



Rosie Lee Jenkins-Caesar

September 22, 2020

Rosie Lee Jenkins-Caesar, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at St. Margaret's at Mercy in New Orleans, LA. She was 91 years old.

Rosie was born on May 18, 1929, to John Henry Jenkins Jr. and Daisy Jenkins (nee Lester) in Gloster, Mississippi. Sister, as her siblings affectionately called her, was the oldest of 9 children. She worked in her father's store, enjoyed reading, playing basketball and tennis. She graduated from Gloster High School in 1946 at the age of 16 years.

On February 11, 1950, Rosie was united in marriage to John Caesar in New Orleans, Louisiana, where they eventually made a permanent family residence in the 8th ward on Galvez Street. John and Rosie had two children together, Cheryl and Terry and a bonus daughter, Betty.

Rosie worked as a technician at Mercy Hospital, before moving to the Heart Station at Charity Hospital, where she retired after 30 years. She was a faithful member of St. James Methodist Church since 1988, where she served as a member of the Choir, a service she loved very much. After retirement, Rosie enjoyed taking road trip vacations with friends, riding her tricycle, attending as many gospel musicals she could find, working on puzzles, and talking on the phone to her grandchildren as much and as long as she could.

Rosie was preceded in death by her parents, husband, John Caesar, daughter, Cheryl Caesar Williams, New Orleans, LA, bonus daughter, Betty Caesar, Birmingham, AL, and sister, Ruth Bradley, Los Angeles, CA.

Rosie is survived by her son, Terry Caesar (Myra), New Orleans, LA; granddaughters, Tasha Stephens, Mooresville, NC, Ashley Bensinger, Snellville, GA; grandsons, James Caesar, Lake Charles, LA, John Terry "JT" Caesar, Atlanta, GA; and great-granddaughter Elizabeth "Lizzy" Stephens, Mooresville, NC; sisters, Maxine Blue, Inglewood, CA, Marie Felton, Perris, CA, Doris "Louise" West, Murfreesboro, TN, Linda Jenkins, Mesa, AZ; brothers, James Henry Jenkins, Los Angeles, CA, Leroy Lee Jenkins, Baton Rouge, LA, and Cary Jenkins (Caroline), Annapolis, VA, as well as many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

There will be a public visitation held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:00 at St. James Methodist Church, 1925 Ursulines Ave., New Orleans, LA 70116, followed by a private funeral service officiated by Dr. Joseph Tilly, Pastor. The CDC's social distancing guidelines will be adhered, and masks will be required to enter the church. The interment will be at Providence Memorial Park and Mausoleum. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, share memories and condolences to the family. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to St. James Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Providence Park Cemetery

8200 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Methodist Church
1925 Ursulines Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70113

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Having been a childhood friend of Cheryl and Terry, and living around the corner, I was always at the Caesar household. Mrs. Caesar (I called her Mommie Caesar) took me as one of her own and I was included regularly in family activities. I loved listening to her stories about days of yore; conversations with her were funny and informative. Her beautiful smile and enthusiastic laugh are sorely missed. My deepest sympathy to the family.
Linda Harris Conerly

Linda Harris Conerly - October 02, 2020 at 01:32 PM

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Ms. Linda! Thank you so much for your kind words. I remember you and Ryan so vividly. Tasha

Tasha Stephens (Caesar) - October 21, 2020 at 10:41 PM

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“ Carolyn J. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosie Lee Jenkins-Caesar.



Carolyn J. - September 30, 2020 at 01:53 PM