



Josephine Lee

September 15, 1934 - June 1, 2020

Obituary

Mrs. Josephine Lee – Affectionately known as “Jo” – born September 15, 1934 in Cotton Plant, Arkansas to the union of the late McCoy and Joe Ella (Fitzpatrick) Mathis. She was the eleventh child. She confessed Christ at an early age and joined New Hope Baptist Church in Cotton Plant, Arkansas. Baptized in the Bayou River in Cotton Plant, Arkansas.

Josephine transitioned from this earthly home early Monday morning June 1, 2020.

Jo graduated from Vocational High School in Cotton Plant, Arkansas.

Jo was united in holy matrimony to William Lee in 1951 and moved to Kansas City, Kansas. There were five children born to this union, Dorothy Ann Lee, William Lee, Jr., Thomas Anthony, Cordell Lee and Sandra Kaye Lee. William and Jo were married sixty-seven years.

Jo joined GMZ Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Albert Colbeo; Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Joseph Fletcher.

Jo worked for Hallmark Cards retiring after thirty years of service. Later on,

she worked part time as a Bus Monitor with Durham School Services and First Student Transportation. After there, she retired for the last time.

Jo loved to travel by car, train, airplane and of course she loved cruising on the Creasey ship boat to islands. Loved being with her family and friends. She loved to dress and wear her lovely hats. Could cook the best meals and oh those pies, cookies and cakes from scratch.

Jo's soft voice, sweet spirit and quiet presence will be greatly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Jo was preceded in death by her parents McCoy and Joe Ella Mathis, Charlie, Marie Warren, Viola, Penola twin sisters, Rose Ella Lewis, Louise Simmons, McThomas, Roosevelt Mathis, Lonnie Mathis and Eileen Williams.

Jo leaves to cherish her life all five of her children, Dorothy A Lee Reliford (Calvin), William Lee, Jr. (Deborah), Thomas Anthony Lee, Cordell Lee and Sandra Kaye Lee (Lonzo); ten grandchildren; fifty great grandchildren.

To watch the service live streaming please visit mstcsunset.com.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 20th at Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church 3935 Prospect Ave. KCMO. Visitation 9:00 A.M. Interment Forest Hill & Calvary Cemetery.

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LJ

“ I am the nephew of Josephine. She was truly one of my favorite aunts from the Mathis side. I was truly hurt that I wasn't able to be there for the funeral however the family knows my heart was with them . My wife and I give send our condolences. Rev 21:4, Ps 34:18, Ps 147:3

Lonnie H Mathis. Jr. - June 21, 2020 at 11:27 AM

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“ One of my most best and most favorite aunt. I'm just now finding out that aunt has departed from all of us. She will be most very deeply missed. I am so glad that she was in my life while growing up. She is to me and will always be, a loving angel. Her loving nephew, Nathaniel Lee

Nathaniel Lee - June 17, 2020 at 10:51 AM

GS

“ To the Family of Mrs. Josephine Lee, known to us as Aunt Josephine. We wish to extend our deepest and sincere condolences. She was a woman that always showed love and understanding and was a woman of integrity and trustworthiness. Her gracious smile and kindness will be greatly missed. Family you were Blessed to have your wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother for an extended length of time. Her presence will be missed, but not forgotten. Prayerfully submitted, Gwen, Ben, Misty, and Courtney Scott, Topeka, KS

Gwendolyn C. Scott - June 16, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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“ Auntie Josephine was always such a beautiful presence when we were among family and friends. Her presence will be missed immensely. ❤️

Trina Crawford - June 14, 2020 at 12:49 AM