

**A Tribute To:**

**Grandmother Virene**

Attention!!! Salute!!!

At ease soldier, now rest,

No more battling sickness, nor illness

No more pressures with stress

No more trying to make the grade,

Or listening to Afghanistan mess

You have just been promoted soldier,

You're a General in the Army of the Lord.

No more making defense plans,

For it is all in God's hands.

No more seeking for knowledge,

You have an unlimited supply.

No more when, where, who how or why.

No more looking for the enemy,

We know you can see him clearly.

Though still on duty General,

We are the rest of your platoon with a listening ear.

No more tears or sorrow, no more fear.

Just you and Jesus, General.

See I know you've got my back,

I'm looking forward to seeing you again

And that's no act

I'm not mad at you,

For I know you needed the rest.

I've learned to give it all to the Lord,

For I can see that He knows best.

If we reach the end,

Then we'll see that we win.

Therefore, it's not mere death,

But a pause in the clause,

Designated to the cause of making this world

Turn General for the Lord.

By Jonathan Roberts

**Active Pallbearers**

Quinell Roberts

Michael Wiggins

Lionel Roberts

Anthony Wiggins

**Honorary Pallbearers**

*Friends of the Family*

**Acknowledgment**

*Gratefully, we the family of the late Virene Mason Roberts are thanking God for the gift of loyal, caring, devoted friends like you. Your visits, calls, floral arrangements, prayers, and every act of kindness expressed during the illness and passing of our beloved one has given us strength and inspiration for facing of this hour. We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We pray God's blessing upon each of you*

*- The Family*



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**In Loving Memory  
Of**

*Virene  
Mason Roberts*

**Service**

*Saturday, February, 20, 2010*

*11:00 A.M.*

**Lewis Memorial**

**A.M.E. Church**

*2123 Talladega Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32209*

**Officiating:**

*Rev. Doris Sherman*

NOVEMBER 7, 1912  
FEBRUARY 14, 2010



## Obituary

Mrs. Virene Mason Roberts enjoyed 97 wonderful years surrounded by family and friends. Alas, God called and she did as a faithful, good servant does, she answered. He sent His heavenly chariots down to escort her into His presence, early Sunday morning February 14, 2010. She was born November 7, 1912, to the union of William H. Mason and Idella Thomas Mason, both preceded her in death. She now had the responsibility of raising her younger brothers and sisters at just 16 years of age. She was also preceded in death by her devoted and loving husband of 48 years, Rev. Leonard J. Roberts, 5 of her 6 siblings: Earl Mason, Pansy Mason, Ruby Levy, Hugh Mason, and Myrtle Mason; Step Children: Rosa V. Henderson, Hercules, Boswell, Leonard II, Rodell.

She received her early education in the public schools of Jacksonville and two years of college education at Edward Waters College. She received Jesus Christ as her Savior at an early age. Virene was the pillar of her community, a mentor to many as she was a positive role model. She organized the Floradale Home Extension Club and the neighborhood 4-H Club of America wherein she taught gardening and growing flowers as well as vegetables. She was one of the founding members of Lewis Memorial A.M.E. Church and was there ordained a Deaconess after many years of service as a missionary. It was here that she faithfully served in the Women Missionary Society, as well as a Stewardess, Trustee, Mother of the church, and Secretary for many years until she became ill.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories: 3 daughters: Jacquelyn V. Roberts, Pecola M. Wiggins, and Idella A Roberts; 5 sons: Leonard J. Roberts, Elijah W. Roberts, Paul M. (Shirley) Roberts, Anthony C. Roberts, Bertram (Karen) Roberts and step son, Howard Roberts; 1 sister: Lessie Mason; 15 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many sorrowing friends.



## Order Of Services

- The Processional.....Musician  
“ Oh I Want To See Jesus”
- Farewell Viewing.....Musician  
“ Love Lifted Me ”
- Scriptures:  
Old Testament: Psalms 116                      Rev. Frederick Newbill  
New Testament II Timothy 4:1-8              Rev. Bruce Goodson
- Solo.....Ms. Patricia Clark  
“ His Eye Is On The Sparrow ”
- Reflections.....Two Minutes Please
- Acknowledgements.....Ms. Barbara Levey
- Resolutions.....
- ..                      As A Church Member – Sis. Ruby Lewis  
Missionary Society – Sis. Patricia Johnson (Pres., of WMS)  
Ministers Wives - Sis. Maggie Jones
- Obituary.....Read Silently To Music.....Musician  
“Blessed Assurance”
- Solo.....Sis. Beulah Roberts  
“ I Got A New Home Over In Zion “
- Eulogy.....Rev. Doris Sherman
- The Recessional.....Musician  
“I’ll Fly Away”