

Pallbearers

Brent Allen

Trent Allen

Darrell Carter

Darold Johnson

Ivan Johnson

Darrell McCrary

Flower Attendants

Sisters of Fellowship Temple

Acknowledgements

Our family extends its heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, phone calls, visits and many acts of kindness shown. You will never know how much you have helped us during our time of bereavement. We ask that you continue to lift us up in your prayers.

THE FAMILY

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IN LOVING

Memory



BISHOP BESSIE MAE SMALL

November 18, 1935 - March 26, 2024

Saturday, March 30, 2024

11:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD

1009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive

Fort Valley, GA 31030

Rev. Dr. John Davis, Eulogist



Summary of Life

A TIME TO BE BORN

Bessie Mae Small was born in Fort Valley, GA to Jim and Bessie Allen on November 18, 1935. One of five children, she was the youngest of two girls.

A TIME TO LOVE

Bessie married the love of her life, Robert Lee Small almost seven decades ago. She was a devoted wife, Mother, Auntie, Grandma, and Gigi. She is the mother to Sharon Johnson, Anthony Small and Kimberly Hill.

A TIME TO SERVE

Bessie joined Ushers Temple CME Church and served faithfully for many years before becoming ordained and formed the Bible Fellowship Prayer Band which developed into what is now Fellowship Temple of the Living God which she founded in 1989.

A TIME TO WORK

Bessie worked in the Houston County Public School System for 28 years.

A TIME TO DIE

Bessie transitioned from earth to reward in the early morning of March 26, 2024 peacefully in her home in Warner Robins, GA.

A TIME TO MOURN

Bessie leaves to cherish her memory: a loving husband, Robert Lee Small of Warner Robins, Georgia; two devoted daughters, Sharon Johnson Davis (John); Warner Robins, GA; Kimberly Hill (Virgil); Warner Robins, GA; a devoted son, Anthony Small (Denise); Fort Valley, GA; seven grandchildren: Ivan Johnson, Sabastian (Nyla) Walker, Samantha (William) Lamb, Alexis Hill (Oshane) Davis, Courtney Small, Milan Hill, Caitlin Small; six great-grandchildren: Saniya Walker, Navi Johnson, Christian Lamb, Bryson Lamb, Savion Walker, Samir Walker and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church members and friends.

Bessie Small's Legacy

The church began with a vision of Pastor Bessie Small from God. It was a vision that began to materialize in April of 1984 when teaching Bible Study classes at Usher's Temple C.M.E Church in Fort Valley. The bible study class grew with leaps and bounds.

The group of praying people banded together to become known as the Fellowship Bible Prayers Band. The Prayer Band extended beyond the church into the communities and quickly became an outreach ministry for Fort Valley and surrounding areas.

In February of 1989 Pastor Small, lead by the Holy Spirit, left job 28 years of teaching to become a full time Pastor and make her vision become a reality. The Fellowship Temple Of The Living God was organized and incorporated under the laws of the state of Georgia.

In 1991 a Faith Fountain was added in front of the cross and sanctuary to further complete the vision. A fellowship Center was annexed to the kitchen in the Summer of 1993. The pulpit was renovated in 1998 to finish shaping the vision of Pastor Small.

The ministries of the church are our Healthcare Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Homebound Ministry, In-Touch Ministry, Shelter Ministry, Prison Ministry, Counseling Ministry, Street Ministry, and Youth Ministry. God has steadily given an increase to the Fellowship Temple Of The Living God. We cannot close without saying "Glory Be To God, For What He Has Done."



Family

*like branches on a tree,
we all grow in different directions
yet our roots remain as one.*





ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastor Colby McKenzie, Officiant

Musical Prelude

Processional..... "I Shall Wear a Crown"

Musical Selection..... Praise Team

Prayer.....Pastor Angela Wootson

Old Testament.....Pastor Colby McKenzie

New Testament.....Pastor Cedric Allen

Musical Selection..... Praise Team

Reflections

Musical Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis

Words of Comfort.....Dr. John Davis

Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff

Recessional

Interment

Goodwill Cemetery

Repast

Camp John Hope