



Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips

September 12, 1929 - August 26, 2018

Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips, age 88, of Wartrace, passed away August 26, 2018.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 29, 2018, at Bright Temple Church of God in Christ. Reverend Dr. Sandra K. Avent will officiate with burial to follow at Mt. Ararat Cemetery.

The family will receive visitors from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service.

She was born September 12, 1929, in Raus, TN, to the late James Herbert and Sam Ora Nelson. She departed this earthly life on August 26, 2018, at the age of 88, at The Waters Nursing home in Shelbyville where she had lived for 7 plus years, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, siblings, and other relatives. She was the second oldest of 15 children and was preceded in death by 9 of her siblings.

She attended school at Shipman Creek and later married Walter lee Phillips on December 29, 1959, in Vaiden, MS, where they made their home for 24 years. Four children were born of this marriage; Walter Lee, Jr., Cynthia Ann, Danny Ray (Jodi), and Willie James who survive her. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips moved to Tennessee in September 1974, where they remained until their respective death on November 2, 1987, and August 26, 2018.

She was raised in the church and last joined Mt. Zion Haley Baptist Church where she attended regularly until failing health. She served on the Mother's Board, was a choir member, soloist, Assistant Sunday school teacher, and Head of Hospitality. She was an excellent cook and known for her culinary skills in planning and preparing food for the church on special occasions. She was also a member of Rebecca Chapter OES #34 in Shelbyville, TN.

Lettie was very humorous and everyone that knew her enjoyed many of the stories and tall tales she would relate. She enjoyed watching her "stories" (ie. soap operas) and could tell you what was going to happen next or should happen on various stories. She was truly a joy to all who knew her, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren adored her including siblings, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Jimmy Lewis Rippy; step daughter, Ruthie Thomas; four sisters, Bessie Phillips, Alberta Cooper, Joella Jones, and Lovie Odell Rippy; five brothers, James Herbert Rippy, Jr., Coley Rippy, Kenneth Eugene Rippy, Sr., Roy Rippy, and Aurther L. Rippy. She leaves to cherish her memory her four children: Walter Lee Phillips, Jr., of Wartrace; Danny Ray (Jodi) Phillips, of Shelbyville; Cynthia Ann Greer, of Wartrace, and Willie James Phillips, of Shelbyville. Other survivors include her five siblings: Lucy Mai Edwards, of Vaiden, MS; Willie Lee (Ella Mai) Rippy, of Shelbyville; Janie Rippy and Mack M. Rippy, of Shelbyville, and Jessie P. (Ricki) Rippy, of Wartrace; eight grandchildren (a grandson, Cory Phillips preceded her in death), ten great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives, and friends.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Melinda Fowler-Bell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips*



Melinda Fowler-Bell - August 29, 2018 at 09:32 PM

MF

“ *Melodie Greer And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips*



Melodie Greer and family - August 29, 2018 at 09:14 AM

TP

“ *A true woman of God, a great wife, mother, grandmother, a true angel on earth who loved her family unconditionally. she has always been like a mother to me and i will always keep her memory in my heart. I feel very blessed to have known her and credit her for my cooking skills. i know my baby boy was so excited to see her come through the gates. my prayers are with the family always!*

Tina Phillips - August 28, 2018 at 09:56 PM

VC

“ Virginia Christmon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips



Virginia Christmon - August 28, 2018 at 07:08 PM

BF

“ Betty Buckingham And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips



Betty Buckingham and Family - August 28, 2018 at 11:39 AM

VC

“ Varina Cobb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips



Varina Cobb - August 28, 2018 at 11:28 AM

AH

“ Andreca Hardin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips



Andreca Hardin - August 28, 2018 at 11:14 AM

MF

“ *MARY FISHBACK lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips*



MARY FISHBACK - August 28, 2018 at 08:09 AM

JR

“ *She was a kind, gentle, totally honest, righteous Christian, who loved her family, and every relative. She will be missed in Wartrace and throughout the community. My prayers go out to all of her children and grandchildren. and the entire family. God bless you all!!!*

James Rippy - August 28, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Brenda Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips*



Brenda Wilson - August 28, 2018 at 08:01 AM

ET

“ *Elsie Trice lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lettie Ruth Phillips*



Elsie Trice - August 27, 2018 at 11:25 PM

BD

My sincere condolences and thoughts are extended to you both family and friends

barbara draine - August 28, 2018 at 08:44 AM