

# Queen Easter Laster Jessie

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant | Rev. D. Sheree Jacobs | Scotts Mater C. M. E. Church

Processional | led by Rev. Jacobs, Elder Jackson and Guests

*Last Glance | Final Sealing*

Hymn | Elder James Jackson

Prayer | Rev. D. Sheree Jacobs

Scriptures | Rev. Carl Munns, Jr.

Tribute | Ms. Nedra Williams

Solo | Sis. Goldie Burts

Words of Comfort | Retired Elder James Jackson  
Scotts Mater C. M. E. Church

Committal Prayer | Elder Jackson

Acknowledgements and  
Presentation of the  
Heirloom Family Bible | Barnum Staff

Benediction | Elder Jackson or Appointee

Recessional

*Please turn all cell phones and electronic devices off  
or to silent mode during the service. Thank you.*

### *We Thought of You*

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new.  
We thought about you yesterday and days before that, too.  
We think of you in silence. We often speak your name.  
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping; we have you in our hearts.*

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

*Queen Easter Laster Jessie*  
1941– 2020

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST  
Eastview Cemetery  
802 Ashby Street | Americus, GA 31709

### *With Many Thanks*

We can see God's love at work  
in the warmth of helping hands,  
in the comfort that a gentle word imparts,  
in the thoughtfulness that offers cheer,  
in love that understands...  
We can see God's love at work in caring hearts.  
God bless you for being so kind.  
It meant even more than you know.

*A special thank you is extended to the Americus Seafood Center & Staff,  
Innovative Senior Solution Center & Staff, CVS Pharmacy,  
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Mr. Kenneth McCrae, Ms. Jessica Thomas and Ms. Delisa Daniels.*

*The Family*

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The banner features a portrait of Queen Easter Laster Jessie on the right, smiling and wearing a white top and a pearl necklace. To her left are three colorful alphabet blocks stacked vertically, showing 'A', 'B', and 'C'. Above these blocks are three more colorful blocks showing the numbers '1', '2', and '3'. In the top right corner, there is a small illustration of a green worm wearing a graduation cap, sitting on a stack of books. A white dove is shown in flight at the bottom left of the banner. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a bright sunburst at the bottom right.

A CELEBRATION FOR THE *Life* OF  
*Queen Easter Laster Jessie*  
Sunrise: June 19, 1941  
Sunset: October 24, 2020

*Teachers in their own way  
are angels leading their flocks  
out of darkness.*

*Friday*  
OCTOBER 30, 2020  
2:30 p.m.

**Eastview Cemetery**  
802 Ashby Street | Americus, Georgia 31709

OFFICIANTS  
Rev. D. Sheree Jacobs | Ret. Elder James Jackson  
Scotts Mater C. M. E. Church



# *Queen Easter Laster Jessie*

## OBITUARY

Queen Easter Jessie, better known as “Little Girl”, was a phenomenal woman. She was born in Sumter County, Georgia to the parentage of the late Mr. Ben Little and the late Ms. Willie B. Laster on June 19, 1941.

Little Girl’s life was characterized by her compassion and empathy for others. She devoted her life to loving and caring for her friends, family, and students. In 1973, she began her career as an educator at Eastview Elementary school mentoring youth. For over 30 years, she taught, loved, and cared for young children until she retired at Sarah Cobb Elementary in 2003. Known as “Mrs. Jessie” by her students, her commitment and love was displayed daily as she encouraged and developed young minds.

Mrs. Jessie was a loving-dedicated wife to the late Mr. Andrew “Moses” Jessie, Jr. for over 60 years. Their love lasted a lifetime as they were both committed in union as one until the very end. Throughout their lives, she supported her husband during times of triumph and tribulations as his health eventually declined later in life. In addition to caring for her husband, Mrs. Jessie also was a care keeper for her Mother, Brother, Cousin and Goddaughter.

Mrs. Jessie was also known to display a love for animals. As a pet enthusiast, she cared for and fed her pet dog, “Precious”, in addition to local strays as members of her “extended family”.

In 1952, she joined Scotts Mater C.M.E. Church and was a member for 68 years. During this time, she served as a Secretary, Missionary and Stewardess. Alongside others, she enjoyed volunteering and organizing many activities for the youth in her Church Family.

Queen Easter Jessie’s life was defined by love, empathy, and her altruistic devotion to others. The compassion she has shown for others throughout her lifetime is inspiring.

In addition to her mother and father and her husband, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Amy Jessie and her brother, James Reddick.

She leaves to cherish her memories: devoted cousins, Mrs. Mattie Hardy Maddox, Ms. Queen Gibson, Ms. Angela Merritt, Ms. Sharnette Gibson, Ms. Shalonda Gibson, Mr. Reginald (Angelica) Merritt, Jr., Ms. Pamela (Hardy) Breedlove, Ms. Brenda (Monroe) Harper, Ms. Bertha Ross, Ms. Betty (Larry) Harvey, Ms. Martha (Willie) Reynolds, all of Americus, GA; Mr. Augusta Davis and Ms. Eunice C. Davis, both of Hempstead, NY; Mrs. Tammie (Mack) Polk, Jr., Columbus, GA; her godchildren: Ms. Penelope Jackson and Mr. Spencer Jackson, both of Americus, GA; a sister-in-law, Ms. Margie Jessie Jackson of Americus, GA; a brother-in-law, Mr. James Jessie of Americus, GA; her nieces and nephews: Ms. Carrie Price, Ms. Aleisha (Willie) Smith, Ms. Michelle Josey, Mr. Kenneth Solomon, Mr. Neal Jessie, Mr. Anthony Jackson, Mr. Jermaine Jackson, Mr. Anthony Jessie and Mr. Michael (Shonda) Josey; a host of devoted friends, including: Mrs. Ella (Thomas, Jr.) Wakefield, Rev. Carl (Shirley) Munns, Jr., Ms. Mary Jo Rowell, Ms. Earlene Brown, Ms. Dottie Johnson, Ms. Sissy Bowens and Ms. Jackie T. Bridges also survive.



*Together Again*  
Easter & Moses

## DO IT NOW

If you have hard work to do, DO IT NOW.  
Today the skies are clear and blue.  
Tomorrow clouds may come in view.  
Yesterday is not for you.  
DO IT NOW.

If you have a song to sing, SING IT NOW.  
Let the notes of gladness ring  
clear as songs of birds in spring.  
Let every day some music bring.  
SING IT NOW.

If you have kind words to say, SAY THEM NOW.  
Tomorrow may not come your way.  
Do a kindness while you may.  
Loved ones will not always stay.  
SAY THEM NOW.

If you have a smile to show, SHOW IT NOW.  
Make hearts happy; roses grow.  
Let friends around you know,  
the love you have before they go.  
SHOW IT NOW.



*“Mrs. Jessie”  
“Little Girl”*

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