

Obituary

"Let her own works praise her in the gates."

Mrs. Johnnie Lewis Rudd was born March 9, 1924 in Hinds County, and went home to be with her Lord, Saturday evening, June 9, 1990 at 5:10 p.m. at St. Domonic Hospital. She was the fourth of four children born to the late John and Rosie Lewis. Three sisters, Carnelia Rogers, Ethyl Lewis, and Annie Lewis preceded her in death.

She received her early religious training at Morning Star Baptist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1959, Mother Rudd united with the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Grafton Smith, who preceded her in death. Later, she served at Dalton Street Church of God in Christ under the devine leadership of Bishop Theo Davis.

At the time of her demise, Mother Rudd was a conscientious member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, pastored by her son, Elder Clyde Rudd. She was a member of the Mother's Board and was faithful to her church until her health failed. Even then, she continued to praise and rejoice in the Lord.

Mother Rudd was a staunch defender of the faith and a dedicated ambassador for Christ. For some years the tabernacle which housed her soul gradually became frail, and on last Saturday evening her old mortal tenement house became unlivable, so she went to a permanent home with her Savior whom she loved and served so faithfully. "She has gone to live . . . not to death . . ." and she has joined the great citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom, which is **far better**.

Those celebrating her homegoing include: seven sons, Clifton (Margaret), Ralph (Vata), and Calvin (Lou) of California; James, Clyde (Helen), LeFeldt, and Furthey (Olive) of Jackson, Mississippi; three daughters: Jessie Mae, Evanugelas, and Johnnie Ruth of Jackson, Mississippi; forty-two grandchildren; twenty-five great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.