

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

EMMANUEL SPEED  
DERELL SPEED SR  
ULYSSES SPEED SR  
DURRAN SPEED

DANIEL SPEED  
LAMAR SPEED SR  
JAMALL ARMSTRONG  
CHRISTOPHER LEMON

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS\*

GRAYLIN SPEED                      NORRIS "SHORTY" PREVOST, JR.  
DAVID SPEED

*\*Though they are no longer with us in person, they walk with us always.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Speed Family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each person who has provided us with unwavering support, prayers, and encouragement during this difficult time. Your kindness and presence have been a source of immense comfort and strength for us. Thank you.  
To Pastor, officers, and members of Second St. John M.B.C., we are sincerely grateful for your love and support.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

DAVIS MORTUARY SERVICES INC

230 MONROE ST. #2041  
GRETNA, LOUISIANA 70053

## INTERMENT

RESTLAWN MEMORIAL PARK AND MAUSOLEUM

3540 US 90  
AVONDALE, LOUISIANA 70094

## REPAST

GEORGE EDMUND CENTER

245 AVONDALE GARDEN RD.  
AVONDALE, LOUISIANA 70094

# Homegoing Celebration



# Nester Mae

CYPRIAN PREVOST

SPEED

MAY 10, 1931 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025  
SECOND ST. JOHN MISSIONARY B. C.  
242 AVONDALE GARDEN RD.  
AVONDALE, LA 70094

*Officiant* REVEREND DAMIAN J. BROWN

8:30AM VIEWING

10:00AM SERVICE

# Life Reflections of

HESTER MAE CYPRIAN PREVOST SPEED

Born on May 10, 1931, to parents Moses Lorenzo Cyprian and Della Louise Golden Cyprian in the small town of Amite, Louisiana, Hester (affectionately called Mom, Momma, Mama Hess, Auntie, Grandma, Maw Maw/ Momo, Ms. Hester, and Ms. Speed) came from humble beginnings with seven siblings: Irene, Moses, David, Joseph, Thelma, Francis, and Mable. Life was not easy for Hester. Her parents died early (around 45 years of age, while she was only 11), and she completed up to the sixth grade. There was work to do and little time for school, but Hester was always good at math, taking notes, and she loved cooking.

She met Norris Prevost (U.S. Army, Skilled Laborer, Truck Mechanic, and Union Spokesperson). They were wed in 1964 and had three children: Norris "Shorty" Prevost, Jr., Tyrone Jerome Prevost, and Barbara Ann Prevost Taylor. She later married Walter Speed, Jr. in 1967 (Bodybuilder, Skilled Laborer, Entrepreneur, Fork Lift Operator, and devoted member of The Masons, who introduced him to the Real Estate Industry). To him, Hester bore seven children: Stanley Walter Speed, Graylin Speed, Vincenne Marie Speed, David Luke Speed, Emmanuel Joseph Speed, Tegre Louise Speed, and Michael Anthony Speed.

Although Hester was born in Amite, she was raised in Folsom and later moved to Avondale, LA, where she joined Second Saint John Missionary Baptist Church and served as a faithful member for many years, participating in the choir, youth services, and even as a recording secretary, thanks to her phenomenal note-taking abilities. Hester Speed was a woman after God's heart. She raised all of her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. She has always given to others and let her own needs take a back seat. She loved all of her children and was a witness to God's miraculous provision and prosperity throughout each of their lives. Ms. Speed was well-known in the community for her love of cooking. She worked in a cafeteria, the local corner store, and her own kitchen. Many often purchased one of her weekly special plate dinners.

She has witnessed the birth and death of as many as 36 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. The blessings of the Lord have made her rich and added no sorrow.

Hester entered eternal rest on September 29, at 1:30 a.m., at home in hospice, at the age of 94. She is preceded in death by both of her late husbands and four of her children, Graylin, Norris, David, and Barbara, as well as her daughter-in-law, Linda Speed. She is survived by six of her children, two daughters-in-law (Ann Prevost, Kathy Speed), and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and many more relatives and friends.

Her favorite scripture was John 14, verses 1-3: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am."

# Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

Processional ..... Pastor and Family

Musical Selection ..... Second St. John M.B.C. Choir

## Viewing of Remains

Scripture Reading ..... Old Testament (Psalm 34:18)

Scripture Reading ..... New Testament (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

## Prayer

Mistress of Service ..... Denise Holden

Expressions and Reflections ..... Family and Dear Friends

## Congregational Song

## Reading of Obituary

Church Condolences ..... Betty Jackson

## Expressions From Ministers

Solo ..... Shirley Williams

Eulogy ..... Pastor Damian J. Brown

## Invitation To Christ

## Benediction

## Recessional



# Now I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his 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've found that peace at the end of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.





*The Life and Legacy of Hester Mae Speed*