



Mrs. Jessie May

June 15, 1919 - December 19, 2016

Jessie May, a long-time resident of Berkeley, California, departed life and was called home on Monday, December 19, 2016 in Antioch, California She was 97 and surrounded by love.

Born in Delhi, Louisiana on June 15, 1919 to Thomas and Willie Claiborne, Jessie was the older of her two siblings, Charles Claiborne and McNary Stewart.

Upon Jessie's graduation from high school, she met and later married Theodore May in Delhi in her early twenties. From this union, John Edward May was born in 1939.

During World War II , she like many others, migrated west in search of brighter horizons and gainful employment, in which she found in Berkeley. Strong, proud and extremely active, Jessie was a loving and devoted mother who single-handedly raised her son, John Edward. She loved her city of Berkeley and immensely enjoyed being involved her church. Jessie thoroughly enjoyed shopping at the Berkeley Bowl , dinning at the IHOP and was an avid lover of soul food She preferred , mastered and utilized the rapid transit system that Berkeley had to offer (AC Transit) and stayed youthful, fit and in-shape by regularly walking to and from places in and around her loving neighborhood in which all adorned her.

Jessie was preceded in death by her sister, McNary; son, John Edward; and grandson, Dwayne.

She leaves to mourn her passing: daughter in-law, Rose Mary; Grandson, Darrin May; granddaughter, Melanie May-Johnson; grandson-in-law, JaHarvey Johnson; great grandson , Kyri Johnson; great granddaughter, Kamari Johnson; brother; Reverend Charles Claiborne, nieces, Cedrina Claiborne, Wendy , Karen and Tracey Stewart; nephew, Cedric Claiborne; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Events

Private

CA,

DEC **Visitation** 11:00AM - 05:00PM

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Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home

3665 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA, US, 94609

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Church at Union City

33115 Central Ave, Union City, CA, US, 94587

Comments



“ Mrs. Jessie May was my Mother's big sister. She was always a kind, loving Aunt to myself & my sisters. She was always there for her Mother, my Grandmother & her family. We love her & we miss her dearly. She had a long, beautiful life. May God bless her & keep her in his tender loving care.

Wendy Stuart - April 04, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ Thank you so much for this message

Relative - February 03, 2020 at 01:18 PM