



## Essie D. Poke

April 8, 1921 - February 12, 2018

### Obituary

Essie D. Poke was born on April 8, 1921, to the union of Mary and Besolone Foster in Chickasaw County, Egypt, Mississippi.

Essie departed this life on February 12, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her father; two male children, her husband A.W. Poke, her mother, three grandsons, and two sisters, Elizabeth Chambers and Dessie May Ivy.

Essie professed a hope in Christ at an early age and later joined Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas City, Kansas.

After Mother's early grade school education, she received later education from the realities of life, family duties, chores, marriage, rearing of her own children, through Faith, and her beloved Twenty-Third Psalms. Essie was united in Holy Matrimony to A.W. Poke and to this union eight children were born. Later in life another child was born. From Egypt, Mississippi, they relocated to Kansas City, Kansas. Later, they relocated to Kansas City, Missouri, where she remained for sixty-six years in her home.

During her adult life, she was employed in Domestic Work in the Missions Hills

area. She pursued employment in the Catering business under the Rubenhausen Catering Service, where she worked along with her sister, Dessie Ivy. She was also employed by the late Mayor H. Roe Bartle, who was instrumental in her employment with the Federal Building at 601 E. 12th Street as a GS3 Building Maintenance employee. After twenty years of service, she retired with full employment benefits.

Essie D. Poke leaves to mourn her passing, four daughters: Gloria Borders, Imur Brown, and Candis Fuller all of Kansas City, Kansas and Carolyn Poke Brown (Willie); three sons: Wesley Poke, Sr., Carl Poke (Claire), and Wayne Poke all of the Kansas City area; nineteen grandchildren; and a host of great and great-great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Funeral Service for Essie D. Poke will be held Saturday, February 24, 11:00 a.m. at Blue Hill Church of the Nazarene, 10306 Blue Ridge Blvd.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Church.

Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery.

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in memory of Essie D. Poke, please visit our floral store.

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“ *Today, the heavens rejoice for this "virtuous woman of God. Mother you will truly be missed.*

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**Rita Henderson** - February 24, 2018 at 09:13 AM