



Elder LaChone Maree Fagons McKenzie was born on September 11, 1947, to the late George Edward “Hank” and Elsie Marie Stevens Fagons in Philippi, West Virginia. On March 17, 2021 she achieved her ultimate goal, which was to hear ‘Well done thy good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord.’

LaChone graduated from Philip Barbour High School in Philippi, West Virginia. She took some college courses at Rutgers-the State University-Newark and attended seminary at Eastern Bible Institute.

LaChone met and married the late Amos McKenzie, Jr., and to this union were born Julia and Aimie. She raised and educated her children in East Orange, New Jersey.

In May of 2011, LaChone retired from Rutgers-the State University-Newark, where she worked as an administrative assistant for over twenty years. She was well loved by her colleagues and the students that worked for her. She was known for her wit, wisdom, her faith in God and for how much she LOVED her grandchildren.

LaChone was raised in a Christian home and received the Lord as her savior at age 13. At a young age, she was on the Jr. Usher Board, Youth Group secretary, Sunday School teacher, Youth Choir member, and assisted in keeping the sanctuary clean. That same upbringing helped her when she became a faithful, founding member of Community Tabernacle Church in Newark, New Jersey where the pastor and founder is Elder Helen Jones. She was the assistant pastor, prayer warrior, evangelist, and sponsored the pastor’s anniversary and birthday celebrations.

LaChone’s goal in life was to walk upright before God, win souls, teach the Word, encourage her family and friends, and fellowship with the saints. She wants to be remembered for showing forth the LOVE of God, caring and concern for others, sharing and giving from the heart, being willing to listen and always standing on the truth of the word. She would feed anyone who was hungry. She always directed friends, family and strangers to cultivate a relationship with God and serve him all the days of their lives.

Elder LaChone's personal sentiment: If I can help someone along the way, then my living will not be in vain. Her prayer for her family: That God save, sanctify, and baptize them in the Holy Ghost-with a mighty burning fire-with the sign of speaking in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance. She desires that they accept and live in God's perfect divine will, plan, and purpose for their lives.

LaChone was preceded in death by her brothers Earl Edison (Barbara), Theodore Edison, Jr. (Sandra), Donald Edison (Phyllis) and her sisters Myrtle Neal (Arthur) and Sharon Mayle (Late Johnnie). She leaves to cherish and honor her memory: her Daughters Julia Harris (Calvin) and Aimie Smith (Leo, III), Grandchildren: Terry McKenzie (Renee), Kyle Lowrie, Tatiana Smith, Leo Smith, IV, Morgan Smith, Calvin Harris, Jr, Great Grandchildren: Jordan McKenzie, Jayden McKenzie and Jaice McKenzie, Sisters: Denise Ervin (Dave) and Debbie Mayle (Late Elihue), Brother Ronnie Fagons (Keara), Brothers-in-law: Bishop William Cahoon (Late Lady Carolyn) and Arnold McKenzie (Annie); along with a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones, friends, and the Community Tabernacle Church family.

This Online Memorial has been created to commemorate the life of Elder LaChone Maree Fagons McKenzie. Leave a message on the Tribute Wall to share your favorite memories and offer words of sympathy and comfort.

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Visitation

Tuesday, March 30, 2021
5:00PM - 6:30PM
Emmanuel Church of God in Christ
54 Irvine Turner Blvd.
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Funeral Service

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