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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, FRIDAY DECEMBER 30, 2021, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12:00 PM AT CITY OF FAITH CHURCH, 1001 GOLDCREST DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Rebecca Rowena Jones Gardner transitioned from this earthly life to eternal life on Thursday, December 23, 2021, at NHC Springfield Nursing Home due to natural causes. She was 94 years old. Rebecca was born on December 5, 1927, in Robertson County, Tennessee to the late Matthew Jones and Minnie Watkins Jones. She was one of six children born to this union. In addition to her parents, all siblings preceded her in death: Richard, LD, Frank, Willie Lee, and John. She was also preceded in death by one grandchild, Danita Collette Gardner.

Rebecca attended Woodard School in Robertson County, Tennessee, through the end of the eighth grade. She met Joe Daniel Gardner, the love of her life, and they were married August 5, 1944. Their marriage proved its depth, overcoming a separation with remarriage on June 21, 1978. Only Joe's death, March 9, 1995, could separate these two. Speaking to Rebecca for any length of time would reveal the special place he still held in her heart.

Rebecca enjoyed gardening, sewing, cooking, and taking care of people. She loved her family, church, friends, candy, and animals. Most of all, she loved the Lord.

She accepted Him as her personal Savior and was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Springfield until she and her husband remarried. At that time, she became a member of Faith Apostolic Church (City of Faith Church), where she served as a mother and worked in the kitchen.

Rebecca retired from Nasco, Inc., where she received several commendations for her excellent work. She was a diligent worker. Upon retiring from Nasco, she worked at Elmhurst Nursing Home in the laundry department. While there, she developed relationships with patients, and they felt comfortable asking her for help when they needed it.

Rebecca Rowena Jones Gardner leaves to cherish her memories her daughters, Annie Corrine (Hewitt) Sawyers of Franklin, TN and Linda Delores (Eddie) Cook of Carlisle, PA; grandchildren, Carissa (Roderick) Lynch, Angela Sawyers, Rana (Edward) Carothers, Consuela (Martin) Knox, Edward Cook, and LaShaun (Robert) Marshall; fourteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Nora (Joe) Smith; a devoted niece, Patsy Jones Morris; a special friend, Dorothy Grant; and a host of other relatives and friends.