



Mrs. Lillian Odete Jefferson

August 5, 1933 - October 24, 2015

Victory Service Celebrating The Life Of Lillian Jefferson:

Saturday August 5, 1933 was an especially memorable day in Greensboro, Alabama, because it was the day the Almighty gave life to Lillian Odette Griggs. She had just become the youngest child of Charlie Griggs and Helen Thomas Griggs.

Black curls turned into pigtails as she spent her days in early education within the Hale County School System. When pigtails turned into the fashionable hairdos, she wore them up north at Fairmont Heights High School, in Prince George's County, Maryland where she graduated.

Lillian put her education to good use when she began serving in an administrative capacity as unlisted personnel for the United States of America. She was employed at the Andrews Air Force Base, in Washington D.C. Andrews Air Force Base was alive with a diverse colony of decorated soldiers, but there was only one she fell in love with. When she met Air Force Sergeant Albert Jefferson Jr. she knew with whom her destiny belonged, and they married on October 4, 1951.

From their union 4 loving children were born and their lives grew richer with each.

For 21 years this military family lived both domestically and abroad. However,

the lush palm trees, the warm ocean breeze and the salty night air made the Bermuda Isles Lillian's most notable of residencies. When Lillian's husband retired from the service, their family made their home in Michigan, where she found work with Children's Hospital and the Detroit Public Schools.

Lillian lived a life of service to her family, friends, neighbors, community and especially to her God and His church.

She was devoted to her family, and served them with the utmost integrity, love and attention. But, since she knew no stranger and would strike up a conversation with everyone, the bond she had with her biological family became just as strong with her neighbors and church family. She was also well known for being an excellent cook who perfected an outstanding bar-b-que sauce, melt-in-your-mouth rolls and delicious cakes. The quote that reads, "One is nearer God's heart in a garden, than anywhere else on earth," testifies of Lillian, as she loved to garden, and harvested the biggest roses and vegetables around. It was also normal to find her challenging her mind by completing 5,000 piece jigsaw, crossword and word search puzzles.

Lillian's spiritual journey began when she gave her life to Christ while attending Third New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor G. P. Chapman and her service there as teacher, missionary society member and prayer warrior continued under the leadership of Pastor Edward L. Branch. In 1986, she joined Bountiful Blessings Deliverance Temple Church and later that year worked with Pastor Ben F. Cunningham in organizing Deliverance Temple Full Gospel Church. On October 30, 1994 she was ordained an Elder and continued her service in ministry as Sunday School Superintendent, Intercessory Prayer Leader and Outreach Minister for 18 more years. In 2012 health concerns caused her to rest from active ministry and she joined her son Pastor David L. Jefferson at Peace Baptist Church.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit gave Lillian a passion for ministry that found expression outside the Church as well.

She was a member of Back to Eden Ministry and Team for Jesus Prison Ministry. She routinely walked the city streets praying for Detroit and the surrounding suburbs; attended to the spiritual needs of inmates at Ionia and Ryan Road Correctional Facilities; and there were numerous accounts of her laying hands on the sick and them recovering. There were even accounts of her laying hands on faulty hospital medical equipment and them beginning to work. She was truly a mighty woman of Prayer!

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, the soul of Elder Lillian Jefferson, Servant of The Lord, left her earthly abode to claim her promised mansion in heaven. Those whose lives she touched will never be the same, but we find comfort in knowing that for her to live was Christ, and to die is gain.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Oct. **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Baptist Church
13450 Goddard
Detroit, MI 48212

Funeral Service

Saturday, Oct. **31**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Baptist Church
13450 Goddard
Detroit, MI 48212

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lillian Odete Jefferson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Pastor Jefferson, First Lady Roxanne and the Jefferson Family!
Today we share our prayers as we celebrate one tremendous woman of God; a shero to the faith community! On the day we heard of her passing, we paused and raised our hand to God for her gift in shaping the very foundation of our walk with God.*

*"If when you give the best of your service
Telling the world that the Saviour has come
Be not dismayed when men don't believe you
He'll understand and say well done.*

