

Essie Mae McBride

Essie Mae McBride was born on January 9, 1930 to the late Fount and Beatrice Jones in Gunstown, Mississippi. She was the fifth of six children raised in the loving home of her parents. She and her family attended the Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal (C.M.E.) Church in Gunstown where she confessed her faith in God and accepted Christ at an early age. She lived her life in service to God.

Essie attended public school in Gunstown and graduated from Lowes High School. She married the love of her life, Herschel McBride in 1953. She enjoyed being an Air Force wife during her husband's enlistment in the United States armed services. She and her husband relocated to Mount Clemens in 1954. Essie was the very proud mother of two children, Richard and Heather. She enjoyed raising her children and teaching them service to God.

Also in 1954 she joined Greater Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church to continue her service to God. In 1980 she joined Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church where she served in various ministries. She was Superintendent of Sunday School, a choir member and Chaplin of the Adult choir, Vacation Bible School teacher, coordinator for youth Easter and Christmas speeches, and she enjoyed attending the National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education. She attended nursing school and was employed at Mount Clemens General Hospital (McLaren Macomb) for 35 years.

Essie continued to serve God, be a helpmate to her husband, and a mother for her children until her health began to fail. Her favorite song, I'm Pressing On, is a testament to her life.

On Wednesday morning, November 16, 2016 Essie was called to eternal rest. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 62 years, Herschel McBride, her two children, Richard McBride and Heather McBride; six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; brother, Larry (Ester) Jones; sister-in-law, Vera Jones; special friend, Michele Ward, and a multitude of relatives, church family and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Fount and Beatrice Jones; brothers: Luther, Lonnie, and Lathan Jones; and sister, Catherine Betts.