



## Mrs. Charleston Hazel Tate

September 15, 1921 - June 6, 2016

### My Story:

Charleston Hazel Tate, age 94, passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016. She was the second child born to the late Hazel Hornbuckle and the late Eliza Peason Hornbuckle in Dallas, Texas, on September 15, 1921. Her siblings: older sister, Willie Mae Foster and younger sister, Ella Ruth Little as well as her younger brother, Enoch "EH" Hornbuckle preceded her in death.

Charleston Tate accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Greater Bethlehem Church in Dallas, Texas by the late Pastor CC. Choice. She graduated from Julia C. Frazier Preparatory School in Dallas and later attended nursing school. She married Samuel Florence (deceased) and had two children, Ruby Stein Hunley (deceased) and Donald Ray Florence.

Years later, Charleston Tate moved to Detroit, Michigan. She was employed by Detroit Medical Center's Harper Hospital until she retired. Charleston joined Holy Trinity Baptist Church of Detroit, where she was an Usher, member of the Mother's Board and President of the Pastor's Aides. She married Henry Tate (deceased). This union produced three more children: Grace Rouse (deceased); Willie Lee Tate and Darnell Albert Tate, Sr. (deceased).

God, family, friends and community were Charleston's passion and delight. She was filled with compassion and interest in others and made friends easily.

Charleston loved to host and entertain. Frequently, she had family parties at her house. After retirement, she fed the hungry, cared for the sick and was available to assist in any way she could. She loved to make people laugh and welcomed children. She was affectionately called Mom or Grandma by most in her neighborhood who stopped by to talk and pet her longtime dog, Cookie (deceased). When others asked for advice, she would say "Pray about it. Leave it in God's Hands." Before her illness, she loved being outdoors on her porch or watching the birds from her window and keeping up with current events.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Charleston Hazel Tate*

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