



## Mother Jessie R Monroe

February 14, 1931 - December 4, 2021

Mother Jessie R. Monroe, age 90, peacefully transitioned this life on Saturday December 4, 2021. She was born to the union of Johnnie Everage and Lovie (Lacey) Everage on February 14, 1931. She was a native of Coffeerville, Mississippi, but lived in Alton for the majority of her life.

In July 1965, she was joined in Holy Matrimony to Superintendent Ralph Joseph Monroe, pastor of Belle Street Temple Church of God in Christ, and Superintendent of the Greater Western District, where she served faithfully by his side, until his home going in 1978.

Mother Monroe continued to serve the LORD faithfully, at Monroe Memorial under the leadership of Bishop Samuel E. White. She was the Assistant Church Mother, Head Church Mother, Administrator of Women's Affairs and Sunday School Teacher. Her love for the culinary arts, led to a long career working at Alton Memorial Hospital alongside the dietitian.

Mother Monroe worked at Monticello College also known as Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey Illinois. Her passion to provide a secure, safe, loving, and nurturing environment for Special Needs children led to her becoming a Foster Care Parent for over twenty years. Mother Jessie Monroe leaves a legacy of good works, creativity, kindness, encouraging words, elegance, good home cooked meals, hard work, and of being the

epitome of a lady in this city ,and other places she visited.

Mother Monroe was preceded in death by her parents, Johnnie and Lovie Everage, siblings: Johnnie Jr.,Clinton, Bobby, Mannie “Son”, Listen “Bell”, Mildred, Lovie, and Annie Mae. She leaves to cherish her fond memories: her children, Jamillah (Ramon) Portee, Evelyn(Jonathan) Casey, Cynthia Bryant, Rodrick (Chitquita) Bryant and Ralph J. (Deborah) Monroe Jr., a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd  
Alton, IL 62002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Monroe Memorial Church  
1901 Belle Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Service

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Susan Holliday lit a candle in memory of  
Mother Jessie R Monroe*



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**Susan Holliday** - March 31 at 12:05 AM