



Mrs. Bessie Lou Cochrane

September 16, 1927 - December 6, 2016

Celebrating The Life Of Bessie Lou Cochrane

Bessie Lou Hawkins was born in Anniston, Alabama on September 16, 1927 to the late Reverend Fredrick Douglass Hawkins and Louise Sterling. She was the third of six children born to this union. Brothers, Emmanuel, Ezra and Fred Jr. preceded her in death.

Ever the headstrong individual, Bessie left home at the age of 17 and boarded the first bus out of Anniston to St. Louis, Missouri. There she met her first husband. From this union Bessie had her only child.

Like most people at the time, Bessie was part of the Great Migration. She came to Detroit, Michigan for better job opportunities. Within five years of arriving, she met and married for the second time, the love of her life, Elisha "Al" Cochrane. They were married for 49 years until his death in 2006.

Bessie was a very generous and giving person. She and Al enjoyed attending and donating to charitable events such as the Bacardi Rum Run for Sickle Cell and the Men Who Dare Scholarship Program.

She enjoyed cooking and entertaining for family gatherings. Bessie also loved ordering outfits from her many catalogs. She and Al took great pleasure in traveling across the country, including visiting the White House.

Bessie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior from an early age. She was a member of the Church of Our Father M.B.C., Greater St. Paul M.B.C. and New Hope M.B.C. during her lifetime.

For the last 20 months, Bessie fought a courageous battle with complications of diabetes. On December 6, she passed away with her loved ones by her side.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bessie Lou Cochrane*

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“ *My sympathy to the family. Recall pleasant memories you shared with your loved one. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22*

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