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May Belle McClure Shannon

"The length of our days is seventy years or eighty, if we have the strength." Psalm 90:10 (NIV).

MAY BELLE SHANNON was born May 1, 1886 in the state of MS. She was blessed with one hundred years plus. She was the oldest of four sibling. Her parents ~ John and Matilda Stackhouse McClure and sister Josephine Best preceded her in death.

November 1, 1914, MAY BELLE was married to the late Robert Shannon. To this union one son was born ~ Leonard Shannon, who preceded her in death.

She accepted Christ at an early age at The Mount Olive Church, Hazelhurst MS under pastorate of Rev. Lincoln General. In the early forties she came to Chicago and united with Christ Temple Church of Christ under the pastorate of Bishop J. M. Haywood. She continued her membership at First Progressive Church of Christ under the leadership of Bishop Haywood. SISTER SHANNON was a quiet, faithful and supportive member until her health failed. Even though she was unable to attend church regularly; she always remembered the Tuesday Noonday Prayer Service held at the church and joined with the group praying at home, in the nursing home or wherever she was.

MAY BELLE was thrifty with her hands. She enjoyed sewing and making quilts, sharing them with her friends. After a period of aging SISTER SHANNON departed this life peacefully on Friday ~ September 1, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. at Chevy Chase Nursing Home.

She leaves to celebrate her homegoing: two sisters ~ Dora Reeves (Frank) and Ula Mae Demyers:; one brother ~ Hugh Brown (Bertha) of Chicago; one daughter-in-law ~ Vera Shannon; two grandchildren ~ Sharon Marie and Sylvia of Oakland California; nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of friends.

SISTER SHANNON is not dead; she has just passed beyond the mist that binds us here into the new and larger life, that blessed resurrection recorded in I Corinthian 15:51,52.