

# HONORARY PALLBEARERS

James Adams  
Gerald McGhee

Samuel McGhee  
Tony McGhee

# ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Tracy Ford  
Daron French  
Yalvitz Jones

Gerald McGhee  
Gerrod McGhee  
Eric Rumph

# FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Family & Friends

# WORDS OF APPRECIATION

From the depths of our hearts, our family wishes to extend our immense gratitude to each and every one of you. Your overwhelming kindness, so generously expressed during this time of sorrow, has been a beacon of warmth in the midst of darkness. We are deeply touched by the outpouring of sympathy, heartfelt prayers, and unwavering support that has sustained us through this difficult journey.

Your words of comfort have been a soothing balm to our grief. They have reminded us of the love and memories that remain, even in the face of loss. Your acts of generosity, whether gifts of time or talent, have been practical blessings that eased the burdens of this challenging time.

We particularly appreciate those who offered their unfaltering support. Whether it was a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on, or a helping hand with everyday tasks, your presence and willingness to share our sorrow made a world of difference. We owe a debt of gratitude to each and every one of you who stepped forward with compassion and care. May the blessings you have bestowed upon us return to you tenfold. We pray that God continues to shower you with his grace and love, just as you have showered us with your compassion and support.

With deepest gratitude and love,

The Family of Mrs. Jessie Mae Hill

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# A CELEBRATION OF

# Life



# JESSIE MAE HILL

**SUNRISE**  
September 1, 1922

**SUNSET**  
January 11, 2024

**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
**11:00 AM**

**Shiloh Baptist Church**

1101 East Church Street  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030

**Minister Ezekial Harvey, Officiating**

# OBITUARY

**Mrs. Jessie Mae Hill** affectionately known as “Ma-Ma” was born on September 1, 1922, in Peach County, Georgia to the parentage of the late John King and Viola Coley King. She was the second oldest of eight children. She received her formal education in the Peach County School System, Fort Valley, GA.

She was employed by the Peach County Board of Education and retired after 17 years of employment.

Jessie Mae was united in holy matrimony to the late Rev. Oscar Lee Hill, Sr. To this union, four children were born, three of whom preceded her in death, daughters, Lucille H. Adams and Joann H. McGhee; son, William B. Hill. She was also preceded in death by siblings, Roberta Kendrick, Victoria Ridley, Johnnie Mae Ridley, Martha Sullivan, and Jack King.

Jessie Mae's faith blossomed early, finding its first home at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church where she served as an usher, welcoming others with the same warmth she exuded. Later, she moved her membership to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, dedicating her years there until her health gently led her hand away.

We are eternally grateful for God's gift of Jessie Mae, whose immense heart and radiant smile graced five generations of our family. Her boundless generosity wasn't confined to family, however, as she opened her arms to countless children in the community, showering them with the same warmth and love she lavished on her own.

She loved deeply, her affection reaching across generations. As a devoted mother, nurturing grandmother, cherished great-grandmother, proud great-great-grandmother, great-great-great-grandmother, sister, aunt, she showered her family with warmth and pride. Her faith was strong, her heart pure, and her smile unforgettable.

Jessie Mae peacefully made her final transition on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the age of 101.

She leaves to cherish her memories and honor her legacy; son, Oscar Lee (Luverne) Hill, Jr.; two grandchildren she raised as her own, Dorothy Adams-Brown and James (Dawn) Adams; two sisters, Lou Redding and Rachel Johnson; one sister-in-law, Ella King; Grandchildren, Dorothy Adams-Brown, Tony McGhee, Debra (John Todd) Shipp, Sharon (Marvin) Walton, Samuel (Chandra) McGhee, Tammie Hill, Cassandra (Richard) Gunnell, Gerald McGhee, Peggy Hill, James (Dawn) Adams, Carol H. Wolfork and Whitney Vinson; 32 great grandchildren; 20 great-great grandchildren, 5 great-great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



# HYMN & POEM

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

(written by Anthony J. Showalter and Elisha Hoffman, 1887)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning...Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning...Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Leaning, leaning...Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning...Leaning on the everlasting arms

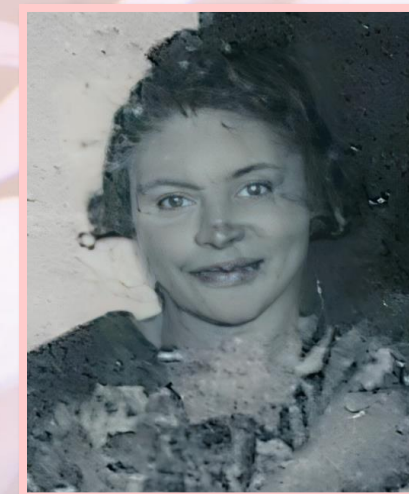
## Life Is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.  
And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord  
-Author unknown

‘There are some people in life that  
make you **LAUGH** a little louder,  
**SMILE** a little bigger and  
**LIVE** just a little bit better’



*a mother's*  
**LOVE IS THE**  
*Heart*  
*of the*  
**family**



**FAMILY**  
*where life begins and*  
**LOVE** *never ends*

# JESSIE MAE'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE



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 paths 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 for ever.

Psalm 23: 1-6

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

## PRAYER

Minister Demetrice Wesley

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament – Minister Audrey Ross  
New Testament – Minister Avis Zanders

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Mrs. Florine Ezell

## POETIC TRIBUTES

Ms. Garbrielle Adams  
Mrs. Demetria Ross

## MUSICAL SELECTION

Mr. Shaquille Little

## EULOGY

Minister Ezekiel Harvey

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## RECESSIONAL

## POSTLUDE

## INTERMENT

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
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## REPAST

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