

January 12, 1924 - May 22, 2024

100 YEARS OLD!

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Rebecca Marie Rountree

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®

5055 Allentown Road

Suitland, Maryland 20746

Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor



Celebration of Life

Rebecca Marie Rountree was born to the late Orion and Ocie Wilson in Pittsylvania County, Danville, Virginia, on January 12, 1924.

She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior at a very young age and enjoyed singing in the choir. Her favorite song was, "His Eye is On the Sparrow." She was a young teenager when she moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In the early fifties, Rebecca relocated to Washington, D.C., where she worked for two years as a temporary assistant at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. She was married, and raised four children: Carl Sr., Russell, Eric, and Jernay. However, the marriage ended in divorce in 1968.

A caregiver at heart, Rebecca would go out of her way to ensure that the needs of others were met. All the neighborhood children loved and respected her. Whenever they visited her home, she would feed them, as well as provide a necessary word of discipline, if needed. She truly loved the Lord and read her Bible daily. She instilled the Word of God in her children, took them to Sunday school, and taught them the importance of prayer and being kind to others.

In 1960, Rebecca accepted a government-contracted position as Xerox Supervisor at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters in Washington, D.C. She mentored many student interns who were assigned to work with her during the summers, and she established a great rapport with the managers and other employees in all the departments she serviced. Rebecca loved her job at NASA, and her dedication won her multiple awards and accolades. After 32 years of service, she retired in 1992.

In 1994, Rebecca and her son, Russell, joined From the Heart Church Ministries, and were blessed every Sunday by the anointed sermons that were delivered by the late Dr. John A. Cherry. She also loved hearing the choir minister in song.

Another one of Rebecca's favorite pastimes was taking long joy rides to see the "sights," as she would say. She often talked about her trip to California, and the long drive along the coastal highway on Route 5 from Los Angeles to San Francisco. In 2007, she sailed to the Caribbean on the Dave Koz Jazz Cruise, listening to the jazz greats, such as: Jonathan Butler, Gerald Albright, Norman Brown, Richard Elliot, and more. She traveled to New York City to see musicals on Broadway, as well as local plays and gospel concerts.

Moreover, Rebecca celebrated and attended all annual events at home, such as the Cherry Blossom Festival, the Independence Day Parade, and she loved taking walks through the Botanical Gardens. She was a diehard fan of the Washington Commanders (formerly Washington Redskins) football team, and her golden rule was "don't talk during the game unless you are rooting for the home team." Other sports programs she enjoyed watching were tennis, baseball and even golf.

Rebecca considered it a sheer delight to cook for the family and friends, especially during the holidays. Some of her favorite home-cooked delicacies were sweet potato pie, potato salad, rice pudding, bread pudding, candied yams, and cornbread stuffing.

Rebecca will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memories her children: Elder Carl Motley, Sr. (Louise), Russell Rountree, Eric Rountree (TiaJuana), Jernay Wallace (Allen); grandchildren: Bishop Carl Motley, Jr. (Shermale), Bishop Mandell Motley (Denisa), Minister Karlette Motley, Kaloah Rountree, Erica Thomas (Kenneth), and Jason Rountree; many great-grands, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rebecca was preceded in death by her fifteen siblings.



Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn *“It Is Well”*

Scripture Reading

*Old Testament: Psalm 31:1-5
New Testament: John 14:1-6*

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *Mrs. TiaJuana Rountree*

Acknowledgement

Remarks

*Mr. Eric Rountree, Son
Bishop Mandell Motley, Grandson
Bishop Carl Motley, Jr., Grandson
Minister Karlette Motley, Granddaughter*

Obituary (Read Aloud) *Mrs. Denisa Motley*

Song of Preparation *Mrs. TiaJuana Rountree*

Message of Hope *Minister Kevin D. Williamson*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Recessional





Family Sentiments

*Aunt Beck,
Thank God for you. You will forever be in my fond memories.
-Love you, Patricia Windham Baker, great-niece*

*I enjoy dancing for you and making you laugh with joy. I am going to miss you.
-Love Allen Wallace, brother-in-law*

*Continue to rest in heaven grandma. I am going to miss you.
-Love Kaloah Rountree, granddaughter*

