

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR
Mother Esther E. Vicks



Sunrise: June 3, 1932

Sunset: April 6, 2021

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. ~ Service: 11:00 a.m.

**New Macedonia Baptist Church
4115 Alabama Avenue, SE ~Washington, DC 20019**

THE LIFE OF MOTHER ESTHER E. VICKS



A Time to be Born

Esther E. (Childs) Vicks was born on June 3, 1932 to the late Charlie and Helen Childs in Balty, Virginia located in Caroline County.

A Time to Die

Esther Vicks was called to her eternal resting place on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:48 p.m.

A Time to Grow

Esther's early education was in the public schools of Caroline County, Virginia. She later moved to Washington, D.C. where she continued her education and graduated from the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). She was employed with Jelleff's Department Store as a Stock Clerk of Silver Spring, Maryland, Fannie Mae as a Cashier of Washington, DC, National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a Seamstress and Elevator Operator of Bethesda, Maryland, and the United Planning Organization (UPO) Foster Grandparent of Washington, DC (sites included Children's Hospital and First Rock Baptist Daycare Center) just to name a few. She received several Outstanding Awards from the Children's Medical Center and Certificate of Recognition from United Planning Organization. She wrote a book but never had it published entitled "Faith, Prayer, and Healing" and published a poem entitled "When I Think of Yahshua".

A Time to Love

Later in life, Mother Esther and Pastor Elder Raymond Vicks, Sr. married on December 30, 2001. Through this union their blended families joined as one which include sixteen children.

A Time to Serve

Mother Esther attended Gospel Ark Temple, Washington, DC. where she received the Holy Spirit. Later she was directed by the Holy Spirit to be a Sabbath Day Keeper. She attended 7th Day Mission of Yahweh, Washington, DC under the leadership of the Late Pastor Olivia Brooks before joining 7th Day Yahwist Assembly, Capital Heights, Maryland under the leadership of Pastor Elder Michael Veney. She was a member for 42 years and was later ordained as a Minister. She was the Mother of 7th Day Yahwist Assembly, Sabbath Day Teacher, member of the Mothers of Israel Organization, and an Usher. Mother Esther supported her Pastor in several capacities: she served on the Board of Directors; was a Fervent Prayer Warrior; assisted with New Member Orientation; provided care for the Sick and Shut in, and willingly encouraged other members, as needed. During the time Mother Vicks lived on "G Street SE", she would often open up the doors to her home for prayer services, so much that she was known throughout the community as "The Church Lady". Mother Vicks was also known for her "fried fish" at Feast times and those tasty "high pound cakes." She loved and enjoyed cooking for family and friends.

A Time to Reflect

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elder Raymond Vicks, Sr., six brothers, Julius C. Childs, Wilbur Childs, James Childs, Preston S. Childs, Leslie Childs, Rufus Childs; two brother-in-law's, Jerome Stevens and Gene Bastist; two sisters, Shirley Bastist and Edith Childs; two sister-in-law's, Ruth Davis and Rosalie Williams; one daughter, Dianne V. Veney; one step-daughter, Jessica Vicks; one granddaughter, Michelle Y. Scott; and her spiritual parents, Deacon King David and Mother Coralee Fryar.

A Time to Weep

Mother Esther Vicks leaves to cherish her memory, two sisters, Hilda Stevens and Marie Wilhoit; four children, Phoebe Scott, Faye Childs, Allen Williams, and Lauris Williams; one daughter-in-law, Annette Williams; two sons-in-law, Elder Michael Veney and Elder Michael Scott, Sr., one brother-in-law, Pastor Earl Vicks, Sr.; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Anne Vicks and Sandra Vicks; ten step-children, Valerie (Michael) Custis, Pamela (Joseph) Curtis, Judith (Herb) Foster, Leona Vicks, Raymond Jr. (Wendy) Vicks, Jeffrey Vicks, Gregory Vicks, Joseph Vicks, Nathanael Vicks, and Michael Vicks; ten grandchildren, Anthony Veney, Adam (Sonja) Veney, Althelia (Brian) Carter, Alex (Kimberly) Carter, Michael Scott, Jr., David Scott, Y'Dontae Williams, Ashley Grier, Anya Williams, and Anaya Williams; fifteen great-grands, Anthony Pate, Jr., Veronica Pate, Rachael Veney, Joshua Veney, Ava Carter, Caleb Carter, Michael Duggar-Scott, Malachi Williams, Damion Williams-Lopez, Chaylynn Lopez, Elijah Lopez, Chance Veney, Kimico, Troy, and Davionna; two great-great grandchildren, Marcus Pate and Sanaa Pate; two step-grandchildren, Candice Davis and Alexis Curtis; three step-great grandchildren, Briana Davis, Melyssa Webb, and Timothy McLean; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, close friends and her entire Yahwist family.

Order of Service

Presider -- Elder James Simms

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Musical Prelude

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Althelia Carter
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

New Testament Pamela Curtis
1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Prayer of Comfort Elder Michael Scott

Musical Selection Valerie Custis
"May the Works I've Done Speak for Me"

Life Story Ashley Grier

Reflections Open (2 mins.)

Musical Selection Pastor Adam Veney
"Oh, It Is Yahshua"

Eulogy Pastor Adam Veney

Benediction

Recessional



Weep Not For Me

Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight

I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years

There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In your memory I love on

Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life





When I Think of Yahshua

When I think of Yahshua, He's always right there.

He never forsakes me.

He answers all my prayers.

Though the road seems rugged
and the night seems long,

He's always right there to guide
me right from wrong.

He is my Saviour, on him I can depend. He never
leaves me. He is with me to the end.

When I think of Yahshua, He is always right there.

He never forsakes me, He answers my prayers.

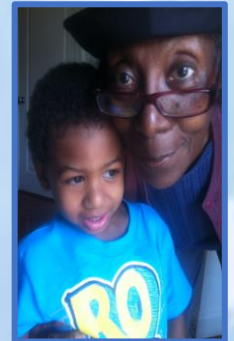
Thank you, Yahweh, for this song,
and I know that you are with me.

~ Written by Mother Esther E. Vicks













Mother Esther Vicks leaves behind Words of Inspiration

BELIEVE

Believe in yourself in the power you have to control your own life, day by day.
Believe in the strength that you have deep inside, and your faith will help show you the way.
Believe in tomorrow and what it will bring, let a hopeful heart carry you through.
For things will work out if you trust and believe there's no limit to what you can do!

Pallbearers

Allen Williams
Anthony Veney
Alex Veney

Brian Carter
David Scott
Y'Dontae Williams

Family Acknowledgements

The family wishes to express with sincere appreciation
your presence, love, prayers, and words of comfort during our time of bereavement.
May Yahweh/Yahshua continue to Bless each of you.

Professional Services Entrusted to:

Interment

Cedar Hill Cemetery
4111 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Suitland, MD 20746



Funeral Services

D. L. McLaughlin Funeral Home
2518 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20020

DUE TO COVID-19 THE FAMILY WILL NOT HOLD A REPAST

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