

## In Loving Memory

### A Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful Mother,  
A Mother who never grows old.  
He made her smile of the sunshine,  
And He made her heart of pure gold.  
In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,  
In her cheeks, fair roses to see;  
God made a wonderful Mother,  
And He gave that dear Mother to me.

Patrick O'Reilly

Arrangements Entrusted to  
Messinger Pinnacle Peak Mortuary  
Scottsdale, Arizona



MINNIE LEE SESSOM  
1919 ~ 2016

Minnie Lee Sessom  
(May 13, 1919 ~ December 30, 2016)

Mrs. Minnie Lee Sessom was born on May 13, 1919 in Flint, MI. Minnie Lee McDonald was the only daughter of Walter I. and Eula Pauline Smith McDonald. Although Minnie moved around with her family in her early childhood, she was a long-time resident of East St. Louis, Illinois before moving to Arizona in 1998. In East St. Louis she attended and graduated from Lincoln Senior High School where she met her husband of 61 years, Arthur Lee Sessom. Minnie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Arthur Lee, and her brother Raleigh J. McDonald and sister-in-law Sylvia McDonald.

Minnie had a zest for life and lived her life to the fullest. She did not hesitate to share her light and love with those around her. She always thought of family and of ways to pull the family together for "a gathering." Minnie was an excellent cook and often hosted dinners during the holidays or any other celebration to be noted. When she lived in East St. Louis, she often spent time helping friends with their various social and civic projects. While she lived in Illinois, she enjoyed bowling with the senior league, being active in the senior citizen program and participating in her church, St. Luke A.M.E., until the time that she left.

Minnie was a loving and caring person who could light up the room with her smile. She will be remembered as a loving and caring mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and sister. Left to cherish her memory are her daughters, Dr. Audrey S. Guydon, Marjorie E. Johnson; grandsons Arthur W. Johnson (Pashell), Delbert P. Johnson; five great grandchildren, Zachary Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Luke Johnson, Delbert Johnson, Jr.; brother, Dr. Walter E. McDonald; sister-in-law Ruthie McDonald; nieces and nephews Walter E. McDonald, Jr. (DeEtta), Kathy Jones (Johnny), Kevin McDonald, Sylvia Cook (Breck), Maya Baker, Dr. Mecca McDonald, Gemma Moore; great nieces and nephews; cousins Betty Munford, Tasha Weising (Al) and others who are part of the McDonald family; cherished by friends Beverly Propes and Cleo Turk and life-long friends including Lucreatha Griffin, Mildred Boykins and Ernestine Rives. She will be missed and remembered for her conversational closure of "Keep on keeping on."

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 28, 2017

OFFICIANT

Reverend Dr. Gene James  
Pastor, Faith Rising Christian Fellowship

Video Presentation

Musical Prelude

Mr. Cassie Peters

Prayer of Comfort

Mr. Delbert P. Johnson

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Psalms 23

Mrs. Kathy Jones

New Testament

John 14:1~3

Mr. Johnny Jones

Musical Selection

"It is Well with My Soul"

Mr. Cassie Peters

Remarks/Reflections

Mr. Arthur W. Johnson  
Ms. Maya Baker  
Mrs. Sylvia Cook

Musical Selection

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Dr. W.E. McDonald

Obituary

Read Silently

Musical Selection

"How Great Thou Art"

Mr. Cassie Peters

Words of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Gene James

Recessional

"Going Up Yonder"

Mr. Cassie Peters