



## Mrs. Addie Mae Givens

June 9, 1918 - May 25, 2013

Addie Mae (Smith) Givens was born by a midwife on June 9, 1918 in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee. She was the youngest of seven children born to the union of the late Ada and Ned Smith.

Known by many as “Annie Mae,” she was raised in the Fites Bottom area of Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee and remained an active native of Jackson, TN until 2008. Mrs. Givens was called home the evening of Saturday, May 25, 2013 in Humboldt, Gibson County, Tennessee.

Mrs. Givens attended Jackson City Public Schools and graduated from Merry High School. After graduating from Henderson Business College in Memphis, TN, she worked for Lawyer Hardin as his secretary on Lafayette Street in downtown Jackson. She went on to attend Lane College where she was a member of the Superior Club and Future Teachers of America. She graduated with a Bachelors of Art Degree in Elementary Education and Social Science in 1954. Mrs. Givens then began teaching at South Jackson Elementary School where John L. Davis, another Fites Bottom native, was principal. There, she taught 1st grade in the Jackson City School System which, at that time, was segregated.

Mrs. Givens went on to educate children in 1962 at West Jackson Elementary School for 15 years. After retiring from the public school sector, Mrs. Givens

started teaching at Tiny Tots Daycare Center in East Jackson where she continued to educate many children including her two grandsons, Len and Chan. After 17 years of service at Tiny Tots, Mrs. Givens continued to teach children in her home until the mid 2000's. As an educator, Mrs. Givens received accreditations from Jackson State Community College, Memphis State University, and was a member of JEA, WTEA, TEA, & NEA.

In 1927, at the age of 9, Mrs. Givens joined the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church located in Fites Bottom. As Mount Zion began to grow and transition from Washington Street to its current location at 201 West Chester Street, so too were Mrs. Givens and many others from the Fites Bottom community and surrounding area. She taught the Junior and Primary Sunday School classes for over 50 years, sang in several church choirs, and served as Leader of the Sunshine Band and the Red Circle. She was a member of the Missionary Society and other numerous church auxiliaries. Several have held the position of pastor at Mount Zion, but one in particular held a special place in her heart—Reverend B. E. Anderson. During Reverend Anderson's 47 years of leadership, Mrs. Givens was a faithful member until her health declined. She, along with her daughter, the late Jacquelyn Smith, was recently recognized for over 50 years of service during Mount Zion's 100 year Anniversary.

Mrs. Givens is preceded in death by her husband, James Givens; her daughter, Jacquelyn Smith; her mother, Ada Smith; her father, Ned Smith; three brothers: Ezekiel, Charlie, and Lucky Smith; and three sisters: Josie Smith, Alice Smith Holmes, and Lottie Smith.

Memories of her life will be cherished by her devoted grandsons: Lentil Smith (Kenya) of Jackson, TN, and Chauncy Smith (Marjay) of Murfreesboro, TN; five great-grandchildren: LeeShandra Lynne Smith of Chattanooga, TN, Ciana Tyshea Smith of Jackson, TN, Leah Mikkel Smith of Jackson, TN, Mycah Channing Smith and Nylah Kpharme Smith of Murfreesboro, TN; two first-

cousins: Charlene Cole of Jackson, TN and Herbert Glen (Maurice) of Humboldt, TN; She also leaves other cousins and friends to rejoice in her home going.

# Cemetery Details

## Parkway Memorial Gardens

2839 Paul Coffman Drive  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Jackson, TN 38301  
(731) 427-7411  
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## Service

JUN 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
201 West Chester Street  
Jackson, TN 38301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Addie Mae Givens*

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