



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. - Psalm 23

Acknowledgements

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Arrangements Entrusted to:
Nabors Family Funeral Home
 Lillie Nabors, L.F.D.E.
 470 W. 172nd St
 Thornton, Illinois 60476
 Office/Cell: 708-704-5023



*Expect Great Service...
 and Receive Greater.*



Celebrating
 THE LIFE OF

Jessie Mae
EDWARDS

AUGUST 8, 1929 - JANUARY 16, 2025

Loving Tributes

Grandma,
Thank you for loving me in spite of all the bad decisions that I made but you still loved me and you never gave up on me. I love you always and forever. ~Antoine

Aunt Jessie Mae,
Thank you for always being in my life and for your steadfast devotion to the Lord. It's taught all of us the true meaning of faith. ~Duone

Aunt Jessie Mae,
I hope you have the sweetest of dreams. ~Fiona

Dear Jessie,
Thank you so much for accepting and embracing my twin sister Yvette and I whole heartedly at the tender age of six and being part of our family. You didn't give us the gift of life, but you gave us the gift of love. I thank you for loving us as your very own daughters you never had. A very kind, loving and spiritual mother you were to us. You will truly be missed here on earth, but we can take comfort in knowing you were a true woman of God and you are at peace resting in the embrace of our God. ~Yvonne

Jessie and Grandma,
In Loving Memory of Jessie, a woman who brought light, love, and kindness into our lives. From the moment she became part of our family, Jessie accepted us without hesitation and welcomed us with open arms, always treating us as her own. Her unwavering love, endless kindness, and devotion to our family will never be forgotten. We are deeply grateful to Jessie for loving us and our father so completely and for showing us the true meaning of selfless love. Her memory will forever live in our hearts. ~Yvette and children

A Life Well Lived

A life well lived is a precious gift of hope, strength, and grace from someone who has made the world a better place.

Life is full of moments and memories that can be sweet and sad, with smiles and sometimes even tears.

New relationships are formed that create good times and laughter that are shared and remembered to carry on.

A life well lived is a legacy of joy, pride, and pleasure. A lasting memory that our grateful hearts will forever treasure.

Rest in Power Aunt Jessie Mae Love, Nikki and Antoine

My Sister

"Sister" (the only name I ever addressed her by) was an inspiration to me my entire life. She strived for excellency in whatever tasks she undertook. Her astute knowledge of Bible scriptures challenged me to become a better student of the Bible. She liked things to be in order. One of her favorite verses to quote was 1 Corinthians 14:40. "Let all things be done decently and in order." She was a blessing to my life and I will greatly miss her.

Love, your little sister, Louise

Aunt Jessie Mae,
Thank you for the memories we created the last 7.5 years. You trusted me with your life and I appreciate that. We had some great adventures as we traveled and moved around. You never complained and always supported me as I cared for you. I enjoyed helping you, watching you experience new things, teasing you about washing dishes, driving, and doing the laundry. All of which you refused to do! You lived 95 years and spent your last days enjoying gospel music, eating your favorite foods, and relaxing. I will miss you but I know you are Happy with Jesus! Love you always and forever Donna

Life Reflections

Jessie Mae Edwards was born August 8, 1929 to Sam and Lone Jones in Inverness, Mississippi. She attended elementary school in Inverness and Gentry High School in Indianola, Mississippi.

Jessie Mae confessed a belief in Christ at an early age and became a member of Shady Grove M.B. Church where she served as an usher for many years. She later relocated to Chicago, IL and joined fellowship with Holy Rock, M.B. Church and was a faithful Sunday School Teacher. She later joined Starlight M.B. Church and finally, Love and Peace church until her health failed.

She was married to Hugh Lee Brewer in Mississippi and to this union one son was born, Gordon Brewer. She later married Willie Joe Edwards in August 1969. Together they worked in ministry and enjoyed fellowship with one another until his passing in 2006.

Jessie Mae was employed by the United States Postal Service for many years until her retirement. She earned many awards for attendance, performance, and commitment to her job. She always had a kind word for everyone she met.

Jessie Mae enjoyed traveling and studying her Bible. She wanted everyone to know that she loved Jesus. She would wear pins on her hats and jackets. She was an avid reader. She enjoyed going to the movies, watching Family Feud, Wheel of Fortune, Bill Winston, and David Letterman. Her favorite scriptures were Psalm 23 and Psalm 46. Her favorite songs were: Father I Stretch my Hand to Thee and Amazing Grace. Her favorite colors were red and white. In her later years, (after 92), she enjoyed listening to gospel music daily, eating Hershey's candy bars, bananas, and interacting with her caregivers.

Jessie Mae made her transition Thursday, January 16, 2025. She fought the good fight and she finished her course. She ended her earthly journey and went to a home prepared for her Heavenly home.

She was preceded in death by her parents Sam and Lone Jones, husbands: Hugh Lee Brewer and Willie Joe Edwards, brother Edd Jones, Sr., sisters Idell Simmons and Sallie Hall, and stepson Michael Edwards.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Her sister Louise Stanley. Sister-in-law: Emily Jones, Daughter-in-law Carolyn Brewer. Grandsons: Antoine Brewer, Gordon (Alberta) Brewer, Jr. and Gregory Brewer. Primary Caregivers: Niece: Donna Jackson, Nephews: Duone (Fiona) Jackson and Antoine (Nicole) Jackson. Six Stepchildren: Wahid Rashad, Vernell Edwards, Loretta Vines, Carolyn Carter, Yvonne Edwards, and Yvette Edwards. Four Step Grandchildren: Brenda Brooks, Brian Brooks, Davita Brooks, Steven Brooks. Eight nephews, nineteen nieces, and a host of great nieces, great nephews, great grandchildren, cousins and other loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Saturday, January 25, 2025
Wake - 10:00 AM Service - 11:00 AM
Nabors Family Funeral Home
470 W. 172nd Street
Thornton, IL 60476

Processional.....Family
Scripture.....Elder Eric Cummings, Sr.
Psalm 46
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Prayer.....Elder Eric Cummings, Sr.
Congregational Song....."Glory, Glory Hallelujah"
Joy Jones
Remarks.....As I Knew Her, Family and Friends
Video Presentation.....
Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Donna Jackson
Obituary.....Erica Greer
Solo.....Amazing Grace
Joy Jones
Eulogy.....Elder Bernard Verner
Benediction.....
Recessional.....

Pallbearers

Antoine Brewer
Gordon Brewer Jr.
Leo Green
Edd Jones, Jr.
Jesus (Jesse) Martinez
Lewis Spells

Honorary Pallbearers

Gregory Brewer
Billy Brown
Oscar Brown
Antoine Jackson, Sr.
Duone Jackson
Archie Webster
William Webster
Jerry White

Interment
Mount Vernon Cemetery
11875 Archer Avenue
Lemont, Illinois 60439