



Queen Esther Gadberry

June 25, 1927 - March 25, 2018

Rev. Queen Esther Gadberry, a native of Boonville, North Carolina, was born June 25, 1927. Her parents, Lamon Clyde Gadberry and Mamie Queen Ann Gadberry, had nine children. In 1949, she moved to Baltimore. She joined the First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in October 24, 1964 under the dynamic leadership of the late Bishop Leo Kato Ceaser. On May 28, 1973, she promised God she would preach His Word. On June 25, 1973- her 46th birthday- and under the auspices of Bishop Leo Kato Ceaser, she preached her initial sermon. " Don't Let the Devil Fool You." Rev. Gadberry briefly attended Shaw University. She studied at Baltimore School of the Bible College, the Gospel Tabernacle of Perry Hall Bible Institute, the Dr. Harold A. Cater Determined, Biblical and Theological Institute and the Hampton University Ministries' Conference. She has been on study tours to Israel, Jordan, Greece, Egypt, and Petra.

Rev. Gadberry considered herself, "J.A.V. (Just A Vessel)" She served in multiple roles at First Mount Olive- Senior Minister of the Elders and Ministerial Alliance, Spiritual Advisor to the Evangelistic Team and the Seasoned Seniors. She previously served as: Sunday School Teacher, Missionary, Wiling Worker, member of the Prayer Band, Helping Hand, Pastor's Aide, Women's Fellowship Choir member and Financial Data Clerk on the Administrative Staff. She was blessed to be a member of the Minister's Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity. Until her retirement, she was employed

as Head Waitress as Pierce's Plantation Restaurant.

Rev. Gadberry's testimony: " I thank Jesus for shedding His Blood that I might have a right to the tree of life and not have to burn in hell. I thank Him for the Holy Ghost Who He sent back to keep us. One day I came to Jesus as I was. I was wounded, worn and sad. I found Him a resting place and He has made me glad. When the Lord fixes you up, He fixes you good. He doesn't leave any stone unturned. Yes, we all had a "before", but thanks be to God for brining us out. What He's done for others, He will surely do for you."

Rev. Gadberry was preceded in death by her parents and 8 of her siblings. She leaves to cherish her memory: her cousins, Rev. Dr. Dennis Bishop and Sis. Debbie Thomas; her niece Mrs. Ella Green, great-nephew Mr. Michael Sells, best-friend Dea. Lenora Highsmith, God-daughter Ms. Lutricia Felder a host of other cousins. great nieces, nephews, friends and church family.

Previous Events

viewing

APR 9. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church
618 N. Hammond Ferry Rd.
Baltimore, MD

Wake

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Queen Esther Gadberry*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I light this candle in remembrance of our cousin Queen Ester Gadberry. My mother, Cora Elizabeth Gadberry Scott Johnston and myself, Pamela Lynn Scott are saddened to hear of Queen Ester's passing. We hadn't seen her for many years but kept in touch by phone. I am so sorry we did not have more time together. The Lord has called her home and she is in a better place. Amen and amen.*



Pamela Scott - June 02, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *The "ULTIMATE QUEEN" of all other queens! When my sister introduced this wonderful woman of God back in 1995 she made such an impression on me... Over the years I had genuinely grown to love her and totally respect the things that I deemed right for my life and although I messed up along the way Rev.Gadberry never changed nor did she hold it against me.... I'm gonna miss you my Queen, your hugs & "shuga" too, but I'll always remember you and keep you close to my heart! Rest with the Savior and I hope to meet you on the other side...You can't crown him till we get there!💔💔💔*



Yvette S.Williams - April 08, 2018 at 02:34 PM

LB

“ *Lori Hayman & Kennedy Britton-Riley lit a candle in memory of Queen Esther Gadberry*



Lori Hayman & Kennedy Britton-Riley - April 04, 2018 at 02:16 PM

SH

“ *You have been in my life for over 50 years! I will miss our times together. A friend, cousenlor, a member of the family but most of all an inspiration to all of the women whose life you touched.*

sheila - March 31, 2018 at 07:00 AM

SS

“ *We always looked forward to you coming to North Carolina to Clark's Chapel. Your messages were inspirational and I personally looked up to my aunt the pioneer and woman of faith. I know you and Grandma are living it up in heaven. Her baby sister is with her again. Again condolences from Barney Hill community in yadkin county. Greatly missed your great niece Sterling.*

Sterling Dobson Siler - March 30, 2018 at 07:59 AM

WB

“ *William And Sheila Butts lit a candle in memory of Queen Esther Gadberry*



William and Sheila Butts - March 28, 2018 at 07:27 AM

WB

Rev. Gadberry always let her light shine for Jesus. All hail the power was her saying.

William and Sheila Butts - March 28, 2018 at 07:29 AM

DG

What a wonderful & dedicated servant of God! We have fond memories and remember when Rev. Gadberry preached her initial sermon! What a powerful word she delivered! She always had a kind and uplifting word! We extend our condolences to the family & friends.

Damon and Mary Gasque

Damon & Mary Gasque - March 28, 2018 at 08:18 AM

HL

Thank you all for your condolences sad time for family we will miss our Auntie on her many visit home to N.C. love always, Helen S. Lewis

Helen S. Lewis - March 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - March 27, 2018 at 02:19 PM