

## *The Life & Legacy of Ressie Mae Wilder Morrow*

Ressie Mae Wilder Morrow, affectionately known as “Auntie” and “Dear Dear”, was born on September 18, 1925 to Millie Wilder and Ervin Eatman in Pickens County, Alabama. She attended school in Pickens County and was baptized at an early age. Ressie worked tirelessly as a member of the Mt. Parian Primitive Baptist Church in Aliceville, AL, where she served numerous roles, such as Treasurer. Growing up Ressie worked as a share cropper. For over 40 years Ressie was dedicated to her career as a Social Worker, caring for senior citizens. She loved to cook, make quilts and to visit with her numerous friends. After 96 years on this earth, on October 26, 2021, the Lord sought it fit to give Ressie her rest after a long illness.

Ressie was preceded in death by her parents, Millie Wilder Hughes and Ervin Eatman; step-father, Henry Hughes; husband, Jenkins Morrow; son, Edward R. Jackson; granddaughter, Checita Jackson; brothers, Perry Wilder, Lucious Eatman, Donald Ray Eatman, Ervin Eatman, Jr. and Leroy Hamilton; and best friend, Mae Wilder.

Memories of Sister Ressie Mae Wilder Morrow will be cherished, and her legacy will live through her sister, Belinda E. Tunstall (Clarence); brothers, Homer Eatman (Nevada), Melvin Eatman, Preston Eatman (Harolyn), Joe Frederick Eatman (Flora); nieces, Coreatha Hinton, Jessica Rice, Garrisa Caffey (Arthur) Melissa Brown (Anthony), and Sandra Eatman; grandsons, Christopher K. Jackson (Vicki), Octavio Jackson (Sheila) great-grandsons, William Christopher Jackson and Ryan Jackson; nephew, Augustus J. Wilder; the Jenkins & Morrow Families; and best friend, Mary Alice Lockett. “Auntie”, as Ressie was called, had a special bond with her niece, Joyce Rice & nephew, Garry Wilder (Shirley), who she raised as her own. She also leaves a host of relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.