*We will always have her memories. Memories are the legacy of love. We shall never forget.
-Love Elder Carl, Sr., and Louise, son and daughter-in-law*

*It's very difficult to celebrate my 50th birthday, but I know you would want me to. Grandma, I made it but I can't believe I'll never see you again. I can't make you laugh one more good time. I'm now half your age. There are no words, only tears. My Shero, my twin, my biggest fan, and my loving grandmother are really gone. You fought a good fight. I am still giving God Praise and thanking Him for you and for blessing me to see another year. Hallelujah anyhow!! All I want for my birthday is to see you one more time. I love you so much. Rest baby rest.
-Love, Karlette Motley, granddaughter*


*Aunt Beck,
We will miss you, love you, and remember all of the good memories.
-Love Jackie Brown, great-niece*

*Our great-grandmother was kind! We cherished every moment from our FaceTimes, and our visits. Great grandma lived a long and prosperous life! We will miss you, but we know we will see you again!
-We love you! Kendall and Chandler, great-granddaughters*

*Mom, I am going to miss talking to you and visiting with you each day. Your sweet smile and loving care warm my heart and sweet thoughts of you. You were the maid of honor in our wedding. Mom, I love you so much, and I can still hear your voice calling my name.
-Love Nay, daughter*

*Mom, I will never forget the good times we had. I enjoyed being around you each day. You are my rock of my life.
-Love Russell, son*

*This lady was truly amazing. It was such an honor to meet her and share the same space. Her smile was infectious, and she carried the sweetest presence. She graciously received me into the family as a granddaughter through marriage to Mandell Motley. I will always remember her love given and joy shown through smiling and laughter. Love you Grandma. Rest in the arms of Jesus.
-Mrs. Denisa Motley, granddaughter*



Family Sentiments

Our grandmother, Ms. Rebecca Rountree, has transitioned from earth to glory. She was a true centenarian. I am so grateful for the life she lived. She has touched the lives of people all over the globe. She made a true difference in this world. She had a booming personality, was very loving and kind. She was a diehard Washington Redskins fan. She could just tell you every player on the team. Especially Doug Williams and Joe Theismann were quarterbacks. She especially loved all of her grandchildren and great-grand's. She voted in 21 presidential elections. Was a pillar of the Civil Rights movement. My sister, Karlette, and I would drive through the night to see her. And when we go there, we would put on a show for her. Man, we had a ball!! She loved to laugh! Gosh we are going to miss this beautiful, sweet lady. The Queen and Matriarch of our family. Grandma, we salute you.

-Love Mandell Motley, grandson

Grandma, what can I say about you, the epitome of a loving, Godly, kind, humble and wise, motherly, patient, long-suffering, gentle woman of God! Thank you for showing me the way that I am supposed to be in my walk with the Lord. You truly possessed the Fruit of the Spirit! I never saw you angry and/or upset. You would remind me to touch the dashboard and steering wheel and ask God to throw his angels around me as I travel over the highways. Thank you for what you have done for my wife, Shermale and our daughters, Kendal and Chandler. I just love you so much and will miss you. You will forever be in my heart.

-Until we meet again in that great up yonder, Bishop Carl Motley, Jr., grandson





1924 COST OF LIVING

LIVING

New House	\$7,720.00
Average Income	\$2,196.00 per year
New Car	\$265.00
Average Rent	\$18.00 per month
Tuition to Harvard University	\$250.00 per year
Movie Ticket	15¢ each
Gasoline	11¢ per gallon
First-Class Postage Stamp	2¢ each

FOOD

Granulated Sugar	\$1.00/15 pounds
Vitamin D Milk	54¢ per gallon
Ground Coffee	20¢ per pound
Bacon	25¢ per pound
Eggs	13¢ per dozen
Fresh Ground Hamburger	13¢ per pound
Fresh Baked Bread	9¢ per loaf

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Remember When

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Congregational Hymn



It Is Well

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus

*It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Chorus

*And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.*

Chorus



Pallbearers

Friends and Family

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Acknowledgement

The Rountree and Motley families sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love, and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!

Services Entrusted to:

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