



Ms. Jessie Joyce Lee

December 19, 1940 - November 13, 2017

“Every blade in the fields every leaf in the forest, lays down its life in its seasons,
as beautifully as it was taken”
Henry David Thoreau

The beautiful life of Jessie Joyce Lee began on December 19, 1940. She was born to Cleveland and Sadie Lee in Yalobasha County of Coffeerville, Mississippi. She was the only child of this union, both her parents preceded her in death.

Jessie affectionately called Betty by her family members and friends but at work she was known as Boleged Jessie. Jessie accepted Christ at an early age.

Betty would often tell stories of her young life living with her grandmother, mom Patsy, and her thirteen cousins all living in a two room house. How all was in order and everyone had chores.

She was educated in the Coffeerville school system and continued her education by attending Ittabena Jr. Vocational College on a basketball scholarship and two years at Nathers Jr. College with a B.A. in Social Studies. She won a basketball championship for state of Mississippi. Her hobby was

music, caring for others, and keeping a good running car. After leaving college, Betty moved to Detroit in 1965 where she began a relationship with her father and stepmom Della Lee. She also stepped in the roll of a second mom for Faye and her daughter. She started at GM in 1965 working there as an inspector until retirement.

Jessie Lee was a very active Red Hat member. Jessie was the Vice Queen of Classy Ladies Red Hat Society. Cynthia Worthy was the Queen. Jessie was known and appreciated by Red Hats all over Detroit, Ohio, Lansing, and Traverse City.

Jessie, also known as Betty, was a constant participant of the Order of Eastern Star. We used to call her our Honorary Eastern Star because she worked hard at the Temple. She will be truly missed.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Aque Boyd, Thomas Boyd, John Eddie Lee and one sister Francis Lucas.

On Monday, November 13, 2017, Betty received her summons and went home to be with the Lord having shared a beautiful life and leaving a rich and storied legacy with family and friends. We rejoice in knowing that death is not extinguishing her life; it is merely putting out the lamp because dawn has come for Betty. Betty will always be with us as long as we remember the things she taught us by example. In every way we'll never be apart, she is still a part of us.

Our lives are symbolic of a book and each day we make a contribution to a page and at the end of our lives, someone will read from that book. Today, we are reading from chapters of the life of Jessie Joyce Lee. We thank God for her life.

Previous Events

Visitation

Wednesday, Nov. **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Detroit, MI 48227
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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Jessie Joyce Lee*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Rest in heaven Auntie Betty*



Altrosius Jackson - November 30, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Cyrano Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jessie Joyce Lee*



Cyrano Johnson - November 23, 2017 at 09:20 AM



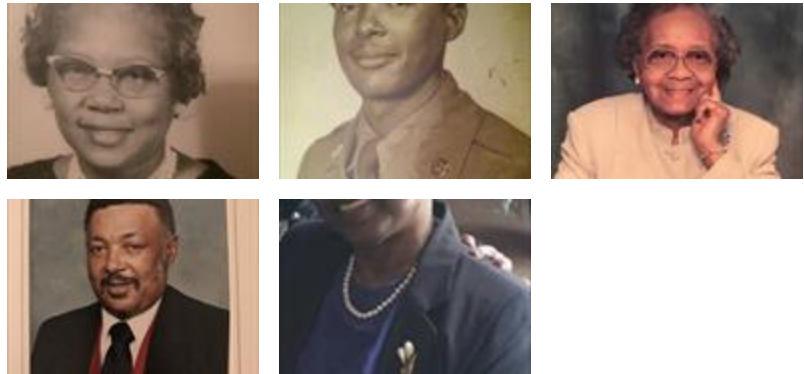
“ *Patricia A. Boyd-Shaw lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jessie Joyce Lee*



Patricia A. Boyd-Shaw - November 19, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Grandma Sadie, Aunt Betty, mom and dad (Aque & Mary), all back together again. Missing you all and at the same time thanking God for allowing me in your lives as a daughter, granddaughter and niece. Your presence in my life has made me who I am. Rest easy, love you all. Until we shall meet again* ❤️❤️🎈🎈🎈🎈



Patricia A. Boyd-Shaw - November 18, 2017 at 01:54 PM



*Light a candle for Miss Jesse
Rest in peace. Miss Linda*

Linda L Hines - November 23, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Patricia Boyd-Shaw - November 18, 2017 at 01:35 PM

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“ On behalf of The Red Hat Divas and myself Queen Diva Michel Taylor we offer our sincere and deepest sympathy to the family and friends and most of all to Betty's Red Hat Sisters. I am going to miss your gentle kind spirit, you teasing me and making me laugh. I will never forget you! Rest In Peace my friend



Michel Taylor - November 16, 2017 at 07:31 PM

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“ On behalf of Local 735 Chaplaincy Committee, I offer our sincere sympathy to the Family and Friends of our dear Union Sister Jessie Lee... May God comfort your hearts in this time of sorrow and celebration...

Chaplain Melvin G. Robinson - November 16, 2017 at 09:07 AM

GM

“ What a kind selfless person... Ms. BETTIE(Jessie Lee)...it was a pleasure and honor to know you...you will be remembered for your kindness and true dedication to your family and friends... Grozelia Mccloud

Grozelia Mccloud - November 16, 2017 at 07:23 AM

GM

“ Grozelia Mccloud lit a candle in memory of Ms. Jessie Joyce Lee



Grozelia Mccloud - November 16, 2017 at 07:15 AM