



Mrs. Roggie Ruth Hightower

July 23, 1922 - May 22, 2025

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On the 23rd day of July 1922 in Willis, TX, God blessed Tobe Iverson Westmoreland and Ruth Anderson Culpepper Westmoreland with a beautiful baby girl. They lovingly named her Roggie Ruth Westmoreland. She was the last child of nine children born to this union. Her mother actually gave birth to at least eleven children including three sets of twins which may be the reason her birthdate is listed as July 21, 1922 on her birth certificate.

She received her early education through the 8th grade from Willis Public School and graduated from Central High School in Galveston, Texas while living with her sister during the school months. In 1942, she also graduated from Walls-Hammond Trade School in Houston TX, completing the course of study in All Branches of Scientific Beauty Culture, thus earning her Cosmetology License.

With the blessing of being raised in a loving Christian home, Roggie accepted Christ at an early age at Thomas Chapel United Methodist Church in Willis, Texas. She met and married the love of her life Henry Hightower in Willis, Texas on March 31, 1946 and they were blessed with one child, Jennifer Ruth Hightower. They were happily married until his death in 1990.

Roggie and Henry moved to Galveston, TX in 1946 and united with West

Point Baptist Church under Pastor Sargent. A few years later, better housing opportunities were presented on the Mainland so they moved to La Marque, Texas and united with Greater Bell Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Wiley Dunn. Roggie was a member of GBZ's senior/mass choir, Mission and she received a GBZ Outstanding Service Award.

Roggie was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, daughter-in-law, friend and church member. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Silver Circle Chapter #101. She loved people. No one was a stranger to her.

On Thursday, May 22, 2025, God took Roggie's hand and peacefully guided her on her journey. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tobe Iverson Westmoreland; her husband Henry Hightower; Two brothers, Verland Westmoreland, Sr. and Charles Tobe Westmoreland, Sr.; Six Sisters: Janie Stubblefield, Lincile Tolbert, Leslie Thompson, Emmie Mae Williams, Johnnie Westmoreland and Jessie Westmoreland.

She leaves to cherish her memories:

One daughter, Jennifer Hightower;

One Goddaughter/great-niece, Daral Crittendon-Edwards; One Godson, Darryel Freeman;

Eight nephews: Toby Stubblefield, Melvin Ray Stubblefield, Bobby Westmoreland, Rogers Westmoreland (Betty), Adrian Westmoreland, Chandler Westmoreland (Stephanie), Henry Westmoreland (Anita) and Anthony Westmoreland (Stacy); Two nieces: Jacqueline Williams and Gwendolyn Thompson; and a host of great nieces and nephews and cousins

Previous Events

Flower Deliveries

MAY 30. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Norris D. Burkley Professional Service
322 Laurel
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 373-9118

Visitation

MAY 31. 9:00 AM (CT)

Greater Bell Zion Missionary Baptist Church
5917 Carver Avenue
Texas City, TX 77591

Celebration of Life

MAY 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

MAY 31. 12:30 PM (CT)

Forest Park East Cemetery
21620 Gulf Freeway
Webster, TX 77598

Tribute Wall

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“ Sending condolences to the family!

McDaniel family - May 30, 2025 at 11:10 PM

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“ Mrs.Hightower was a very speial person and was my mother's best friend until her death. She will truly be missed and touched all who encountered her.

LaTreva Bell-Henderson and family

LaTreva Bell-Henderson - May 30, 2025 at 01:56 PM

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“ Ana M. Salas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Roggie Ruth Hightower.

Ana M. Salas - May 30, 2025 at 12:41 PM

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“ Ana M. Salas purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Roggie Ruth Hightower.



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