

Pallbearers

Bernard Middleton II Michael Powell
Adrian Middleton Darius Powell
Jay Vares Wilson Shannon Powell

Flower Attendants

Order of Eastern Star
Order of The Golden Circle

~I'm Free~

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free. I'm following the path God has chosen for me. I took His hand when I heard him call. I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I've now found peace at the end of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joys. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, oh yes, these things, I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow; look for the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has been full; I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; don't lengthen your pain with undue grief. Lift up your heart and peace to thee, God wanted me now, He set me Free.

Acknowledgements

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our family members and friends for the many kind words, thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness that have been extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God's blessing be with you and His grace sustain you.

~The family of the late Mary Bessie Slater

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A CELEBRATION *of Life*

Mary Bessie Jones Slater



February 15, 1923 — December 12, 2015

Service

11:00 AM, Friday, December 18, 2015

Samuel C. Rogers Jr. Memorial Chapel

4315 N. Main Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206

Pastor Shawn Williams, Officiating

Obituary

Mrs. Mary Bessie Jones Slater was born on Thursday, February 15, 1923 in Thomasville, Georgia to the late Leola Jones and James Woods, Jr. She was the second of six children born. Mary was educated in the Thomas County public school system. She attended Glasgow AME Church in Boston, Georgia. After the death of her mother on October 1, 1941 she helped raise her younger siblings, Henry, Alese, and Lawrence along with taking care of their grandfather, Charlie Jones, Sr. In 1942 after the death of their grandfather, Mary and her siblings relocated to Florida with the help of an older cousin, Gillis Jones and moved with their aunt Corine Jones Ellis.

On March 27, 1954, Mary was united in holy matrimony to the late Rev. George Henry Slater, Jr. and the family relocated to the area of Magnolia Gardens in Jacksonville, Florida where they became well known residents. Mary spent most of her time in the church devoting much of her time being a faithful child of God. She enjoyed helping others in the community and sharing the word of God with everyone, and she was affectionately known to many as Missionary Loyal Lady Mary Slater. She was a praying woman who truly had an affectionate love for GOD. Mary was a proud member of The Order of the Eastern Star PHA Starlight Chapter no. 199, and on January 19, 1976 she became a Loyal Lady of The Fred Alexander Grand State Assembly Order of the Golden Circle G.T. McCall Assembly no. 22 valley of Jacksonville, where she served faithfully for many years as Loyal Lady Priestess and later becoming a HPSGLLR for the state of Florida. Mary truly exemplified the motto of the order "Peace and Unity". She was a beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Great-Great-Grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and foster mother to many.

On Saturday night, December 12, 2015 Loyal Lady Mary Bessie Jones Slater was called on by The Most High to refreshment in paradise. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. George Henry Slater, Jr.; sons, Amos Floyd Jones, and John Thomas, Jr.; daughters, Louise Thomas Wilson, and Cynthia Slater Green; grandson, Toney Wilson.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories, her grandchildren: Carol Wilson Woods (Dwayne), Kathy Wilson, Mike Powell, Anthony Hicks, Brenda Jones, Sharon Jones, Darrell Jones, Eric Jones, Daykesha Green, and David Green, Jr.; great-grandchildren, Bernard Middleton II (Jenarie), Adrian Middleton (Cassandra), KayTrina Dunbar, Darius Powell, Shannon Powell, JayVares Wilson, Koonisha Green, and Kyra Powell; great-great-grandchildren, Janae Middleton, Angela Middleton, Lerranne Middleton, Makiah Middleton, Brayelle Middleton, Devon Middleton, and Jenard "JBOY" Middleton; brother, Lawrence V. Jones (Hannah); sister-in-law, Barbara Slater of New York; nieces, Monica Jones Brown (Angelo), and State Representative Mia L. Jones (George); nephew, Lawrence Jones, Jr; a host of cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Order of Service

Processional "Soon And Very Soon"
Marlowe Smith

Selection "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayer Pastor Shawn Williams

Scripture:

Old Testament Psalm 120

New Testament John 14:1-7

Solo Marlowe Smith

Reflections (2 Minutes Please)

Obituary (Read Silently)

Selection "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
Marlowe Smith

Words of Comfort Pastor Shawn Williams

Recessional

Interment

Restlawn Cemeteries
2600 Ribault Scenic Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32208