

*A Celebration of the Life  
Of  
Rosetta Britton*

*Sunrise: July 4, 1908 to Sunset: September 16, 2000*



*So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my  
righteous right hand.*

*Isaiah 41:10*

*Friday, September 22, 2000  
11:00AM*

*N. J. Ford & Sons Funeral Home  
12 South Parkway West  
Memphis, Tennessee*

*Reverend John Gilmore, Pastor  
Mt. Olive C.M. E. Church  
Reverend Don Todd, Pastor  
Memphis Inner City Church  
~Officiating~*

## Obituary

**Rosetta Britton** was born to Mary Harris and Alfred Johnson on July 4, 1908 in Sardis, Mississippi. In addition, to her parents, she was lovingly raised by her step-father, Solomon Gomaih Harris. Rosetta confessed a hope in Christ at an early age and was a member of Mt. Olive C.M.E. Church for more than 50 years.

Rosetta had a special gift in her ability and to work with her hands. She was employed as a seamstress and at the Peabody Hotel as a furrier. Her gift was also used for many family members, friends, and acquaintances.

She married the late Jim Britton on December 21, 1924 and together they had one child, Mary Ann, whom they dearly loved and who preceded Rosetta in death. On Saturday, September 16, 2000 at 8:00 in the morning, her Lord called her home. Her reward for a job well done.

Rosetta leaves to mourn her four granddaughters, Darrington Allain Zieden (Joel D.) of Princeton, NJ, Jimmie Jones of Brooklyn, NY, Rosetta Johnson-Edmondson of Randolph, MA and Ida Frances Johnson of Philadelphia, PA; three great grandchildren, Gabrielle, Lara and Lawrence; two step-daughters, Rosalie Powell and Myrtle Ransom; one god child, Cheryl Blair-Brown; her sisters, Nezzie Jackson and Glennie Houston; her brothers, Marvin (Ruth) and Andrew (Allie Vee) Johnson. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and acquaintances (young and old) who lovingly referred to her as "Big Ma."

She will be missed by all especially her granddaughters for whom her wise counsel and many acts of loving kindness will be forever engraved in their hearts.

### I am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I am following the path God lead for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that place at the closing of the day  
If my parting has left avoid  
Then fill it with remembered joy

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me;  
God wanted me now—He set me free.