

**Floral Bearers**  
Family & Friends

**Casket Bearers**  
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**GOD CALLED YOU HOME**

*God looked around his garden and found an empty space;  
He then looked down upon this earth and saw your tired  
face.*

*He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest;  
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.*

*He knew you were in pain,  
He knew you might never get well upon this earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard  
to climb,*

*So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered 'Peace be  
thine'.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you, But you never went alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

*The family of Mrs. Roberta Houston Massey would like to  
thank and acknowledge everyone for all the heartfelt  
comforting words, visits, prayers, phone calls and love  
received during our time of bereavement. Your  
kindness will always be remembered.*

*~The Family~*

Arrangements Entrusted to:  
**The W. J. Gist Mortuary**  
519 Workman Avenue - Woodruff, South Carolina  
Telephone 864- 476-3411

**Alexander, Casey & Gist Funeral Service**  
1223 Old Anderson Mill Road - Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Telephone 574-5464 or 576-8800  
Www.wjglist.com



**Homegoing Services**  
**For**  
**Roberta Houston Massey**



*October 22, 1943 — June 22, 2023*

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**  
**Two O'clock in the Afternoon**

**Mt. Caramel A.M.E. Church**  
**Gray Court, SC**

**Rev. Michael Young, Pastor**

## Life Profile

Mrs. Roberta Houston Massey was born October 22, 1943, in Laurens County, South Carolina to the late Rev. Roy A. Houston and late Ruby A. Stoddard Houston.

She was the wife of Donald Gray Massey, they were married for fifty-eight years. To this union two children were born.

She was a member of Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church, Gray Court, SC where she served as Steward and assisted with the Dance Ministry. She also attended Beaverdam Baptist Church, Enoree, SC where her husband is a member.

Mrs. Massey was employed with the Greenville Memorial Hospital System, Greenville, SC where she was the Unit Manager for Coronary Care (CCU) and Intensive Coronary Care Unit (ICCU). She retired after 45 years in the health profession.

Mrs. Massey leaves to cherish her fond and loving memories; her husband, Donald Massey of the home, her daughter Cynthia (James) M. Bennett of Columbia, SC, and her son Christopher (Tamera) D. Massey of Gray Court, SC; a special niece Shelia (Ericon) A. Corbin, who was her caregiver in her final days. Her grandsons, Deonte Massey of the home, James Anthony and Houston Massey Bennett of Columbia, SC, Isiah Massey of Gray Court, SC, and Christian Massey of Greenville, SC. Her sister Ruby Jackson, her brothers Sterling Houston (Iceland), Roy Houston, Jr., Curtis Houston (Denise) and Putsey Houston, and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.



## Order of Worship

Reverend Michael Young, Presiding

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Viewing

Selection.....Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church Choir

Prayer

Scripture Readings:.....Rev. Dr. George Ashford,  
Journey United Methodist Church

Old Testament.....Isaiah 40:1—8

New Testament.....Revelations 21: 1—6

Acknowledgement

Remarks.....Joyce Todd—Coworker/Friend  
Joyce Dorrah—Church Member

Selection.....Massey Family  
*“I’m Going Up Yonder”*

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Michael Young

Closing Selection..... *“I’ll Fly Away”*

Recessional

## Committal, Benediction and Interment

Mount Carmel A.M.E. Church  
Gray Court, SC