

CELEBRATING OUR MOTHER OF ZION

THE GODLY VICTORIOUS LIFE OF

OUR SAINTED MOTHER

Callie Mae Cook Gandy

EARTH:

NOVEMBER 12, 1935 – AUGUST 04, 2023

GLORY:

FOR ETERNITY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

VIEWING: 9:00 AM TO 11:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF VICTORY: 11:00 AM

SHILOH TEMPLE APOSTOLIC CATHEDRAL

505 MADISON AVENUE

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY 08401

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JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

MOTHER OF ZION **CALLIE MAE COOK GANDY** made her entrance into the world in the small town of Evergreen, Alabama on Tuesday, November 12, 1935 as Callie Mae Cook. She would be the third and youngest child and only daughter born to Dempsey Cook and Judy Beasley Cook who celebrated her birth with her two older brothers, Jimmie Lee and Leon Cook, all of whom preceded her in death.

Young Callie was educated in the Evergreen, Alabama public school system where she was a star pupil and a point guard on the girls basketball team. Marriage would soon come calling. On Saturday, September 29, 1951 she said, "I do" to the love of her life, James Edward Gandy who preceded her in death on December 13, 1998, after 47 years of marriage and 10 children birthed through their union. Callie and James would soon move to Baltimore, Maryland and then to New Brunswick, New Jersey in 1959 where she would become an employee of E.R. Squibb & Sons as a Pharmaceutical Technician.

Callie was introduced to holiness while living in Baltimore and made the commitment of repentance of her sins and water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of her sins under the pastorate of Bishop Adam Keels. Moving to New Brunswick the family served under Elder James Witcher who moved his congregation to Neptune, New Jersey, prompting the family to become faithful members of Full Gospel Church where Elder Reginald Ford was pastor.

As a dedicated wife, Callie, in 1968, would follow her husband, Minister Gandy as he was asked and agreed to pastor the Cornerstone Church mission in Atlantic City, New Jersey, founded by Bishop Grady Dale of Jersey City, New Jersey. The church was subsequently renamed True Cornerstone Church of Christ and soon moved to 326 West Wright Street, Pleasantville, NJ. In 1991 they would relocate the church to Egg Harbor City, New Jersey where they served until her husband, Bishop James E. Gandy, Sr. would transition to Glory.

While her different situations and positions in church resulted in different titles, Callie remained a true servant. Her many years in ministry under her husband as pastor she was Church Mother of True Cornerstone Church of Christ. She also served as District Mother of the Southern District of New Jersey in the Bibleway Worldwide organization. January 1990 her husband, Bishop Gandy was consecrated bishop in the Lord's church founding Jerusalem Pentecostal Church, Inc., of which she was National Mother until God called him home. She also served as Church Mother of Deliverance of Truth Church under her late son, Bishop Jerome Gandy. As life changed and technology improved, in June 2015 Mother Gandy would establish the Gandy Prayer Line which was available to and made a difference in the lives of many until her death. Even from long distance she was recognized as Church Mother of True Cornerstone Church of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. where her youngest son, Elder Derek S. Gandy is pastor.

In 2019 Callie relocated to Huntsville, Alabama with her youngest daughter, husband and son. While living in Huntsville she attended Pentecostal Lighthouse Church until the COVID-19 pandemic and then began loyally viewing Greater Refuge Temple COOLJC in New York City online. In 2022 she proceeded to move to Bordentown, New Jersey, which would be her final earthly address.

Callie's final months, weeks and days were filled with an outpouring of love and joyful visits by family and friends who came with praying, and singing, and laughing, and eating. Many showed up to comfort and encourage her only to leave having received comfort, encouragement and strength through her powerful Godly presence and her sagacity. Her earthly exodus leaves an indelible mark on so many, especially her seven surviving children.

August 6, 2020, February 8, 2021 and July 29, 2022 introduced unimaginable pain in her life as she was tasked with enduring the untimely deaths of her sons: Dempsey Gandy (*Monika*), Jerome Gandy (*Rhonda*) and Claude Gandy (*Sheryl*), respectively, and the death of her grandson, Titus Gandy on April 3, 2021. Clearly deeply and agonizingly experiencing the loss of her three sons and a grandson, Callie remained strong, serving as a solid foundation for her entire family.

