

Obituary

Bessie Rodgers was born in Alligator, Mississippi to the late Irene and Al Lee Lewis. Her family moved to Detroit, Michigan and she attended Detroit public schools, graduating from Miller High School.

Throughout her life Bessie demonstrated a very generous spirit. She enjoyed cleaning and cooking. She was an excellent cook. She cooked for family members and non-family members. She was always willing to prepare and share a dish.

Bessie was a devoted Christian. She was a member of Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church where she served on the usher board, she was treasurer of The Missionary, and maintained a faithful membership until her health began to fail.

Bessie was a long-time resident of New Haven where she lived and raised her family. She was a very loving and devoted house wife, and raised three beautiful children.

Bessie always enjoyed taking care of others. After her children were grown she worked periodically doing private home care and she also worked part time at Moore's Adult Home Care.

Everyone who met Bessie loved her. Her gentle and caring spirit made her the core strength of her family. She always had kind words for everyone.

Her husband, Levi Rodgers, grandson, Kenny Jr., two sisters, Velma and Geneva, and a brother, Charlie, preceded her in death, and she continued to be the rock of the family.

Bessie made a peaceful transition on June 20, 2016. She leaves behind to cherish her wonderful memory her loving children, Denise (Kenny), Derrick (Tenika), and Leelssac; precious grandchildren Lashauna (Mark), Channel, Alexis, Lenee, Emanuel, Der'rick'a, Emerick, Derian, Briahna, LeeShauna, and Aliyanna; great grandchildren Landon, Alicia, Ethan, and Shannon. Two brothers, Richard and William (Annette); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bessie will surely be missed, although her presence and bright light will continue to shine through all of us who love her and cherish her memory.