

*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 Scott Mate 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.