



## Ms. Hazel Jefferson

August 10, 1943 - March 20, 2021

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On Saturday, March 20, 2021, God called Sister Hazel Jefferson home. Hazel was born August 10, 1943 to Watt Morel and Sadie Blanche Lemelle Jefferson of Opelousas, Louisiana. She was baptized at age 5 by the late Rev. C. J. Boswell of Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church. She had a passion for cooking and helped whoever and wherever she could. Ms. Jefferson helped her parents take care of the younger siblings by feeding, clothing, and providing other expenses that was needed. Hazel was the first child to graduate from college, which encouraged her siblings to follow in her footsteps.

Hazel graduated from J.S. Clark High school in 1961 and attended Grambling College (currently Grambling State University), where she majored in home economics. She received her Masters of Education from University of Southwest Louisiana (currently University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and +30 from Louisiana State University. She has done further study at Southern University and McNeese State University.

Hazel taught public school in Allen Parish for 36 years and one year at Charter school. In addition, she worked in after school tutoring and summer enrichment for 14 years at St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Opelousas, LA.

She served in many organizations and clubs throughout the community, such as: Improved Benevolent and Protective Order Elks of the World (IBPOEW), charter member of Sigma Upsilon Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Isaac and Rebecca Johnson 66, Household of Ruth, Ruth Chapter #139 Order of Eastern Star, Louisiana Education Association (LEA), and Allen Parish Education Association.

Ms. Jefferson was a member of Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church serving as a Deaconess, Junior Class Sunday School teacher, Director of Junior Red Circle, Director of Usher Board, Chairman of Calendar Committee, and sang in the choir. She also, taught classes in the Seventh District Association and Baptist Youth Encampment and served many years as Junior Usher Director of the Baptist State Convention.

Hazel is survived by two brothers, Watt Jefferson, Jr. of Takoma, MD and Vernon Jefferson (Gwen) of Shreveport, LA; one sister Dianne F. Jefferson of Opelousas; one aunt Dr. Adeline Evans of Tallahassee, FL; special nephews, Joseph Jefferson Jr. (Michelle) of Houston, TX, Marcus Jefferson of Phoenix, AZ, Olumide Adebo (U-Meleni) of Boston, MA and Marcell Authorlee; special nieces, Colandra Authorlee of Opelousas, LA, Tizna Harrison of Houston, TX, Erica and Ashley Jefferson of Baton Rouge, LA, Olufemi Adebo of Boston, MA; special great nieces, Sierra and Bailey Authorlee of Eunice, LA; and special great nephew, Jayden Authorlee of Eunice, LA. She is also survived by one brother-in-law Bervick Allison of Eunice, LA; one sister-in-law, Crystal Dawson of Durham, NC, and a host of family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Watt and Sadie Lemelle Jefferson; three brothers, Morel Jefferson, Joseph Jefferson, Sr., and Gregory Jefferson, Sr.; five sisters, Blanche Smith, Vax Jefferson, Lena Adebo, Virginia Allison, and Sylvia Belle Jefferson. Also, two uncles, Zackarie Lemelle Sr. and Clifton Lemelle Sr.; and five aunts, Elizabeth Perry, Virginia Arnold, Zoia Jones, Josie Pennywell, and Ida Gafford.

The family would like to thank the staff at Fresenius Kidney Care of Opelousas, Louisiana for their dedicated commitment in assisting Ms.

Jefferson during her 15+ years of treatment at the center.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Williams Funeral Home. Viewing will begin at 12:00 PM. Burial will follow in Bellevue Memorial Park.

Share words of comfort with the family at [www.williamsfuneralhome.net](http://www.williamsfuneralhome.net)

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas, 337-942-2037.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Hazel Jefferson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM



“ *May peace and comfort be with you and your family at this difficult time.*

**Sheriff Bobby J. Guidroz** - March 29, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *To the family of Hazel Jefferson, sending our sincere condolences to you. May she rest in peace.  
Hazel and Nathaniel Johnson, Sr*

**hazel johnson** - March 27, 2021 at 02:44 AM



“ *To the Family of Sis. Hazel Jefferson; I had a chance to get to know Miss Hazel years ago through the church, The Seventh District Baptist Association and then we met up at dialysis fourteen years ago. She was a beautiful lady and will be sadly missed. My prayers are with you!*

**Wilda Drawsand** - March 27, 2021 at 02:01 AM



“ *Acadiana Workforce Solution purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Hazel Jefferson.*



**Acadiana Workforce Solution** - March 26, 2021 at 04:34 PM

AB

“ *From: Deacon Harry Lee Bell, Sr. and Sis. Arrilla Williams Bell, Deaconess Annie Williams, and all her family. So much we could say, but words could never say enough. Once again 1 Thess. 4:13-17 guides us through. Yes, you have transitioned from this place, but never, never, from our hearts. At the appointed time, we will meet each other again. Rest.*

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**Arrilla Williams Bell** - March 26, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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“ *I'm deeply saddened to hear about Sis. Jefferson (that's what we always called her)...She was my Sunday School Teacher during my younger years, and she was someone I always looked up to and admired...I remember many times when Sis. Jefferson would come by to pick up my brother and I for various church activities...I will miss you dearly and I want to say from the bottom of my heart: THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.. Rest in peace, dear Angel: JOB WELL DONE...my deepest condolences to her family and loved ones.*

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**Bobby Richard** - March 26, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ *The Harris/Stevens family extends heartfelt and sincere condolences to Ms Hazel Jefferson family during this difficult time.*



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**Georgian Harris Stevens** - March 25, 2021 at 08:40 PM

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“ *Amazing cook. One of the many ways she showed Love to her nieces and nephews. Amazing gumbo.*

Femi-janine Adebo - March 25, 2021 at 08:28 AM

LJ

“ *To the Jefferson and related families I am truly sorry to learn of your loss. I remember Hazel both in Opelousas and at Grambling. My Dad pastored Jerusalem Baptist Chuurc and we often fellowshipped with Little Zion. At Grambling, whenever we met on campus, she always had a smile on her face. We pledged different sororities but frequently saw each other around campus. She was as sweet as anyone could ever be. She lived her life, finished her course, and now resides in Heaven with her Master and love ones. Accept God's will and be grateful for all of the memories.*

*With Sincere Sympathy,  
Linda M. Jones (Wilson) Porter*

Linda Marie Jones-Porter - March 24, 2021 at 08:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Hazel Jefferson.*



March 24, 2021 at 07:47 PM

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“ Hazel was a wonderful person who was friendly and out going weather she knew you are not. A loveing ,careing person . She will always be rember by student from st Landry ,and Allen parish always well spoken of by all who knew her.Hazel was a rare person who dedicated her life to serving her church, educating others and careing for family with unselfish love for everyone she will be missed to her family god bless you . A family friend E. Stevenson

Evonia stevenson - March 24, 2021 at 01:24 PM

BG

“ My Deepest Prayers and Condolences to the Jefferson Family. May Almighty God Bless you with Comforting Grace to help you through this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏💔



Brenda Green - March 23, 2021 at 06:08 PM

EW

“ Emma West lit a candle in memory of Ms. Hazel Jefferson



Emma West - March 23, 2021 at 04:11 PM