



## Mrs. Tommie Lee Merritt

November 11, 1923 - August 21, 2017

Celebrating The Life Of Tommie Lee Merritt:

Tommie Lee Merritt was born on November 11, 1923 in Austin, Texas to Anna Kavanaugh. She moved to Chicago, Illinois with her family while still a young child. Upon graduating from Betsy Ross High School, she relocated to Detroit, Michigan where she met her soon to be husband, Elder Phillip H. Merritt. Phillip and Tommie were married in Detroit on September 29, 1942 and to this union, four children were born.

On June 21, 1978 Tommie graduated from Wayne County Community College. Tommie was a member Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the Order of Eastern Stars. While living with her Uncle Green Lee in Chicago, Tommie joined the Church of God and Saints of Christ under Evangelist Charles Taylor. In 1967, she was appointed an Associate Grand Trustee by the late Rabbi Howard Z. Plummer, G.F.A., and later elevated to a Grand Trustee by the late Rabbi Jehu A. Crowdy, Jr. G.F.A in 2003. Tommie also served as Mother Sarah of First Tabernacle Beth EL, Detroit, MI for over 40 years and was an active member of the Detroit Ministers' Wives Alliance.

Tommie's talents and interests were many including cooking, shopping, square dancing, and playing cards. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend who loved to entertain. She enjoyed hosting dinner parties and being surrounded by family and friends.

Tommie departed this life on Monday, August 21, 2017.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jeffrey Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Tommie Lee Merritt



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Jeffrey Davis - July 17, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ Mrs. Tommie Lee Merritt

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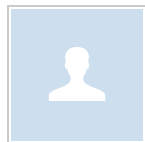
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“ My sympathy to the family. Death claims the lives of those we love. May you find comfort in Jesus words, "I am the resurrection and the life."-John 11:25

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“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Tommie Lee Merritt.



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“ *First Tabernacle Beth El Cleveland, OH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Tommie Lee Merritt.*



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**First Tabernacle Beth El Cleveland, OH** - August 31, 2017 at  
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