



## 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.

# 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](http://www.jw.org)

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chloe - August 30, 2014 at 12:00 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.

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RL - August 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ 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.

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Sherril Donaldson Boyd - August 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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

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TB Williams - August 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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*

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**Donna Brisse** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Sent a gift in memory of Rheta Alvina Samuels*

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**B. Parks** - August 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM