



Ms. Bessie Mae Palmer

October 6, 1934 - February 20, 2022

In Loving Memory Of

Bessie Mae Palmer was born the the late Daniel and Lydia Palmer on October 6, 1934. She was the first of ten children born to that union.

Bessie Mae attended and graduated from the historical Snow Hill Institute located in Snow Hill, Alabama in 1954. Soon after graduation, she spent a short time in Pensacola, Florida and then migrated to Michigan to live with Gentil (Uncle Pal) and Henrietta Palmer.

After setting up roots in Detroit, she found a church, Mt Zion under Bishop Morton. She then attended and made Bailey Temple C.O.G.I.C. her church home. She worked a short time for General Motors, but felt the calling for something more. She became a seamstress for the B. Siegel department store where she advanced quickly to becoming head seamstress helping and instructing others in the alterations department. That experience triggered her desire to become a teacher. After putting herself through college, and obtaining numerous teaching certifications which included a Master's degree in special education, Bessie turned to instructing young adults in several of Detroit Public High Schools. Kettering, Cooley and Osborn to name a few. She changed her focus to Special Education only, and started teaching textiles at Metzner Career Center and moved on to teaching and retiring from Washington Careers Center.

Bessie came from a strong and dedicated family. Being the first to leave home, she helped other siblings with their transition from southern, country

living to moving to the "Big City" up north.

Bessie cared deeply for everyone she knew and will be deeply missed by many.

Bessie departed this life on February 20, 2022 after a lengthy illness. After accepting Christ many years ago, he has assuredly welcomed her to her new home on high.

Bessie was preceded in death by her sisters, Beatrice Perdue, Leola McIntosh, Susie Courtland and Lola Alston and brothers David and Willie Palmer.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two sisters, Jessie Rivers (James) and Viola Palmer, one brother; Eld. John Palmer (Annie) and a host of nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Bessie Mae Palmer*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Maple Galloway lit a candle in memory of Ms. Bessie Mae Palmer*



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