

Decatur, MI 49045

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mother Annie Ree Herron



Harper Funeral Home - August 08, 2019 at 11:11 PM

EN

Loving soul who earned her wings, well done thy good and faithful servant, you have finished your course!

Evangelist Beverly Norman - August 09, 2019 at 03:01 PM

PW

Very, very lovely cousin of mine! May God Bless

Paul D. Williams - August 10, 2019 at 02:51 PM

DV

Sorry for your lost..

Denise Ellis Vaughn - August 10, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ Mother Annie Ree Herron

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mother Annie Ree Herron

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

LK

“ Annie Herron was a resident of our Leisure Time Condominium community for a very short time before her health issues located her elsewhere. In that very short time as a Leisure Time Building Q neighbor, when Annie and I would confabulate, I always walked away feeling uplifted and definitely left with a smile in my heart. She was a very inspiring lady and I feel fortunate that I got to meet her during her lifetime. Her good family is a testimonial to her influential makeup. She will be remembered.

Lizabeth King - August 12, 2019 at 01:17 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mother Annie Ree Herron.



August 10, 2019 at 08:02 AM

AN

“ My aunt Annie Ree knew how to make you feel like you were the most special person to her. I miss having her and Uncle Red come down to MS in the winter months to escape all the Michigan snow. We looked forward to having them with us. We were not her children but she surely treated us like we were. Aunt Annie Rea has gained her much deserved wings in heaven! I love you. Auntie!!!! 🥰🥰

avie nelson - August 09, 2019 at 10:30 PM

DR

“ To the family Williams/Blade. I offer my deepest sympathy to the family on loss of the family matriarch. God Be with You. Wonderful lady.

Diane Reed - August 09, 2019 at 06:01 PM

PF

“ PATTERSON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Ree Herron



PATTERSON FAMILY - August 09, 2019 at 03:55 PM

WW

“ Wynna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mother Annie Ree Herron



Wynna Williams - August 09, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mother Annie Ree Herron.



August 09, 2019 at 01:54 PM

DS

“ My prayers go out to Annie's family. I'm so sorry for your loss, but now she has been reunited with Big O. May God bless you all.



Dawn Sampsell - August 09, 2019 at 01:07 PM

DC

“ So Sorry to hear of the loss of your mother . Supt & Mrs Charles and the Tabernacle COGIC families Praying for the entire Herron family Please let us know how we can be of service to you now and or in the future. May The favor, blessings, Peace and direction of our Lord and Savior be yours at this difficult time. We love you

Dr. C G Charles - August 09, 2019 at 08:52 AM

RH

“ Big Mama was like a mother to me . I will love her and cherish her for the rest of my days.

Rhonda Herron - August 08, 2019 at 11:46 PM