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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025, 10 AM-12 PM, FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12 PM AT BETHEL APOSTOLIC CHURCH, 801 M S COUTS BLVD, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE;

INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Bessie Mae Jones was born on April 19, 1942, in Robertson County, Tennessee, to the late John Thomas and the late Rosie Gaines. She went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 14, 2025, at Southern Hills Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

She professed her faith in Christ at an early age at First Missionary Baptist Church in Springfield, TN, under the pastorate of the late W.J. Speed. Later, she attended Bethel Apostolic Temple in Springfield under the late M.S. Coutts, and Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church under Reverend Delmus Johnson.

Bessie attended Bransford High School and later earned her GED through the Robertson County School System. She retired from Northcrest Medical Center.

Bessie was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Yolanda Denise Jones; her sister, Essie Lee Darden; and her nieces, Sandra Brown and Barbara Darden Stewart.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her loving husband, Joseph C. Jones; her daughters, Rita Marie Fort and Jatanya Fort-Johnson

(Delmus) of Springfield, TN; her sons, Victor (Colleen) Fort of Scranton, PA, Jeffery Fort, and Christopher (Stacy) Jones of Springfield, TN; her grandchildren: Lacriessa, Kitochi, Chaz, Lokia, and

Jamerion; her great-grandchildren, Kyra, Laila, Damien, Corion, and Amaka; and her great-great-granddaughter, Ferrow; her nephew, Paul E. Darden of Hendersonville, TN, and a host of great-nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. Special thanks to her daughter-in-law, Stacy Jones, for being a loving caretaker and for her devotion.