

*In  
Celebration of Life*



*Mother Catherine B. Henderson*

July 9, 1933 - February 5, 2023

**Saturday**

February 18, 2023

11:00 am

Officiating Minister  
Bishop Allen Roach

Bethel AME Church  
501 West Orange Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32310



## *Reflection of Life*



### Mother Catherine Henderson

On early Sunday morning, February 5, 2023, Mother Catherine Bulger Henderson was willing to be absent from the body to be present with the Lord. She was surrounded in her home by saints, family and friends with joyful prays, songs and love. Hallelujah!

Mother Catherine Bulger Henderson (Mother Henderson) was born on Sunday, July 9, 1933, to the late Thomas and Lucy Bulger in Eufaula, Alabama. Catherine Bulger married the late Bishop John A. Henderson Sr. on July 23, 1949. They were united for over 55 years until his passing.

Catherine Henderson worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse for twenty-five years for Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Hospital and Sunland Hospital. In 1969, she and her husband founded Miracle Temple Day Care Center. Catherine was a conscientious and hardworking woman. She would use her nursing paychecks to ensure that the Day Care workers were paid in a timely manner, which enabled their business to grow. Catherine opened a Foster Home Care Facility, which she later established as an Adult Care Living Facility (ACLF). She named the facility Miracle Haven ACLF home, where she housed over 30 clients. Catherine closed the ACLF home after the passing of her husband and spent her time at Miracle Temple Day Care Center.

God always had his eyes on Catherine since she was a little girl. In 1952, Catherine Henderson was born again of the water and of the spirit. She received the Holy Ghost and have been living for the Lord ever since. Catherine was the foundation that introduced Jesus into her family. In 1958, Catherine worked alongside her husband when he had a vision to establish The Miracle Temple Apostolic Holiness Church.

Mother Henderson has been serving God and making history with her famous cry out to the Lord and those special words "My God" with dancing in her feet. Devoted to her husband and the church ministry, Mother Henderson manually helped Bishop Henderson (husband) and the children lay the foundation of the church building. She made many financial sacrifices to ensure the works of our Lord and Savior continued. Mother Henderson held many offices in church such as secretary, counselor,

Sunday school teacher, a choir member, and served on the Missionary Broad, with the baptism and communion committee. She enjoyed working for the Lord and giving God her all.

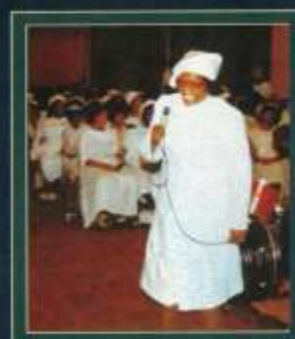
Mother Henderson served as the National Mother for the Newborn Church of God and True Holiness for many years. Once the Church organization merged to form the Newborn Lighthouse Churches, she served as the Vice President of the Women's Department. After a transition of life, Mother Henderson was elected and served as the International President of the Women's Department of Newborn Lighthouse Church Inc. This position allowed her to be a leader in teaching women how to love the Lord thy God with all their hearts, souls and might. Mother Henderson did not only represent the women of God, but was also able to be there for the men of God. As the International Women's President, she would travel to different States and Jamaica to give the good news. Mother Catherine Henderson lived the life she talked about.

Mother Henderson was also called Aunt Catherine. After the passing of her siblings, she was the matriarch of the Bulger Family and loved her nieces and nephews as her own children.

Mother Henderson was preceded in death by her husband Bishop John A. Henderson Sr., two sons Jeffrey Henderson, his wife Terry Henderson and John Henderson Jr.; parents Thomas Bulger, Lucy Bulger; four sisters Lucy Turner, Willie M. Baldwin, Margaret Gordon and Tommie Lue Stroy; four brothers, James Bulger Sr, John Bulger, Thomas Bulger Jr., and Eddie Bulger.

Mother Henderson is survived by her children: Sylvia (Phillip) Blake, Bishop Jacob (Louise) Henderson Sr., and Jerry (Regina) Henderson Sr.; and daughter-in-law Louvonnia Henderson; grandchildren: John (Angela) Henderson III, Thomas Henderson, Antonio Henderson, Marcellious (Mable) Davis Sr., Jacob Henderson Jr., Catherine (Adrian) Brunson, Raven Henderson, Jerry (Ronietrice) Henderson Jr., Joshua Henderson, Denice Henderson, Cornell (Shameka) Morgan, and Cynthia Ward. As well as a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and saints of God.







## *Those Who Serve*



God has a special place  
for each of us to serve, and  
you have chosen to follow His  
path.



You have been the HANDS,  
the FEET, the VOICE, and the  
LOVE OF GOD expressed  
in many different ways



You have chosen to honor Him  
as you have served in His name.



Thank you for your willingness  
to give yourself and be used  
where God has placed you.



You have blessed many lives.



*Inasmuch as you have done it unto  
one of the least of these...  
you did it unto Me."*

*Matthew 25:40*



# Order of Service



*Bishop Nathaniel Williams, Presiding*

**Processional**

**A Parting Glance**

**Prayer**.....Elder Gannon Williams, Sr.

**Selection**.....New Born Lighthouse Mass Choir

## SCRIPTURES

**Old Testament**.....Elder Kirk Dawson

**New Testament**.....Elder Karl Frazier

**Solo**.....Sister Latonja Thompson

**Special Tribute**.....Sister Deloris Brown

## REFLECTIONS

(Names will be Announced)

~3 minutes, please ~

**Solo**.....Brother Cornell Morgan

**Resolutions/Acknowledgements**.....Sister Angela Gillispie

**Reflection of Life**.....(Read Silently)

**Selection**.....New Born Lighthouse Mass Choir

**Eulogy**.....Bishop Allen Roach  
Capitol Heights, Maryland

**Recessional**

## *Pallbearers*

John A. Henderson, Jr.	Jerry R. Henderson, Jr.
Jacob B. Henderson, Jr.	Thomas O. Henderson
Marcellious Davis, Sr.	Joshua C. Henderson
Cornell Morgan	Dereck Norton

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## *Flower Attendants*

Greater Miracle Temple Apostolic Holiness Church  
Shiloh Apostolic Holiness Church  
New Born Lighthouse Churches

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## *Ushers*

New Born Lighthouse Churches

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## *Acknowledgment*

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the comforting messages, floral tributes, and expressions of kindness during this time. Special thanks to the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Centerpointe Rehab, Big Bend Hospice, and a host of saints and friends. May God bless and keep every one of you!

*The family of the late Mother Catherine B. Henderson*

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## *Interment*

Tallahassee Memory Gardens  
Tallahassee, Florida

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## *Repast*

Smith-Williams Service Center  
2295 Pasco Street, Tallahassee, FL 32310

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## *Services Entrusted to*

Tillman Funeral Home  
4006 Crawfordville Road, Tallahassee, FL 32305