



## Leola Twiggs

August 31, 1937 - December 19, 2019

### Reflection of Life

Leola (Doll) Twiggs, “Miss Mama,” was born on August 31, 1937 in Luxora, Arkansas to the late Johnny Mack and Hattie Mae (Presberry) Mack. Her family moved to Cape Girardeau, MO when she was around three years old. Doll attended the historic all-black John S. Cobb school until the schools were desegregated in 1954. After working in fields every fall with her father and siblings, Doll was required to attend an extra semester and graduated from Cape Central High School in January of 1956.

Doll lived in various places after graduating. She met her would-be husband, Joseph Lee Twiggs, in Dayton, Ohio. Eventually the couple moved back to Cape Girardeau. In 1969, Doll gained employment with East Missouri Action Agency. She had many job titles throughout her tenure but mostly enjoyed teaching because of her love for children. After nearly forty-two years of service, she happily retired in 2010.

Doll was a passionate lover of Christ. She was baptized at an early age and was a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where she served for over sixty years. She had many roles including Sunday School teacher, mission president, choir president, young women’s group leader and prayer meeting coordinator. Doll was a member of various community organizations, a foster mother, and even adopted the 200 block of middle street. She obtained her associate degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

Doll never met a stranger. Whenever she saw someone in need, she wouldn't hesitate to help in whatever way she could. She would always put others before herself. Anytime you saw her she had a smile on her face and she loved telling others about the goodness of Jesus.

Doll went to be with the Lord peacefully at her home on December 19, 2019 surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her parents Johnny and Hattie Mack, her grandparents, six brothers, four sisters, and three daughters, Henrietta Twiggs, Valerie Davis and Lisa Thomas-Brown, one grandson, Zatrún Twiggs and one granddaughter, Evasheia Twiggs.

She leaves to mourn, four brothers: Bobby Mack (Phoenix), Robbie Rayford (St. Louis), Charles Rayford (Cape Girardeau), Patrick Rayford (Jefferson City), six sisters: Izola Redmond (Chicago), Earnestine Mack (St. Louis), Johnnie Mae (Chris) Bedell (St. Louis), Tiny (Prentice) Johnson (Kansas), Bernice (Richard) Mosely (Oklahoma), Joyce Ann (Lorenzo) Allen (Cape) six children: Deborah Twiggs (Cape), Vincent (Lilly) Twiggs (Cape), Donnie Twiggs (Phoenix), Christina Twiggs (Cape), Pamela (Thomas) Robinson (Cape), Robin Twiggs (Cape), a special niece she thought of as a daughter, Candy Harris (Cape) 26 grandchildren, 77 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a host of family and friends. She will forever be missed. Rest in peace, Doll T.

Visitation will be on Saturday, December 28, 2019 from noon to 1:00 PM at Cape Boble Chapel in Cape Girardeau.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM at the church with the Rev. Joseph Cotton officiating.

Memorials are requested to Ford and Sons to help defray funeral expenses. Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## New Lorimier Cemetery

Cape Girardeau, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Cape Bible Chapel  
2911 Kage Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DS

“ Ms Twiggs was always so nice when i would see her when i lived in Cape. She had a kind soul. RIH Ms Twiggs. We all love and will miss your kind soul. Debra Squires- Williams



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**Debra Squires-Williams** - December 24, 2019 at 06:05 PM

GS

“ We send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family. May she rest now in the arms of Jesus.

-Dr. Gwendolyn Squires  
-Valerie Squires  
-Brese Squires  
-Ron & Anita Jones & Family  
-John & Debra Williams

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**Gwendolyn Squires** - December 24, 2019 at 01:28 PM

TJ

To my nieces and nephews and all family members, Doll has made her final flight and this is the one she has waited for!!! Don't grieve her departure, she's resting in the Masters arms, just remember her life and make plans to join her someday as we all must do. Love, Auntie Tiny

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**Tiny Johnson(Rayford-Mack)** - December 25, 2019 at 12:04 PM

JC

*My Dearest Sympathy for your loss of Mrs. Twiggs. I had the greatest pleasures of knowing and meeting this fine, young and outstanding citizen of Cape Girardeau Missouri.; when I taught school for Central High School, where I retired in 2005. Mrs. Twiggs was a friend and a true teacher at heart. I learned so much from her kindness and love of children. The Lord has a very special place for her in his kingdom .*

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**Jeannie Clark** - January 03, 2020 at 01:14 PM