



Mother Rose Reed

September 10, 1945 - June 12, 2024

Evangelist Lady Rose Mary VanZandt-Reed was born in Alton, Illinois on September 10, 1945 to the union of Superintendent Lewis VanZandt and Mother Dorothy VanZandt, a second-generation Church of God in Christ member. She was the fourth child of a loving family of six children. Her education began in the Alton School System and she obtained higher education at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville where she majored in Business Administration.

First Lady Reed accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a young age and continued that walk. She married the love of her life, the late Pastor Roosevelt Reed in 1967. They were Pastor and First Lady of Oakwood Church of God in Christ for 38 years. To their union were born two children, a son Dr. Pastor Andre' Reed and a daughter, Dr. Evangelist Adrienne Reed. She was blessed with two grandchildren, Breyon and Crystal and two great grandchildren, Zion and Zamar.

She lived her life purposefully, pouring into others, with grace and exceeding joy. Throughout her life she was a mentor, lifelong educator and was intentional about sowing seeds of love and kindness. Mother Reed did not fear death because she knew with great certainty where she was going to spend eternity. On Wednesday June 12, 2024, God the giver of all life, in his infinite wisdom, closed the curtain of life and called Mother Reed back to Himself. She was 78 years old. First Lady Reed leaves behind a legacy of faith, love quiet strength, and boldness in the Lord.

Her vibrant and loving disposition were hallmarks of her personality and will be forever missed by the many lives she touched. How great is our God to have blessed us with one who touched our lives, shared our dreams and enriched our souls as First Lady Rose Reed did. God be praised for a life well lived.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Superintendent Lewis Edwin VanZandt and First Lady Dorothy Bernadine VanZandt, her sister Marieta Francine Haynes, brother Pastor Lewis Wallace VanZandt, brother Superintendent Benjamin F. VanZandt, sister, Mother Dorothy Hazel Lovett and son in love Minister Cedric Oliver.

She leaves a great and lasting legacy that will continue on through her devoted family: son, Dr. Pastor Andre' Reed, daughter, Dr. Evangelist Adrienne Reed, grandchildren Breyon McElroy and Crystal Rose Oliver, great grandchildren Zion and Zamar McElroy, brother: Minister of Music Dwayne (Kimberly)VanZandt, eight sister in loves and twelve brothers in love, a special daughter Deborah Holmes, a host of nieces and nephews and cousins and most importantly her church family Oakwood Church of God in Christ and Prayer Wheel Church of God in Christ congregations.

Cemetery Details

Upper Alton Cemetery

Oakwood Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Oakwood C.O.G.I.C
1412 North Alby
Godfrey , IL 62035

Service

JUN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Entombment

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Oakwood Rd
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I met Rose Mary at West Jr. She was a quiet beam of light, shedding the light of Jesus Christ, love and kindness to others. I pray God's comfort and peace upon her loved ones.
---Rev. Dr. Barbara Jim-George

Rev.Dr. Barbara Jim-George - June 28, 2024 at 04:47 AM

AS

“ Andre & Adrienne, you all have our deepest sympathy. Mother Rose was one of the most God loving women I have ever known. We know she is at peace now because she is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless and keep you all in His ever loving arms.

Robert (Gene), Annette (Net) Slack & Family
Indianapolis,IN

annette slack - June 24, 2024 at 08:14 PM

CE

“ CUSD #187 Board of Education planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mother Rose Reed.

CUSD #187 Board of Education - June 24, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mother Rose Reed.



June 24, 2024 at 02:29 PM

TA

“ Tamara lit a candle in memory of Mother Rose Reed



Tamara - June 22, 2024 at 06:24 PM

DI

“ Mother Reed was such a beautiful person inside out, loving and caring. The lives she touched are blessed. I'm praying for the family's strength and peace of mind, may God bless each of you.

Dionne - June 17, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Mother Reed beautiful inside and out, Anointed on so many different levels. God used her to direct my path. I thank God for the time I spent with her. Blessings to her children, grandchildren, and entire family. Sending prayers from Georgia

Gina Nolan - June 16, 2024 at 11:13 PM

JE

“ Mother Rose Reed have known for more than 65 years, one of God's Jewels. She was such an inspiration every time our paths crossed. I loved to hear her sing "I Found Jesus" by Myrna Summers. She will be missed but never forgotten. Her love filled spirit is ever present. I pray comfort and strength for the entire family.

Joyce Elliott - June 16, 2024 at 08:07 AM

LT

Mother Rose Reed, you will be truly missed from my family. Diane, Lisa, Lori, Mikel, Greg, Patrick Taylor our prayers 🙏🙏 to the family. I love it when she sang Going up yonder that is truly where You will be. Lisa Taylor from oakwood church as a child Amen!!!!

Lisa Taylor - June 17, 2024 at 02:13 PM

ME

“ Her smile, her wit, her wisdom, her singing, her love. You will be missed but never forgotten. Thank God for the memories.

Melody - June 15, 2024 at 10:10 AM