



Essie Mae Bedford

January 20, 1920 - May 17, 2016

Livestream for the Funeral Services will be available on Saturday, May 21, 2016. See link below.

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/events/5412054/edit>

Mrs. Essie Mae Bedford was born January 20, 1920 in Teague, Texas to Henry and Alice Grayson.

She grew up and attended school in Teague School District. At an early age she confessed her hope in Christ and united with the Mustang Baptist Church in Prairie Hill and later became a member of Lone Star Baptist. After leaving Groesbeck she became a member of Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church and was faithful until her health failed her.

On August 31, 1940 she united in holy matrimony with Mr. Thurman Bedford and to this union eight children were born.

Essie is preceded in death by: both parents; husband, Thurman Bedford; daughter, Jessie Bedford Albert ; son, Larry Bedford; sisters, Alice Head, Dorothy Miller, Russell Mosley; brothers, Charlie Thomas, Jr. Edgar Thomas, Jr, Lonnel Thomas, Don Thomas; and one nephew Matthew.

She leaves to cherish her memory: Daughters, Mrs. Darlene Benson and husband Leslie, Mrs. Fayrene Thomas and husband Walter, Ms. Verlea Bedford, and Ms. Cynthia Bedford; sons, Rev. Nathaniel Bedford and wife

Linda and Rev. Joe Bedford and wife Brenda; sisters, Blanche Hill, Lucille Burns and Virginia Figures; grandchildren, Anthony, Michael, Leslie Jo, Barry, Rodney, Joyce, Angela, and Cynthia Benson; Christina Gibbs, Derrick Thomas, Gregory and Justin Paul Miller, Tenna and Charles Bedford, Cyanna Bedford, Jerome, Daniel, Jessica and Joseph Bedford, Tianna and Malayshia Bedford, Roy, Jeanette, Stanley, Steven and Scott Albert; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Doris Miller Memorial Park

4800 Bellmead Drive
Waco, TX 76705

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClain Hall @ Greater Zion Missionary B/C
2625 South 18th Street
Waco, TX 76706

Celebration Service

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church
2625 South 18th Street
Waco, TX 76706

Tribute Wall



“ *Essie Mae Bedford*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *We will forever hold you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers grandmother. Rest in peace! Love your grandson and son of your daughter Ms Jessie Albert, Stephen Page and family.*

Rachel Page - May 26, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *Elnora Childs Family lit a candle in memory of Essie Mae Bedford*



Elnora Childs Family - May 21, 2016 at 11:06 AM



With deepest sympathy. God Bless in your time of sorrow. Elnora Childs Family

Elnora Childs Family - May 21, 2016 at 11:10 AM