



ALMA "DOLL-BABY" LOUISE JONES SUTTON

December 19, 1942 - June 7, 2015

Alma (Doll-baby) Louise Jones Sutton, born on December 19, 1942 to the late James Smallwood Jones and Vinona Lee Griffin Jones in Pantego, North Carolina. She resided in Tampa, FL with her husband Oliver Sutton and son Marc Anthony Jemison and wife Sarah Jemison. After months of ill health, she journeyed to Louisville, KY with her nephews and nieces to seek advanced medical care. It was during this time when Deaconess Alma Jones -Sutton received a heavenly call on Sunday, June 7, 2015 informing her that the time had arrived for a banquet feast in her honor to be celebrated with her mother, father, four sisters and a host of other relatives; she needed to come home where her Creator, His son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit were waiting. Rejoining her family and God was the moment that she had longed for. She hastened to that call and peacefully slipped away around 12:30 a.m. When she inhaled for the last time, her son Marc Anthony was there by her side as he had been so many times before.

Reared in a Christian home, she accepted Christ at an early age at Zion Temple Freewill Baptist Church. She was an usher and a member of the choir. She was the youngest child of five children; four sisters (Ethel Jones Campbell, Edna Mae Mandley, Gloria Jones and Shirley Jones McCoy) preceded her.

Alma was a product of Beaufort County Public Schools in Pantego, NC and Booker T. Washington in Norfolk VA. She attended Hartford Community

College and majored in Early Children Education. As a young adult, she met and married William Jemison of Hartford, CT. To this blessed union a son was born: Marc Anthony Jemison. She was also the stepmother to Darius of GA, Diedra and Darryl of CT. She took great pride in providing the love and guidance as their mother.

Many years later she and Willie would part in divorce but remained friends. In 2006 she met and married Oliver Sutton from Hartford, CT. They would spend the remainder of their lives providing service to the people of God in their community and in their church New Life Christian Fellowship in Tampa, FL.

Alma loved her family and this was exhibited in the time she spent with them and the many hours of communicating with them via the telephone, especially favorite cousins Mrs. Francis Crosby (Earnest) and Clenestine Allen Jones (William). She has left an indelible mark in our hearts and in our minds. She leaves to cherish her memory: Oliver (husband), Marc (Sarah) one biological son and 7 step children, 4 grandchildren: Mahogany, Infinity, Elisah and Jaden; one great-grandson, Jackson; father-in-law Oliver Sutton Sr. , Talmon Griffin (uncle) ; four nephews: (Larry Mandley, Dr. James (J.B.) Mandley, Terry Mandley and Gregory McCoy and one niece: Mary Annetonette Mandley-Turner; eleven great nieces and nephews and nineteen great-great nieces, one brother-in-law and one sister-in-law; a multitude of cousins and friends.

There will be a Memorial Service in Louisville KY, Thursday, June 11, 2015 at A.D. Porters & Son Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm and a Memorial Service in Tampa, FL in the coming weeks.