

A Word of Thanks

There is such a great comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. This assurance is manifested by the many warm and sincere expressions of care and concern. Each kind deed brings to fruition the promise of our Savior... "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Please know that we are grateful for your many prayers to our heavenly Father on our behalf. Additionally, we are equally grateful for those of you have been there for us through the years. The English language fails to offer words that can sufficiently express our appreciation for the many calls, visits, cards, warm wishes and other acts of kindness. Your incredible display of unselfish love has been a source of strength for us as we celebrate a life of longevity that was well lived. Though a void is certain, one thing is equally sure, through the guidance of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, we will endure! Our prayer for all of you is that God's matchless grace and blessings will fall richly upon all of you.

~ Mama Lettie's Family

Special Thanks

The Legacy House Staff

IPH Hospice

Amed Hospice

Active Pallbearers

Anthony Clarks
Lamont Lewis

Carlos Robinson
Harold Woods

Kenneth Wyche
Keith Wyche

Honorary Pallbearers

Frederick Berry, II
William Berry
Zaire Bradley
Donavon Bratcher
Landon Bratcher

Thomas Bratcher
Henry Brinkley
Josiah Brinkley
Tracy Brinkley
Gary Green

Phillip Hayes
CJ Holbert
Calvin Holbert
Carter Holbert
James Matthews

Joseph Miller
Brice Orise
Jermaul Prince
Jaxon Short
Joshua Shorter

Dewayne Stredic
Henry Woods
Christian Wyche
Trayvon Wyche

Flower Bearers

Brenda Allineice
Audrey Byrd
Tara Hayes

Ertha Hodge
Faye Lewis
Betty Lou Parker

Dorothy Faye Parks
Kanita Robinson
Arva Thomas

Betty Ann Williams
Park Avenue Children

Interment

Eastview Cemetery | Bay City Texas

Repast

Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church
2420 Avenue B | Bay City, Texas

Arrangements by

Duncan Roberts Funeral Home
Bay City, Texas



Mama Lettie
Lettie Allen Green Giles

December 3, 2016 - 11 O'clock in the Morning

Host Church <i>Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church</i> The Reverend C. Donnell Wallace, Senior Pastor 2420 Avenue B Bay City, Texas 77414	Officiating Minister <i>The Reverend Murry Martin</i> Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church	Eulogist <i>The Reverend L. C. Cunningham, Jr.</i> Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
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The Worship Experience

Processional

Song of Praise

Old Testament
Scriptural Reading

New Testament
Scriptural Reading

A Talk With God

Song of Praise

Resolutions

Letter of Comfort

Special Tribute

Remarks &
Words from the Clergy

A Time of Praise

The Spoken WORD

A Glimpse 'til Glory

Recessional

Bethel & Mother Zion Combined Church Choirs

The Reverend Jonas Brinkley, Senior Pastor
First Berean Baptist Church of Live Oak, Texas

The Reverend Frederick D. Berry, Sr., Pastoral Care
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church of Garland, Texas

The Reverend L. K. Williams, Senior Pastor
Second Corinth Baptist Church of Houston, Texas

Andrelin Brinkley

Enterprise Missionary Baptist Church
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Madison Brinkley, Josiah Brinkley & Joshua Shorter
Great, Great Grandchildren

Calvin Holbert & Phillip Hayes
Great Grandchildren

Loretha White & Britt Miller
Grandchildren

Annie Bratcher
Children

The Reverend T. L. Richardson, Senior Pastor
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Bay City, Texas

The Reverend L. C. Cunningham, Jr., Senior Pastor
Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Bay City, Texas

Highlights of Life

Train up a child...

There is no way that William Allen and Annie Brown- Allen would have been able to imagine all the lives that their little baby girl would touch when they gave birth to her on September 3, 1915. The little girl that they named Lettie was in the world to make her mark on life and those who she would touch over the next century.

Lettie attended Live Oak Community School in Live Oak, Texas. Following school she worked as a professional cook at Matagorda Hospital and Palacios Hospital as well as a homemaker.

And the two shall become one...

