



Pallbearers

The Sons of Allen
Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E .Church

Flower Attendants

Maggie Pearl Tookes Women's Missionary Society

Acknowledgment

*"Return to the Lord your God for he
is merciful and compassionate, slow to anger
and boundless in loyal love."*

Joel 2:13



Our family sincerely thanks you for your expressions of love shown during the illness and death of my Aunt Mease. She taught me a great deal about the power and promise of prayer. It is what we humbly request of you and will rely on to strengthen and comfort us during this time. Thank you!

- Joel Gardner Oliver

Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church
5533 Gilchrist Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32219

Services entrusted to Funerals by T.S. Warden



Altemese Gardner

January 21, 1925 - March 23, 2018

Gift of Eternal Life

“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Altemese “Mease” Gardner began eternal life on March 23, 2018, following a brief illness. The oldest of four children born to Isreal and Fannie Williams Gardner, Mease accepted Christ at an early age, joining Greater Grant Memorial A.M. E. Church, where she maintained membership.

Educated in the public schools of Duval County, she graduated from Old Stanton High School – Class of 1943. While a life-long Jacksonville native, she lived in New York City for several years and enjoyed travels to Spain Paris, and other beautiful locations.

Her passion for beauty and meticulous appearances led to a decades-long career as a provider and manager of domestic and maintenance services for a number of residential and business locations including Nemours, and Hope Haven, where she retired as Superintendent. Her dedication to her church was as equally strong, where she served as a member of Greater Grant Memorial’s Usher Board #2 and Lay organization.

Predeceased by her parents, and siblings Isreal Gardner, Jr., Freddie Gardner (Ruth), and Hortense Lundy, Mease leaves to mourn her nephew Freddie Bruce Gardner; nieces Mildred Lynn Reed (Michael), and Marsha Ruth Oliver; grand nephew Joel Gardner Oliver; several cousins, and loving friends including Ruth Bess and Gail Parker.

Celebration of Life

March 30, 2018 ☩ 10 a.m.

Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church

Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
Presiding Prelate 11th Episcopal District

Rev. Tony DeMarco Hansberry,
Presiding Elder Suwannee North District

Rev. Tan C. Moss, Pastor

Processional	Greater Grant Memorial Choir
Hymn	<i>What A Friend We Have In Jesus</i>
Invocation	Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr. Pastor Emeritus Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
Scriptures	
<i>Old Testament</i>	Brother Lawrence Roberts Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
<i>New Testament</i>	Brother Tremayne Johnson 1 Thessalonians 5:17-28
Ministry of Music	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> Greater Grant Memorial Choir
Reflections	Brother Herman Floyd Sister Ruth Bess
Resolutions & Acknowledgments	Sister Connie Corker
Ministry of Music	Greater Grant Memorial Choir
Words of Comfort	Rev. Tan C. Moss Pastor Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church
Recessional	Greater Grant Memorial Choir

Interment in Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery
2600 Ribault Scenic Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. 32208

Repast to immediately follow at Greater Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church

A Prayer for Those Who Live Alone

*I live alone, Dear Lord;
Stay by my side;
In all my daily needs,
Be Thou my guide;*

*Grant me good health,
For that, indeed I pray
To carry on my work
Each and every day;*

*Keep pure my mind,
My thoughts, my every deed,
Let me be kind, unselfish
In my neighbor’s need;*

*And when I’m feeling low
Fall ill, or even in despair
Lift up my heart, Dear Lord,
And help me in my prayer;*

*I live alone, Dear Lord
Yet, I have no fear,
Because I feel your presence
Ever loving, ever near.
Amen.*

- Author Unknown



This poem was kept in one of Altemese’s Bibles.