



Mrs. Roberta Macon

September 15, 1938 - August 5, 2013

Roberta's Life Journey:

Roberta "Josephine" Macon was born on September 15, 1938 in Robinsonville, Mississippi to the late Irving and Savannah Milton. Roberta was the youngest of eight children, six have preceded her in death. Roberta has one surviving sibling, Doretha Parker of Detroit, Michigan.

Roberta confessed in Christ at an early age. She was a member of New Salem Baptist Church, in Detroit under the leadership of Rev. Nathan Caldwell. She later joined Old Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, under the pastorship of Rev Lenzy Petty, Sr. Roberta was a faithful and devoted member and also served on the Mother's Board.

In December 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, Jimmie Wilbert Macon Sr. There were eight children born to this union.

Roberta devoted herself to raising her family before continuing her education. She enrolled in Wayne State University, Labor Studies Program. Roberta received her degree in this field and began teaching classes, Labor Laws (local and federal) and Parliamentary Procedures at University of Michigan.

Roberta entered the workforce in 1973, employed by Falcon Industries.

Roberta then joined the UAW, and was elected shop steward, representing the membership. The plant closed and she was hired by Detroit Diesel and continued her work in union politics and other union affiliations. She was elected to several union leadership roles. Roberta started the first Women's Committee for Local 163, (Detroit Diesel)and also for Local 5960 (GM-Lake Orion).

Roberta was a strong union activist. Roberta served on several UAW Regions boards, 1B & 1E. Roberta also served on the UAW Solidarity House Women's Committee. Roberta assisted in establishing several Black labor organizations such as: Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU)-Pontiac Chapter, (also a member of Detroit Chapter); Detroit Association of Black Organizations, (DABO); and helped establish Trade Union Leadership Council (TULC). She directed and participated in numerous union related conferences and workshops.

Roberta was a dedicated voter. She served on several political campaigns: Coleman Young, Mayor; Jessie Jackson, U.S. President; Carolynn Cheeks Kilpatrick, State Representative and other local politicians.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Landmark Missionary Baptist Church
16115 Meyers
Detroit, MI 48235

Funeral Service

Saturday, Aug. **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Roberta Macon*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Robin & Deborah Micheaux lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Roberta Macon*



Robin & Deborah Micheaux - August 09, 2013 at 08:53 PM



In memory of Mrs. Roberta Macon, we give our sincere expression of sympathy too the family, and to our good friends "VENUS & JIMMY"...a prayer of serenity, and our support in your time of sorrow...we love you both dearly! God bless you and your family!!

Robin - August 09, 2013 at 09:07 PM



“ *My Aunt Roberta Macon, One of the sweetest Auntees, I have ever had. She and Her Husband, the Late Jimmy Macon, were like second parents to me.
May She Rest in Peace.
Love You Eternally
I truly will miss her.
May she rest in Peace
Love you Eternally.*

Elder Lee D. Yearby - August 09, 2013 at 12:21 PM

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“Praying for the Family of Mrs. Roberta Macon and keeping you in our prayers, asking God to continue to watch over each of you and give you peace at this difficult time. Please continue to embrace each other, to comfort each other, to console each other, to love each other, to cherish the memories of your Mother and to honor her, May God's Love continue to flow in each of you as God's Love was shown and given from your mother to other's, Mrs. Macon was an example of showering other's with God's unconditional love, R.I.P. Mrs. Roberta Macon for you were truly loved by many.



Mr. & Mrs. J. Anderson & Family

Anderson - August 09, 2013 at 09:19 AM

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“The Anderson Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Roberta Macon



The Anderson Family - August 09, 2013 at 09:08 AM

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“My heart goes out to your family, We will keep you in our prayers. I love you Tina. Gail Mcmillian.



gail mcmillian - August 08, 2013 at 03:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Roberta Macon.*



August 08, 2013 at 02:51 PM