Callie leaves seven children to cherish her memory, Bishop James E. Gandy, Jr. (*Ramona*) of Willingboro, New Jersey; Leon Gandy of Bordentown, New Jersey; Claudette Gandy-Inman of Pleasantville, New Jersey; Pastor Andre Gandy (*Patricia*) of Atlantic City, New Jersey; Bishop John Gandy (*Patricia*) of Egg Harbor City, New Jersey; Pastor Derek S. Gandy (*Kula*) of Mobile, Alabama; Judie Gandy-Davis (*Kelvin*) of Huntsville, Alabama. Callie and her late husband also leave to cherish their deaths their spiritual son, Deacon William Hawkes (Elaine) of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

She also leaves to mourn her death 44 grandchildren, 72 great grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren. Also missing her are her sister-in-law, Betty Cook, wife of her late brother Leon Cook of Somerset, New Jersey, and her brother-in-law, Elroy Matthews, husband of her late sister-in-law, Evelyn Gandy Matthews of Baltimore, Maryland. There is a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who will forever feel her absence.

Finally, we can all joyfully reminisce as we remember and appreciate the many conversations and encouraging words to live "a drop-dead life" for Christ. Her Godly anointed, melodic contralto voice brought tremendous joy, peace and comfort to many, reverberating gospel songs like, "Lord, Don't Move My Mountain," "If It Took It In Those Days," "I'm Too Close To Heaven To Turn Around," and finally, "There's A New Name Written Down In Glory," and we all know whose it is, **CALLIE MAE COOK GANDY!**

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Bishop Mark J. Michael, Officiating

Organ Prelude “Medley of Hymns”

Director: Superintendent Thomas C. Michael

Processional

“Medley of Hymns”

Selection

“*New Name Written Down In Glory*”

Prayer of Comfort

Pastor Jason Moody, *Christ Covenant Church*

Old Testament Scripture
Deacon Kenneth Purnell, Sr.



New Testament Scripture
Deacon William Hawkes

Congregational Hymn

“*God Is God*”

Lifelong Friend

Mother Gloria Blount-McNair

Special Musical Tribute

Gandy Grandchildren

Reading of Obituary, Acknowledgment of Cards, Condolences & Church Resolutions

Pastor Lydia Staton, *Faith Temple Church*

Expressions / Remarks

(2 minutes please)

Close Friends / Grandson & Granddaughter / Niece & Nephew
Sister-in-Law & Brother-in-Law / Clergy

Remarks

Magnificent 7

Selection

“*I Shall Wear A Crown*”

Proclamation of the Word

Apostle James Herron, Sr.

Magnificent 7 Final Goodbye

Exclusively Callie’s Remaining 7

Recessional & Closing Hymn

“*Holy City*”



*The Gandy Family will receive relatives and friends
for fellowship and refreshments immediately
following the Interment for our repast at*

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Grandsons

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters

“Callie’s Golden Girls”

Mother Gloria Blount-McNair Mother Violetta Carroll Mother Phyllis Murray Mother Alice Moses
Mother Pearlle Gibbs Cousin Elaine Wright Cousin Dorothy Jones

Acknowledgments

Special thanks to all who took time out to make repeated visits to fellowship with Mama and to offer encouragement and strength to our Family during this challenging experience.

The Gandy Family will be forever grateful to our sisters, Claudette & Judie and our brother, Leon for the extraordinary love and daily care you provided to our mother along this journey. We extend Godly gratitude to our brother-in-law, Kelvin Davis for your consistent love and dedication. Thanks and gratitude to our niece, Shaminha Carmen for the tremendous assistance you provided. You all are immeasurably loved and appreciated.

We express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to our cousin, Jean Rankins-Roberts for her perpetual visits and delicious meals to lighten the load. Thank you to Mother Carroll and Janeice Clark for your repeated visits showing love. Thank you to our nephews Antonio Gandy and James Edward Gandy, III for assisting in coordinating funeral arrangements.

The Gandy Family thanks each of you for every expression of kindness during the illness of our beloved Mother. We extend a very special thanks to our family and friends, both far and near, who so unselfishly assisted in many different capacities. God’s choicest blessings be upon every apostle, bishop, pastor and other clergy, their wives and congregations who have expressed their love in comforting words, cards and visits, as well as other acts of kindness. Most especially, we thank you for your prayers. It is through them that we are continually sustained and strengthened. May God bless and keep you in His care.



Mama & Daddy sang this song as an earthly duet paving the way to their Heavenly destination.



GOD IS GOD

*God is God, He won't ever change,
God is God, He'll always be the same.
God is God, He won't ever change.
He's God and He'll always be the same.*



Verses

*He's God when you're sick, He's God when you're well,
He's God way up in heaven, He'll save you from a burning hell.
He's God and He'll always be the same.*

*He's God in the pulpit, he's God back at the door,
He's God up in the heavens, He's God forevermore.
He's God and He'll always be the same.*

*He's God in New York City, He's God in Mississippi,
He's God in California, He's the same God across the sea.
He's God and He'll always be the same.*

*He's God of the Hebrew children, He's the God of Abraham,
He's the God of all creation, He's God the great I AM.
He's God and He'll always be the same.*