



Her Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of her as gone away
her journey's just begun
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.
Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched
for nothing loved is ever lost
and she was loved so much.

Active Pallbearers

Cory Black
Larry Black
Michael Black
Richard Cade
Charles White
Rickie White

Active Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

Earthly Bed of Slumber

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 | 10:00 AM
Hymn | Committal | Final Presentations
Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway * Tallahassee, FL 32311

Repast

Destiny Church TLH
Success Center
5293 Corwin Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32303

The Family's Message of Gratitude

“ We are truly blessed to have family and friends like you. The outpouring of love and support which you have so generously shared with us has exceeded even our imagination. We are indeed grateful for your calls, cards, florals, food, visits and prayers. Each has served as a source of strength for us. We ask that you continue to pray for us as we endeavor to accept God's Will. Please know that as you are praying for us, we will be praying for you. May God bless and keep you in His loving care. ”

Professional Services Entrusted To

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed upon us during the Homegoing Services of your loved one. Our fondest hope is that all measures of assistance rendered your family have been completed in detail. For all your confidence placed in our staff and me, we will be forever grateful.



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at the Sunset of Life!"
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The Celebration of Victory Honoring



Earthly Entrance
AUGUST 14, 1951

Heavenly Departure
OCTOBER 2, 2024

Mother

ESSIE MAE

WHITE BLACK

CELEBRATING HER LIFE

Saturday, October 12, 2024
11:00 Ante Meridiem

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
311 SE 1st Street
Havana, Florida 32333

Reverend Julius R. Harris, Gracious Host | Pastor
Reverend Clarence Jackson, Officiant
Reverend O'Hara C. Black, Eulogist
Pastor, Pineland Missionary Baptist Church * Madison, Florida
J.P. Moore Undertaking Company, Directing

Life Story

Mother Essie Mae White Black

AUGUST 14, 1951 – OCTOBER 2, 2024

“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day....” ~2 Timothy 4:8

Mother Essie Mae White Black, daughter of Lucius Carl Wright and Blanchie Mae Jackson, was born on August 14, 1951. Not only did she bless her parents’ lives, but she also did so for her village, especially her paternal grandmother, Georgia White, who at her home in Havana, Florida, lovingly nurtured Essie with guidance, values, and wisdom to shape her life. **Mother Black** was a lifelong resident of this community.

During the early years of her life, **Mother Black** developed a close relationship with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The angels rejoiced the day she boldly professed her personal belief in Him. As she grew in grace, and with her soul anchored in Him, she knew the joy of the Lord was her strength.

Mother Black continued to say “yes” to the Lord’s will and to His way. She supported her husband, Elder O’Harold Black, in his ministry when he was called as pastor for New Canaan Baptist Church in Havana, Florida, and John the Baptist Missionary Baptist Church in Bainbridge, Georgia. She actively served as the First Lady at both churches.

“The steps of a righteous person are ordered by the Lord.” (Psalm 37:23) Several years ago, **Mother Black** transferred her membership to Pineland Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, Florida, to be under the pastoral leadership of her son, Pastor O’Hara C. Black. There she continued to honor the Lord with passion and faithfulness in service.

Employed as a senior clerk in the Parking Services Department at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, **Mother Black** retired with more than 30 years of dedicated and untiring service.

Mother Black loved family, valued friendships and treasured life itself. Her retirement years gave her opportunities to share unlimited quality time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved them unconditionally and enjoyed creating forever memories with them. She always made a point of daily staying connected with her mother, Mamie Wright, and her best friend, Beulah Brown. However, she also enjoyed settling down to recall the joy of the good old days by watching syndicated black and white movies and action films.

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, **Mother Essie Mae White Black** completed her earthly journey and began her eternal celebration with Jesus. She was welcomed into the kingdom to receive her heavenly reward. “Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of the Lord.” (Matthew 25:23)

Treasured memories of **Mother Essie Mae White Black** will forever be embedded in the hearts of her loved ones. She leaves behind a legacy of love, devotion, and faithfulness that will continue to inspire and uplift everyone whose lives she touched. Those who will miss her but honor her precious memory are her loving children: Angelia (Issac) Williams, Pastor O’Hara (Misha) Black, and Keith Black; mother: Mamie Wright; sister: Ethel White; brothers: Theonzie (Cordell) White and Dwight Anthony Mustafa Levant; brother-in-law: Glen Chandler; sister-in-law: Ella Chandler; lifelong sister/friend: Beulah Brown; grandchildren: Shantierra Oliver, Quavonta Mazion, Harrison Black, Harmanie Black, and Jay Henry; great-grandchildren: Ava Harris, Elexis Conley, and Brayleigh Demous Jones; godsons: Kenya Holton, Kelly Hendley, and Ron Frye; along with a host of nieces, nephews, other loving relatives, sorrowful friends, and mournful neighbors.

Preceding **Mother Essie Mae White Black** in death were her husband of over 51 years: Elder O’Harold Black; parents: Lucius Carl Wright and Blanchie Mae Jackson; beloved grandmother: Georgia White; and brother: Bobby White.



The Divine Order of Service

Prelude ————— Celebration Choir
Processional ————— Eulogist, Clergy, Mortician & Family
Parting Glance & Seating of the Family — The *J.P. Moore* Staff
Opening Hymn ————— Celebration Choir
The Family Prayer of Consolation ————— Pastor John Neal

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament (Psalms 23:1-6) – Pastor Jack Leland

New Testament (John 14:1-6) – Pastor Julius Harris

Selection ————— Celebration Choir

Family Reflections & Tributes

(3 minutes each, please)

As a Mother-In-Love & Friend — Lady Misha Brooks Black

As a Family Member — Sister Alicia Hayes

As a Church Member — Sister Annie Jo Martin

Solo ————— Brother Marvin Boatman

Acknowledgements & Resolutions — The *J.P. Moore* Staff

Selection ————— Celebration Choir

Words of Comfort ————— Pastor O’Hara C. Black

Mortician’s Brief ————— Mr. Jamarien “J.P.” Moore, LFD

Recessional ————— Clergy & Family

“Weeping may endure for the night, but JOY comes in the morning!”



“Her children arise and call her blessed,”
-Proverbs 31:28