



Celebrating the life of
Annie Ruth Atlas

August 27, 1916 - May 13, 2016

Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 1:00pm

Amos Temple CME Church

17925 Iris Avenue, Riverside CA 92508

Rev. Dr. D. J. Wesley, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

"Peace in the Valley" by The Blind Boys of Alabama

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:6-8

Musical Selection

"God Is" by James Cleveland

Reflections

Please limit remarks to 2 minutes

Memorial Slideshow

Eulogy

Announcements

Recessional

"Through it All" by Andrae Crouch

Annie Ruth Atlas



Annie Ruth Atlas was born August 27, 1916 in Lake Providence, East Carroll, Louisiana. She was the youngest of eleven children born to Susie Lee and Louis Balfour “Bareford” “Babe” Atlas, Sr. She was the granddaughter of Clora Evans and John Lee and Alice Smith and King Atlas, Jr.. She was the great granddaughter of Susan Russell and Moses Evans and Mary Dugan and King Atlas, Sr.

The granddaughter of slaves, Annie was afforded the best education offered to African Americans in northeast Louisiana. She graduated from the East Carroll Parish Training School in 1933 and following graduation, she worked on the family farm located on Hood Lane Road. Her grandfather, King Jr., was known as a master agrarian who passed this skill down to his son, Louis. The family farm contained cotton, corn, melons, potatoes, turnips, and even a smokehouse along with animals such as cows, chickens, pigs, and more.

Annie confessed a hope in Christ at an early age. She was first a member of Mt. Lebanon Missionary Baptist Church and later became a member of Progressive Chapel Missionary Baptist Church after its founding in October 1921.

In 1939, Annie welcomed a son, Cordell Baron. In 1944, she welcomed a daughter, Barbara Jean.

In May 1945, Annie took part in The Great Migration of African Americans out of the south and moved from Lake Providence to Chicago, IL, the residence of her oldest brother, King D. Atlas, and oldest sister, Ethel Edna Atlas. She joined a large group of family members who already lived in Chicago such as her aunt, Alma Atlas Singleton, uncle, Shurden Atlas, and first cousins, Joseph Clarence Gray, Beatrice Singleton, Ruby Singleton Carter (David), and James Burl Singleton.



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In Chicago, Annie first worked as a domestic and worked many years for Campbell Soup where she retired in 1974. Annie joined St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and served for many years in the Keep Shining Unit and Missionary Society. She also was very involved with the senior citizen group of the Salvation Army.

Annie was well known for her cooking, in particular, her fried chicken and mouth-watering pound cake. It was requested so much that she would bake extras and place them in the deep freezer until they were needed.

Annie loved to shop and many admired her sense of style in clothing. She loved to have a good time and was often seen with a Miller High Life beer with a peppermint candy in it. She was especially fond of spending time in New Orleans with her older sister, Cora Mae Atlas Thompson, and spent many years celebrating Mardi Gras there.

She was fiercely independent, never had a driver's license, and lived on her own until moving to California with her daughter, Barbara, at the age of 90. Upon moving to California, Annie joined Amos Temple CME.

Annie was predeceased by her parents, Susie and Louis, siblings King D., John Atlas, Bertha Atlas, Susie Atlas, Louis Bareford Atlas, Jr., Rev. Francis Joseph Atlas, Sr., Lawrence Atlas, Ethel, Wesley James Atlas, and Cora. She was also predeceased by her grandchildren, Carl Bernard Atlas, Karen Chalice Atlas, and Donna Lynn Atlas.

Annie leaves behind her children, Cordell (Carol) Atlas, Chicago and Barbara Sewell, Perris, CA, grandchildren Steven Atlas, Ansbach, Germany, Nicole Robinson (Chris), Riverside, CA, Nicka Smith (RaShad), Bolivar, TN, Jennifer Corrales, Perris, CA, great grandchildren Dominic Atlas, Ashley Atlas, Michael Atlas, Maiya Robinson, Chandler Smith, Julia Corrales, Isabel Escalona, and Rylee Szente, nieces Susie Lee Ammons, Florence Marie Atlas, Marvaleen Atlas, Annie Elizabeth Chatman and Jean Denton Thompson (James); nephews Phillip King Atlas (Vearis Mae), Lawrence Atlas, Edward Delano Atlas, John Wesley Atlas (Arthurlean); and a host of relatives and friends.









Acknowledgements

The family of Annie Ruth Atlas humbly submits expressions of gratitude for the gestures received from family and friends during our time of loss.

Memorial Arrangements Entrusted to

Tillman Mortuary

2874 10th Street, Riverside, CA 92507