

A Celebration

of

# Life



***Lessie D. Travis***

**Sunrise: February 20, 1921**

**Sunset: January 16, 2008**

**Services: Thursday, January 24, 2008  
at Eleven O'clock a.m.**

**Powell Funeral Home, Inc.  
2432-34 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19132**

**The Reverend Joseph E. Daniels, Officiating**

# Obituary

Lessie D. Travis departed from us on January 16, 2008 at Albert Einstein Medical Center after a brief illness. Born February 20, 1921 in the town of Ararat in Patrick County, Virginia to the late Alex and Judy Travis, she entered into this world ten minutes before her twin sister, Essie B. Travis Allen (deceased) was born.

Lessie grew up in a loving family, with three brothers: James, John and Hugh and three sisters: including Essie, Gladys and Mamie. The family moved to Mount Airy, North Carolina, where she graduated from the Mount Airy High School Class of 1940.

Two years later, Lessie moved to Philadelphia during the era of World War 2. Like many women during that time, she worked for the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Lessie was an electrician. Always handy, with gifted hands, she was successful at this craft. After the war, she sought and was employed in the garment industry, where she worked thirty plus years.

Lessie accepted our Lord and Savior and was baptized at the Mount Sinai Tabernacle Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend Lester C. Smith.

One thing that Lessie could do without was cooking but she loved to sew. From her home, she sewed and made alterations for many. Sewing was her passion. She served as President of the Venango House Tenant Council. Helpful, friendly, a talker, loved sports, helpful to the sick, loved children are a few of the words that friends define as Lessie's vibrant personality.

She leaves to mourn her oldest sister, Mamie Cohen of Philadelphia, special niece-Phyllis Perez of Westville, New Jersey who was very helpful during Lessie's last days of illness, a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

*- Submitted by the Family*

# Order of Service

*Presiding, Sister Clara Boyer*

The Processional..... Clergy & Family

The Prayer of Comfort

The Hymn ..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

The Scriptures..... Sister Linda Chandler

Old Testament

New Testament

Letters of Condolences & ..... Sister Clara Boyer

Obituary Reading

The Musical Selection ..... Sister Thelma Magnum

The Eulogy.....Rev. Joseph E. Daniels

Benediction .....Rev. Joseph E. Daniels

Interment Rolling Green Cemetery

*Repast will be served to Family and Friends at the Venango House.*

Lessie & Mamie



John, Gladys and Sam \ Essie & Lessie



**D**on't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
I took His hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to Thee,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

-Author Unknown-

## Expression of Gratitude

The Family of Lessie D. Travis,  
*Thanks You* from the bottom of our hearts  
for your prayers and many expressions of  
love, care and concern.