

*Pallbearers*  
Sons, Grandsons and Nephews

*Flower Attendants*  
Family Members and Friends

### *23rd Psalm*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### *Acknowledgement*

Our sincere thanks to our many family members and friends, for every act of kindness, support, sympathy and your prayers during our time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to us. May God bless each of you!

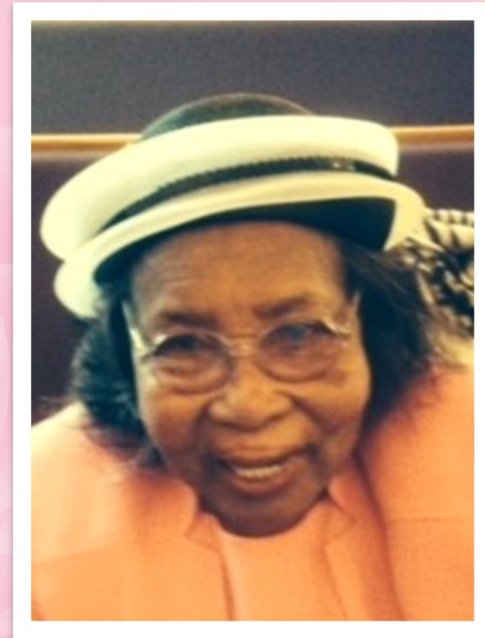
~The Family of the late *Nora Lee Askew Stafford*

#### *Arrangements in Care of:*



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# A CELEBRATION *of Life* For



*Nora Lee Askew Stafford*  
December 17, 1928 — June 25, 2017

#### *Service*

12:00 PM, Saturday, July 1, 2017

*Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church*

2803 Edgewood Avenue West  
Jacksonville, Florida 32209

*Discourse: Bro. Troy Robinson*

# Obituary

**Mrs. Nora Lee Askew Stafford** was born on December 17, 1928, in Tifton, Georgia (a birthday she shared with her only daughter Mary Stafford-Griffin). She was the eleventh of twelve children born to Sam Askew and Mattie Kinchen Askew. Nora was raised in Valdosta, Georgia and at an early age, she gave her life to Christ and was baptized at Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church.

**Mrs. Stafford** was a graduate of Dasher High School where she was a cheerleader and member of the track and field team. On August 16, 1948, she married Thomas James Stafford; to this union five children was born. Mrs. Stafford loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a faithful member of Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years, where she served as Secretary of District 22 and later re-assigned to District 6 under the leadership of Deacon Monroe Ford, and was also a member of the Decoration and Flora Committee under the direction of Mrs. Susie Gilbert. Mrs. Stafford was a long term employee of River Garden Hebrew Home, retiring after 22 years of service.

**Mrs. Stafford's** children were her pride and joy and she was very instrumental in their education and their extra-curricular activities, participating in PTA organizations, band parents association and the athletic booster associations of Northwestern Jr. High School and William M. Raines Senior High School. Mrs. Stafford was a sweet, loving and caring woman who never met a stranger; she touched and impacted the lives of many through her kindness and generosity.

**Mrs. Stafford** was called home to be with her Heavenly Father, Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, June 25, 2017. She was preceded in death by a son, Clifford W. Stafford; husband and father of her children, Thomas J. Stafford; and 10 siblings.

Left to cherish her memory and legacy are her children: Thomas D. Stafford (Georgette), Robert Stafford, Mary Stafford-Griffin, and Randall L. Stafford; one sister, Pearline Simmons of Valdosta, GA; six grandchildren, one granddaughter, Audrey D. Griffin; five grandsons, Aaron C. Stafford, Jahmaar R. Stafford, Christopher J. Stafford, Leon L. Griffin Jr. (Alecia), and Michael D. Stafford; two great-grandchildren, Zayla N. Griffin and Xavier T. Stafford; daughter-in-law, Ms. Evelyn Stafford; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; special sons and daughters who include: Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Tolliver, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byers, Ms. Bessie Moore, Mr. William Johnson, Mr. Marvin Flynn, and Ms. Mary Hardwick; special friends, Ms. Lois Miles, Ms. Elouise Barber, Ms. Shirley Sharp and the loving and caring staff and residents of Lanier Terrance among whom are: Shirley Leggett, Dedra Lewis, Mia Palacios, Ashley Squire, Tonya Bruson, Tosha Watson, Vicki Scott, Mary Anne Dunbar, Cynthia King and Princess Brooks.

# Order of Service

Rev. Clifford Johnson, Jr., Presiding

## Processional & Final Glance

## Musical Prelude

**Selection** ..... Zion Hope Choir

## Scripture Reading:

Old Testament ..... Minister Antonio Thomas  
New Testament ..... Elder Ronald Shider

**Invocation** ..... Elder Michael Shaw

**Selection** ..... Zion Hope Choir

**Remarks** ..... *(Two Minutes Please)*

Deacon Monroe Ford, Leader of District #6  
Thomas Stafford  
Robert Stafford  
Randall Stafford  
Mary Stafford-Griffin

**Selection** ..... Joyce Durant

**Words of Comfort** ..... Rev. Clifford Johnson, Jr.

## Recessional

*(All Resolutions will be presented to the family by the Deacon)*

## Interment

Edgewood Cemetery

## Repast

Zion Hope Fellowship Hall