



*Pallbearers*  
The Deacon Ministry

*Flower Attendants*  
The Deaconess and Usher Ministries

*Petals of Her Life*  
As beautiful as a rose to see,  
Was Bert's life she lived so gracefully.  
She made things precious by her touch,  
Her selfless love lives on in each of us.  
The petals of her life fell one by one,  
Each a gift of her heart  
till there were none.  
Yet her radiance blooms once again  
In fields of glory with no end.

*Words of Appreciation.*  
Words are inadequate to express our appreciation for all the calls, cards, visits, words of comfort, food, and all other expressions of love rendered to us during the illness and passing of our loved one. All we can say is, "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The Monroe Family

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*Celebration Of Life*  
for



*Mrs. Bertha A. Norris-Monroe*

Sunrise  
May 7, 1940



Sunset  
October 8, 2016

**Saturday - October 15, 2016 - 11:00 A.M.**

**Mt. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church**  
1620 Helena Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32208  
**Pastor R. E. Herring, Sr., Eulogist**

**Interment**  
**Edgewood Cemetery**  
4519 N Edgewood Dr,  
Jacksonville, FL 32219

## *Life's Pathway*

*Her essence was like the fragrance of a rose that will continue to envelop those whom she loved perpetually.*

*The oldest of two children, Bertha Arnita Norris was born on May 7, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde and Eva Mae Taylor Norris, in the same Bottom Creekers area where the family continues to reside to this day. Surrounded by generations of family, she was reared in a home of love in a hands-on neighborhood where everybody knew everybody, and most were related to each other in some way. Her formal education was secured through the Duval County schools, namely Darnell Cookman and Moncrief Elementary, Isaiah Blocker Junior High, and New Stanton Senior High.*

*Bertha received Christ as her Savior at the age of ten under the pastorate of Rev. B.W. Williams, was baptized in Gillis Lake, and began her walk with God in Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, serving Him for decades in many capacities until her health failed. Through the years, Snooky or Bert, as she was lovingly called, served with the Culinary Ministry, Usher Board #4, the Deaconess Board, the Missionary Society, the SAT Joylistic Voices Support Team, as Secretary for the first Building Fund Committee, as Director for the Sunshine Band and Red Circle Girls, sang in Choir #1/the Mass Choir. She loved her Pastor and loved her church, especially District #7. Although not officially, she was considered one of the Mothers of the church. Other activities included Voting Precinct worker; house sitter for Rev. and Sis. S. A. Thomas; Volunteer Caregiver, Cathedral Foundation; and provider of transportation for neighbors.*

*Employed as a chef with the Pic-N-Save Corporation, she retired after 15 years of faithful service.*

*Young Bertha met the love of her life, General Hubert Monroe, and they were wed October 6, 1956. The marriage was blessed with seven children, five girls and two boys. Their home was always a haven for the neighborhood, especially the young*

*people. The couple celebrated their Diamond Anniversary on October 1, 2016, one week prior to her homegoing.*

*On Friday, October 8, 2016, God called His servant home, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde Norris and Eva Norris Gallon; and her brother, Vander Kenneth Norris.*

*The memories of Mrs. Bertha Monroe will be treasured by her beloved husband, Dea. G. H. Monroe; devoted children, Bervinda Mincey (Michael), Carmalita Williams, Andrea Chever, Hubert Monroe, Marva Monroe, Chakita Dormevil (Francois), and Lorenzo Monroe (Kesha); 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great great-grandchildren; uncle, Freddie Kelly (Carrie); god-children, Kimberly Sapp, Anthony and Iris Davis, Thomasena Campbell, Courtney Henry, Vantoria Carter and Reginald Robinson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Sarah Powell, Ruby Washington, Leon and Donetta Bradley, Robert and Sandra Lively, Rudolph and Betty Lively, Clifford Monroe and Christopher Lively; and a plethora of nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and close friends, to include Sis. Mattie Ruth Dickens, and the Rosier and Bellamy families.*

*Farewell, Bert, we'll see you in the morning.*



## *Order of Service*

*Rev. Michael McCoy*

*Processional and Viewing*

*Ministry in Music*

*"It's Your Season"*

*Invocation*

*Pastor Iran Simmons  
Abundant Hope Ministry*

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*

*Minister Bessie Herring*

*New Testament*

*Rev. James Hayes*

*Ministry in Music*

*"I Believe"*

*Acknowledgement of*

*Condolences*

*The Monroe Grands and Great-Grands*

*Resolutions*

*Church Clerk*

*Reflections (Please limit to 2 minutes)*

*Dea. John Scott III,  
Bro. Walter Anderson*

*Leader, Dist. 7  
Tribute*

*Ministry in Music*

*"I Know the Lord Will Make a Way"*

*Eulogy*

*Pastor R. E. Herring, Sr.*

*Recessional*

*"He'll Welcome Me"*

***The Family Repast will be served in the  
S. A. Thomas Family Life Center***