



Jessica Amelia Duncanson

February 3, 1921 - November 20, 2022

Jessica Amelia Duncanson (Aunt Jessie), lived life dedicated to her Lord and in service to others. She was born February 3, 1921, in Bottle Creek, Turks and Caicos Islands. At home, as Bottle Creek was known, she enjoyed a simple life and the pleasures of playing in the rocky turquoise sea and sea bathing on Sunday mornings with the entire community.

In 1939, she along with her beloved sister Willa, migrated to live in Jamaica, West Indies. In time, her eldest brother Nathan, arranged for her move to the United States to improve her quality of life. In Brooklyn, NY, she resided with her mother's sister, Aunt Mona. Shortly after, she became a nanny for the Morell family of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn. That coincided with another change in residence; home for her at this point was with the Nathan & Josephine Duncanson family.

Like so many early immigrants, she continued to make a living as a nanny, but unlike most it was far more than employment, it was a calling, one for which she seemed to be naturally suited. The relationship that she forged with her

charge

was echoed by that which she shared with her biological nephews and nieces. She became a second mother to her two youngest nephews, Michael, and

Spencer to whom she read Bible stories, nurtured their love for the things of the

Lord, brought to Sabbath services, and showered them with her love.

Her caring personality led her to further her studies and become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Upon graduation she took on a job at Greenpoint Hospital

in obstetrics where, once again she shared her love with thousands of babies and

new mothers. Even here, her faith was a driving force in her life, and it was evidenced in her every interaction.

Aunt Jessie had a heart filled with love, and before we knew it, there was an entire neighborhood of youths to whom she had become "Aunt Jessie". Aunt Jessie was always physically fit and athletic; in her mid-sixties, she could be seen

participating in 50-yard dash running races with her great nephews and winning. Her independence was astounding. We marveled when at the ripe age

of 80 she made a solo automobile trip from New York to Florida.

She was very active at Bethel, Ebenezer, and Calvary Seventh Day Adventist Churches; teaching in Sabbath School and The Pathfinder Club, working as a deaconess and in Community Services Departments, helping those in need.

Aunt Jessie, the youngest of Leonilda Maud and Prince Adonijah Duncanson, is

predeceased by her parents and 11 siblings. Six generations of family knew about Aunt Jessie; three generations knew her intimately. She leaves behind

a host of

biological and adopted nephews, nieces and friends that are too numerous to mention by name, but her closest, most enduring friendship was with Patricia Langlely. She and her entire family lovingly cared for Aunt Jessie in her later years.

Cemetery Details

Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens

9090 Hwy 100
Nashville, TN 37221

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Lonnie Marilyn Gilliam lit a candle in memory of Jessica Duncanson* ”



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam - December 03, 2022 at 01:03 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Chance sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Duncanson* ”



Sheila Chance - December 01, 2022 at 02:46 PM

RG

“ *Ronald Gammons lit a candle in memory of Jessica Duncanson* ”



Ronald Gammons - December 01, 2022 at 11:59 AM

VB

“ *Vicky Beagle lit a candle in memory of Jessica Duncanson* ”



Vicky Beagle - December 01, 2022 at 11:20 AM



“ *Betty Love lit a candle in memory of Jessica Duncanson*



Betty Love - November 30, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Randy Lynch sent a virtual gift in memory of Jessica Duncanson*



Randy Lynch - November 30, 2022 at 07:08 PM