



Rheta Alvina Samuels

November 1, 1916 - August 15, 2014

RHETA'S HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

MESSIAH'S HOUSE

1683 S Hairston Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30088
(770) 981-4136

Friday, August 22, 2014

Viewing of Body 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Revival Service 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Final Viewing of Body 11:00am – 12:30pm

FUNERAL SERVICE 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Burial Service 3:20 – 4:00pm

Hillandale Memorial PARK

6201 Hillandale Drive Lithonia, Georgia 30058

Repast 5:00pm

Christ our Hope Event Hall

1786 Wellborn Rd. Lithonia, GA 30058

Rheta Samuels was born to the parents of Mabel Reid-Hanson and Phillip Hanson on November 1, 1916. Mr. Phillip Hanson gained his wealth by being a land cultivator. Although he had several children, Rheta was his pet child. Rheta started school at the age of six. During the era that Rheta grew up, a student would go to school for eight years. Then when the student is in the third year of high school, at age fourteen, the teenager would take an examination referred to as Third year examination. This test would determine the type of job the student seeks. But because Rheta started school one year early (age six instead of age seven) she was not allowed to take the test because she was thirteen in her third year of high school. Rheta's eight years of academics was taught by the same teacher, Miss Theresa Thomas. At the age of thirteen, after graduating from "all age school," Rheta went to sewing school, and became a seamstress at the age of fourteen. Rheta would sew for people in her St. James neighborhood, where she was born and raised. At the age of twenty five, Rheta left St. James (referred to as the country) to move to Kingston. In Kingston, Rheta worked at a factory.

At the age of twenty eight, Rheta met Cyril Samuels. She married Mr. Cyril Samuels at the age of twenty nine (the marriage ceremony was performed by her paternal uncle whom was a minister) and she bore her first child Cedric Samuels two months before her thirtieth birthday. Rheta continued to work in the factory until the age of forty five, after she had given birth to her other three children, Leonie, Livingston and Joy. Rheta then went back to the country for about eighteen months. She took Leonie, Livingston (Tony) and Joy with her to the country. At the time, Cedric was about age thirteen/fourteen, and as such, he stayed in Kingston with his father, Cyril. Rheta then returned to Kingston and lived there many years before moving to St. Catherine, Jamaica. In Kingston, she was an active member of her church choir and was known for being the most vocal soloist. Rheta lived in St. Catherine Jamaica for many years before migrating to the United States. In St. Catherine, she was a care taker, counselor, and an elder/sister at her

church.

Upon migrating to the United States, Rheta continued to be a caretaker, counselor and a very active member of her church (current name Messiah' House). Rheta has always been known to be a prayer warrior, a "marriage counselor," a Confidant, a Biblical Scholar, a philosophical teacher, and a grandmother to all. Rheta is the mother to Cedric, Leonie, Tony, and Joy. She also raised her niece, Jacqueline Hunter from she was a very young infant. She has actively raised her grandchildren: Walter, Sheldon, Markos, Nicole, Julia, Mark, Joel, Aretha, Keisha, Jerome, Shoana, Geary, Cedric, Jr., Duane and Donnel. She also has helped to raised Donavan in his toddler years. Grandma Rheta has also blessed and prayed for her great grandchildren from they are conceived in the womb until her days on earth is transcended to heaven. Grandma Rheta Samuels is loved by many, respected by all, and truly adored by her family.

GOD HAS TRULY BLESSED GRANDMA RHETA ALVINA AMUELS.

Cemetery Details

Hillandale Memorial Gardens

6201 Hillandale Drive
Lithonia, GA 30058
(770) 981-1144

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake Service

AUG **22**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

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AUG **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG **23**. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CH

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family. I know that the loss of a loved one brings much grief and agony. I can see that Ms. Rheta Alvina Samuels was dearly loved . Thanks to our Heavenly Father we can find hope in the resurrection (John 5:25 Acts 24:15) and the end of death and suffering. (Revelation 21:3,4) Getting to know our Heavenly Father and his son Jesus , assures us al eternal life (John 17:3) For more Bile based comfort on how to cope with the death of a loved one visit: www.jw.org

chloe - August 30, 2014 at 11:02 AM

RL

“ I am sorry for your loss. Perhaps you can find comfort in knowing that she lived a long life. You can also find comfort in the Bible's promise of a resurrection as mentioned at John 5:28 and 29.

RL - August 23, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ To the Samuels family, may God give you strength through this difficult time and provide comfort to everyone. Ms. Sam was a beautiful lady inside and out and she will be truly missed. Uncle Tony Donaldson & family offer their sincere condolences. May God bless you all. We love you & We are praying for you.

Sherril Donaldson Boyd - August 22, 2014 at 07:14 PM

TW

“ The Samuels Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss. Miss Rheta lived a long , full , life and will be missed forever by all that knew and loved her. I pray you find comfort in the promises of GOD found in his Word the bible. JOHN chapter 11

TB Williams - August 22, 2014 at 07:09 AM

BP

“ *To the Family:
May "the God of all comfort" grant you all
peace as you look ahead to the time when "all
those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus'
voice and come out." (John 5:28,29). God's
Word assures us... "Your dead will live.... They
will rise up." (Isaiah 26:19). Continue to "draw close to God and he
will draw close to you." (James 4:8).*



B. Parks - August 21, 2014 at 11:31 PM

DB

“ *She always quoted to me this little verse: "True friends are like
diamonds, precious and rare. False friends are like autumn leaves:
you find them everywhere." She was a true friend and I will miss her
dearly. Many thanks to Joy for keeping in touch with me, and my
sympathy to all the family at the loss of your wonderful mother and
grandma. Donna Brisse*

Donna Brisse - August 21, 2014 at 10:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - August 21, 2014 at 08:11 AM