



## Bessie Jefferson

November 2, 1953 - January 24, 2025

Bessie Jefferson passed away on January 23, 2025, after a brief illness. She was born on November 2, 1953, in Belhaven, North Carolina, to the late Sim and Bessie Gibbs. She was the youngest of thirteen children, all of whom preceded her in death.

Bessie was educated in North Carolina and graduated from Mattamuskeet High School. She worked as a juvenile clerk for five years before dedicating herself to serving others as a home care provider, a role she continued until her passing.

She was a devoted member of Faith Refuge Church of Christ, where she professed her faith at an early age. She loved working in the church and found great joy in praising the Lord. She served on several committees and was always eager to help others.

Bessie was known for her warm smile and kind heart. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who always thought of others in their times of need. She believed that while one may have the right to do something, it was always more important to do the right thing.

She was preceded in death by her son, Steven Jefferson. She is survived by her loving husband, James Jefferson; daughter, Sholanda Gibbs;

granddaughters, Boo and Twiggy; adopted sister, Carol Rizzolo; adopted brother-in-law, Larry Rizzolo; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will cherish her memory.

Bessie's life was one of faith, love, and service to others. May her memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

# Previous Events

## Wake

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel  
95 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT 06511

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Brenda Rose Avery lit a candle in memory of Bessie Jefferson* ”



Brenda Rose Avery - February 12, 2025 at 06:23 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *The gibbs Family* ”



William Gibbs - February 05, 2025 at 03:58 PM

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“ *Wishing you peace, comfort, courage and lots of love, through this time of sorrow. I love you Auntie* ” ❤️



Sheila Walton - February 05, 2025 at 12:54 PM