*Misunderstood the Saviour of sinners
Hung on the cross He was God's only son
Oh, hear Him calling His Father in Heaven
Let not my will, but Thine be done.*

*Chorus
Oh when I come to the end of my journey
Weary of life and the battle is won
Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption
He'll understand and say well done"*

*Song of dedication
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puBhEmI9HD0>*

Sis. Lanell

Lanell Branch - October 30, 2015 at 09:09 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lillian Odete Jefferson.*



October 30, 2015 at 12:35 PM



“ *To the Jefferson Family, mere words can not express the depth of the impact and difference Mother Jefferson had and continues to have upon our lives as our "Spiritual Mother" at Deliverance Temple. Mother Jefferson was a "TRUE AMBASSADOR" for the Kingdom of God. Please find comfort in knowing that the LOVE OF GOD that Mother Jefferson had for her GOD and for all humanity was far-reaching. My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time.*

*With Much Love,
Evangelist Glennie Rice-Porter*

Evangelist Glennie Rice-Porter - October 29, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ *To the Jefferson Family,*

We all love and adore you at this time on behalf of my family we will keep you all lifted at this time. Mother will be missed by all.

May God Bless you all with Peace and His Love...

Loretta Cook & Family (TNH).

Loretta Cook, TNH Bapt.Ch. - October 29, 2015 at 02:11 PM

DF

“ *Donta Favors lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lillian Odete Jefferson*



Donta Favors - October 29, 2015 at 12:57 PM

RM

“ *Dear Jefferson family, I am very sorry to hear about your loss of Lillian. I hope that the words at Isaiah 25:8 can bring you comfort the one day God will swallow up death may the memories that you had with Lillian. I hope the love and support from your family and friends help you to cope during this difficult time.*



R Mac - October 26, 2015 at 11:15 AM

RH

*To Our xtended Family of Min. Lillian Jefferson.
Our Condolences to all of you.
Lillian you was a Great GrandMother to the GrandDaughter we shared.
You were a wonderful Neighbor for over 20 sum yrs before you moved.
You will truly be missed. But when we see you again it will be forever
We have not LOST you. We have gained you for Eternity. For when we
all make Our Transition, we will meet and be forever n ever.
Love
Mr. George & Rev. Dora Hatcher*

Rev. Dora Hatcher - October 27, 2015 at 09:12 AM

EA

*To our Jefferson Family,
What words can express what God already knows. Take comfort in knowing that she was a true soldier in the army of the Lord. She lived to live again. I leave you with the words she instilled in us "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11) She believed God's word, she received God's word, she lived God's word and she shared God's word.*

We will continue to lift you up in love and prayer, Your Deliverance Temple Family.

Elder Rhonda Adams - October 28, 2015 at 07:22 PM

LA

To Pastor David L. Jefferson, First Lady Roxanne, the Jefferson Family and Peace Baptist Church, today I share my prayers to each of you as we celebrate the legacy of Elder Lillian O. Jefferson. When I heard of her passing, I paused and raised my hand to God for allowing her gifts to personally bless the foundation of life with the Word of God. Elder Jefferson was a shero to the faith community. WELL DONE!

*"If when you give the best of your service
Telling the world that the Saviour has come
Be not dismayed when men don't believe you
He'll understand and say well done.*

*Misunderstood the Saviour of sinners
Hung on the cross He was God's only son
Oh, hear Him calling His Father in Heaven
Let not my will, but Thine be done.*

*Oh when I come to the end of my journey
Weary of life and the battle is won
Carrying the staff and the cross of redemption
He'll understand and say well done.*

*Oh when this life of labor is ended
And the reward of the race you have run
Oh the sweet rest that's prepared for the faithful
Will be his blest and final "Well done".*

*But if you try and fail in your trying
Hands sore and scarred from the work you've begun
Take up your cross and run quickly to meet Him
He'll understand, "He'll say. "Well done."*

*Sis. Lanell
Lanell Branch*

Lanell - October 31, 2015 at 01:44 PM