On September 20, 1933 Lettie accepted the offer to journey through life with Phillip Green as they were wed in marriage. They were blessed to parent Phillip Jr, Loyce Jean, Roland, K. D., Eddie Percy, Annie Marie and Phillis Marie. There were great times in the Green household. In those days, life was simple, pure and rewarding. There were many memories made from the Sunday evening 'soul food' dinners served on fine china where they often hosted the pastor (who got the best piece of the chicken at dinner) to the Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas Eve oyster fry. Many people felt at home at the Green's home on Park Avenue. Having cared for her children and many others in the community, she earned the title of respect of Mama Lettie by those who knew her. Life changed forever forty-two years later when Phillip Green passed unexpectedly.

It is not often that one finds their true love, but to have a second chance in life is a great blessing. In 1993 at the ripe age of 78 Mama Lettie accepted the offer to continue her journey through life with Cornelius Giles, Sr. as they eloped to Houston, Texas and were married by her brother Bishop B. E. Allen. Together they enjoyed their golden years, family and friends and each other's company. They went on trips together, hosted friends and family in their home, played with the grand and great-grandchildren and enjoyed life together. On December 6, 1999 Cornelius answered the Lord's call to eternal rest.

Work the work of Him who sent me while it's day...

Mama Lettie served her family, church and the community. As the President of the Mission she led others to a deeper relationship with Christ. She was very well known for the *Heaven and Hell Parties* that the Youth Matron presented under her leadership. She was also an active member of the Eastern Star. She took time to read and study her bible, she kept abreast of community activities by consistently reading *The Bay City Tribune* and she kept up with her spiritual growth by regularly studying her mission lesson.

Mama Lettie enjoyed cooking for herself, her family and others. She especially loved the holidays and looked forward to preparing holiday foods including cakes, pies and homemade rolls. Mama Lettie's hobbies included sewing, traveling, going to church and yes, shopping! If she was not doing any of these you would often find her watching her favorite shows on TV including football, *The Jefferson's*, *Sanford and Son* and she really got a laugh out of talking about Gina's forehead while watching *Martin*.

In later life she didn't watch as much TV but still enjoyed the presence of her family. After living over a century God blessed her to maintain her memory and a reasonable portion of her health and strength. In honor of her 100th birthday she received a letter from the President and First Lady of the United States, Barack and Michele Obama congratulating her on such a milestone. God blessed her to see many things that most people have never seen and will never see. She experienced many joys, successes as well as some challenges. Often times you would hear her simply say, "LAWD Have Mercy on me". God blessed her to live a long fruitful life and on November 25, 2016 He heard and answered her plea by granting her mercy and welcoming her into His eternal presence.

Precious memories, oh how they linger; how they ever flood my soul...

Those who will often reflect on these and other precious memories include daughters, Eddie P. (J. C.) Miller of Dallas, Texas, Annie Bratcher of Bay City, Texas, special grand-daughter, Phyllis Hayes of Carrollton, Texas, devoted granddaughter Patra (Frederick) Berry, an additional 14 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 23 great, great grandchildren. Daughter-in- law Wilada Green of Bay City, Texas, God-children Wilma J. (Newton) Johnson of Houston, Texas, Sherryl (Alfred) Barnes of Bay City, Texas and Sherri Pointer Stone of Lake Jackson, Texas. Step children Rev. Gilbert (Erma) Giles, Rosie Giles Nickolson and Cornelius (Alma) Giles Jr. of Houston, Texas. Special Children Michael (Debbie) Coppock of Bay City, Texas, and special cousin Beatrice Henderson of Houston, Texas. No one can count the other family, friends, church members and members of the community who will often reflect on Mama Lettie's life.

Now in glory, Mama Lettie's hope was to be reunited around God's throne with husbands Phillip Green Sr, and Cornelius Giles, Sr.; children Phillip Green, Jr., Loyce Jean Barnes, Roland Green, and K. D. Green, along with siblings Eddie Allen, Ruth Allen, Mack Lee Allen, and Dora Allen as well as son-in law Donald Bratcher and grandson-in-law Victor Hayes.