



## JESSIE COPELAND

October 30, 1948 - October 11, 2013

Pastor Jessie Mae "Jessica" Norsworthy Copeland, 64, of Kankakee, died Friday, October 11, 2013 at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet, IL. Visitation will be Thursday, October 17, 2013 from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Lax Mortuary and again on Friday, October 18, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. until time of Funeral services at 11:00 A.M. at Redeeming Life Ministries, 2861 Waldron Road, Aroma Park, IL. Minister Eric Collins and Apostle Dennis Winborn will officiate. Burial will be in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory.

Jessie Mae "Jessica" Norsworthy Copeland was born October 30, 1948 in Kankakee, IL to Nathaniel and Eleanora Smith Brookshaw. She graduated from Eastridge High School in 1965 and continued her education at Kankakee Community College; first receiving her license as a Licensed Practical Nurse and later receiving an associate degree in Applied Science as a Registered Nurse. She also received her degree in Theology from the Kankakee Valley Bible Institute.

She worked at Shapiro Developmental Center for over 20 years; worked as a Registered Nurse at the Veterans Home in Manteno for over 10 years; as a nurse at Duane Dean and as a private nurse for various home care agencies. She operated a Daycare from her home and was a licensed foster parent.

She confessed a life with Christ as an early age and served under Bishop Roosevelt Woods and later served under Bishop C. R. Copeland at The Pentecostal Power House C.O.H. After being ordained, she founded and pastored The Victory Assembly Center, for a short time, until she united in Holy Matrimony to Pastor Bishop C. R. Copeland in October of 2002 and then joined Pentecostal Power House C.O.H. as First Lady Prophetess. She became Pastor of Pentecostal Power House C.O.H. in 2008, after her husband, Pastor Bishop C. R. Copeland was called home to rest.

Pastor Copeland enjoyed reading and gardening. She also had a passion for counseling and advocating for others. She extended Christian family through the country and also exhibited charitable acts in the community throughout her life. She also dedicated her life to the raising of her siblings and many nephews and nieces. Pastor Jessica will be greatly missed!

She leaves to cherish her memory, two sons and one daughter-in-law, Lynnal and Barbra Brookshaw and Ernest Brookshaw, all of Kankakee, IL; two stepsons, Tyrone Norsworthy of Mississippi and Larry Copeland of Milwaukee, WI; one adopted daughter, and son-in-law, Sverless and Josiah Woods of Kankakee, IL; four stepdaughters, Annette Copeland, Brenda Copeland, Jackie Copeland and Marilyn Copeland, all of Milwaukee, WI; six brothers and one sister-in-law, George and Donnela Johnson, Karl Dewayne Walker, Joseph Perry and Jason Perry, all of Kankakee, IL, Vernon Perry of Iowa and Byron Perry of Boston, MA; six sisters, Anna Brookshaw Williams, Judy Walker and Nancy Walker, all of Kankakee, IL, Jeanette Brookshaw of Kansas, Ardella Perry and Kathy Perry both of Pembroke, IL; three brothers-in-law, Johnnie Paden and Stoney Norsworthy, both of Kankakee, IL and Lil Man Copeland of Milwaukee, WI; a special friend, Georgia Ann Mason of Kankakee, IL; six grandchildren, Lizze Riley, Alean Brookshaw, Yemia Brookshaw, Angel Brookshaw, Lynnal Brookshaw Jr. and Anita Brookshaw; three great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donnie Norsworthy, whom she married in 1974; her parents; two sisters, Mary Ann Brookshaw and Essie Paden; four brothers, Larry Brookshaw, Curtis Brookshaw, James Lopp and Martini Walker; two nephews, Richard Walker and Ronald Brookshaw; one niece, Terletha Brookshaw and aunts and uncles.

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ God has spoken so let us say amen. Thankful no more pain and carrying others problems. A sweet and caring woman of God.

Rebecca Dickens - October 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ It is with sadness that I offer my condolences to the family and congregation of Pastor Jessie Copeland. The day I learned she had gone was one of the saddest days of my life. May you all find comfort and strength in this hour, and may you hold one anothe

Elder George Watson - October 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ We give our condolences and prayers to the family of Jessie Mae God Bless

Lawrence and Mellody winfield - October 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. God Bless you all

The Nelson Family - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Our condolences to the family on the loss of your love one. May God comfort and keep you today and days to come.

Todd & Zinia Burrell - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Jessie you kept the FAITH. R.I.P my friend.*

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**ANNIE WINFIELD** - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *I want to send my prayers out to the Family, she was a great person and her smile light up the room I will miss her dearly*

*Sarah Williams*

*Judy call me@ 614-512-6713*

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**Sarah Williams @ Columbus Ohio** - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *My condolences to the family. May you find peace in the coming days and weeks. God bless each one of you.*

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**Patricia Jamison** - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My condolences to the family. Jessie Mae will be missed by many. She was truly a woman of God. A beautiful songbird is now singing in heaven with our Lord and Saviour. RIP beautiful angel.....*

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**Carla Washington** - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *May God bless, comfort and console the family of my childhood family friend "Jessie Mae." The family will be in my prayers. Be encouraged knowing that she is now resting in the care of our Heavenly Father.*

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**Eld. Danny C. Brewster,Sr.** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ My prayers are with you & the family. Jessie Mae will truly be missed. Look to the hills from whence coming OUR help, OUR help comes from the LORD.

Wendy Sharks - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ I will, always, remember you Jessie not as my first cousin but as a wonderful woman with a beautiful spirit and heart of gold.

Faustina and Alanna Brookshaw - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. God Bless you all

Sharlene & Lamont Lillard - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I would like to express my sincere sorrow for the loss of your love one.

Jerome D.Pankey - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Extending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. Be at peace. She's with her Savior now and she's in good company with one of her dear friends, my mother.

Kathy Skinner-Johnson - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I give my condolence to the family. A beautiful person that will be missed. God be with the family.

Percy McComb - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Jessie. We last spoke when my brother (her cousin) Larry T. Brookshaw died in April. She was such a special and loving person. I will miss her as I am sure all of you will. Another Rose has bloomed in heaven.

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**Carolyn Brookshaw Moore** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your loved one. May God comfort each and everyone of you.

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**Elayne Coffie** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ R, REST I IN P PARADISE, YOU WILL BE MISSED

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**Cheryl Wilson** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ My Prayers are with the family.

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**Shelley Doggett** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ You ran the race and finished your course now rest till the trumpet sounds, when the dead in Christ shall be caught up to meet him in the air. I will miss you SIS Barbara Pankey-Rosenthal and DeeDee Hollis

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**Barbara Rosenthal** - October 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM