

# RELIGION

## Obituaries

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Luther Coleman**

*Sunrise August 16, 1923 Sunset December 12, 1998*

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 19, 1998 at Rose City Cemetery & Funeral Home.

Mr. Luther Coleman was born on August 16, 1923 in Shongaloo, Louisiana to the union of Gussie Cooper Coleman and Luther Coleman, Sr. Mr. Coleman, was blessed with two sons, Alex and Luther, Jr. He later met and married Bessie M. Brown in April of 1952. This union was blessed with two children, Gerald and Marcello.

He moved to Portland in 1951 where he worked at the shipyards and later worked for many years for Bromley Masonry until retiring in 1987. Luther was active and he enjoyed fishing, traveling and people.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife: Bessie; son Gerald of Beaverton, Oregon; daughter Marcello of Portland, Oregon, son: Alex of Houston, Texas; son: Luther, Jr. of Las Vegas, Nevada; sister, Jessie Warren and brother Ocie Coleman of Minden, Louisiana, 13 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

In Loving Memory  
of  
**Carrie L. Thompson**

*Sunrise June 12, 1940 Sunset December 8, 1998*

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, 1998 at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

Carrie Lue Thompson was born on June 12, 1940 in Tuskegee, Alabama to the parents of Johnnie and Lizzie Smith.

Carrie was the first child of four. She attended Washington Public School in Alabama, an all black school with her three brothers, Louis, Charles and Stephen. She later moved to Portland in June, 1953, where she joined the Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the late Dr. O.B. Williams.

After graduating from high school, she did child care, and later married Ross Thompson. Most of Carrie's life was devoted to child care for foster kids and being a homemaker and loving mother to her five children.

Carrie was very active in the church. She was a youth usher, sang in the Jr. Choir, the William-choralers and was a member of the B.T.U.

She leaves to cherish her memories: Her five children, Venetia L. Smith, Lindell Betts, Jr., Elizabeth L. Betts, Johnnie L. Bradford, and Delicia E.W. Thompson; her mother, Lizzie M. Smith; three brothers, Louis Smith, Charles E. Smith, and Stephen L. Smith; fifteen grandchildren: five great-grandchildren; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and her beloved dogs, Pierce, Oscar and Sissy.

In Loving Memory  
of

**Jessie Mae Whetstone**

*Sunrise May 19, 1918 Sunset December 22, 1998*

Funeral services will be held today Wednesday, December 30, 1998 at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - 3725 N. Gantenbein Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

Interment will be private at Sunnyside Chimes Memorial Gardens in Portland, Oregon.

Jessie Mae Whetstone was born on May 19, 1918 in Queen City, Texas to Eugene Braxton and Addine Butts Braxton. She passed away in a Gresham, Oregon conv. hospital on December 22, 1998 at the age of 80 years.

Jessie married her late husband Horace Whetstone after she finished school. In 1943, they moved to Portland where she worked for the shipyards for several years. Her husband preceded her in death in 1958.

Jessie was a member of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. The Pastor is Rev. Robert C. Jointer. She was active in the church choir and other areas of the church.

Jessie leaves to cherish her memory: Sister Rose Mary Johnkin, Portland, Oregon Brother Willie James Braxton, Queen City, Texas, Brother John Webster Austin, Texas. There were no children. Preceded in death by a Brother, Jimmy Hunt. Also survived by a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

In Loving Memory  
of

**Sylvia Thompson**

*Sunrise December 7, 1907 - Sunset December 25, 1998*

Funeral services will be held for Sylvia Thompson on Wednesday, December 30 at 10:30 A.M. at Caldwell's Colonial Chapel. Mrs. Thompson passed away on December 25, 1998 in Portland at the age of 91.

Mrs. Thompson was born on December 7, 1907 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to William and Alice (Lejenne) Watkins. She married James Thompson in 1925. They moved to Portland in 1947.

She was a member of Hughes Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church. She was preceded in death by her husband James in 1996. She is survived by her daughters Addie Haynes of Portland and Shirley Thompson of Oakland, CA.; sons, James Thompson Jr., of Portland and Garland Thompson of New York, N.Y.; six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

In loving of  
**Marjorie Lee Slider**

On the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; December 25, 1998, our beloved and blessed angel Mrs. Marjorie Lee Slider was called to her final resting place.

Born Marjorie Lee DeWitty on November 2, 1920 in Austin, Texas, she was the daughter of the late Mr. Frank James & Mrs. Easter Overton DeWitty. She was the 4<sup>th</sup> daughter of 8 girls and 3 boys. The marriage with her late husband "L.C." Slider blessed them with the birth of two sons; Leon C. Slider Jr. and Ronald D. Slider; both of Portland, OR.

Marjorie L. Slider was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> licensed African-American beauticians to open and operate a beauty & barber salon with her husband in the Vancouver and Portland area.

In addition to her many dedications to her family, friends and community, Marjorie devoted and prided herself as a foster mother and employee for Oregon's Children's Services Division. As Marjorie celebrated a full life, her family and friends celebrated and cherish how her unique gift of style, smile and spirit enriched and will continued to bless and strengthen our lives.



In Loving Memory  
Of

**Walter Frederick Morris III**

*Sunrise July 31, 1951 Sunset December 06, 1998*

Funeral services were held December 21, 1998 at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of Chimes.

Walter Frederick Morris III was born in Portland, Oregon on July 31, 1951. Walter was in the Army and then a computer programmer.

He passed away in Oakland, California, where he had lived for one year.

Walter leaves to cherish his memory: Walter Daniele Morris son, Fort Hood, Texas, Steveland Morris son, Oklahoma, Kimberly Morris daughter, Seattle, WA, Ebony Morris daughter, Oklahoma, Walter Frederick Morris Jr. father, Portland, OR, Mary Elizabeth Morris mother, Portland, OR, Allen Brooks brother, Portland, OR, Kenneth Morris brother, Portland, OR, Duane Morris brother, Portland, OR, Justin O. Morris brother, Portland, and Justine O. Morris brother, Portland, OR.

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