



Mrs. Martha A. Cotton

May 14, 1927 - August 17, 2011

Sister Martha A. Cotton was born May 5, 1927 in Brooksville, Mississippi to the union of Polly and Eris Harris. Martha gave her life to Christ at an early age at Pilgrim Grove Baptist Church in Brooksville, Mississippi. In 1946, she met and married George Cotton. In 1947, she and George relocated to Chicago with their family. She became a faithful member of Pilgrim Baptist Church of South Chicago, under the leadership of the late Pastor Edward Wainwright, until she moved to Kalamazoo, MI. While continuing to grow in her faith, she became an active member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. Mabry Gardner. She joined the Inspirational Choir in 1980 and remained a member until she became ill in February 2011. Martha was a “faithful and loyal servant of God” until she was called home on August 17, 2011, with her family at her side.

She is preceded in death by her husband George Cotton; her parents Polly and Eris Harris; her siblings: Doc, Lettie, Sally and Cleveland; 1 granddaughter, Stacey and 2 grandsons, Brian and Jermaine.

She leaves to carry on her legacy 9 children: Georgia Cotton-Simmons of Lansing, IL; James (Marilyn) Cotton of Alsip, IL; Dorothy Cotton-Hersey of Dallas, TX; Burnie Cotton-Tabb; Gwendolyn (Ricardo) Cotton-Holmes; Gregory (Lillie) Cotton and Sylvia Cotton all of Kalamazoo, MI; Rose (Roosevelt) Cotton-Brown of San Diego, CA and Lamont Cotton of Houston, TX; 18 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Martha A. Cotton



Harper Funeral Home - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Martha A. Cotton

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Martha A. Cotton

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Lillie Cotton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha A. Cotton



Lillie Cotton - August 29, 2011 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Denise Scurry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Martha A. Cotton*



Denise Scurry - August 29, 2011 at 12:02 PM