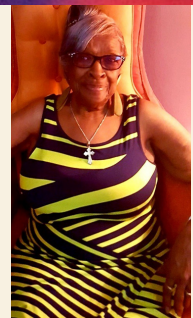


SUNRISE FEBRUARY 26, 1928

SUNSET DECEMBER 18, 2021



• In Loving Memory Of •

STELLA MAE WALLER

Thursday, February 3, 2022 @ 11:00am

James H. Cole Funeral Home

16100 Schaefer Hwy. Detroit, MI. 48235

LIVE STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE



Obituary

Stella Mae Waller

February 26, 1928 – December 18, 2021

Stella Mae Waller was born February 26, 1928, in Knoxville, TN. Stella passed away peacefully on December 18, 2021, in Murrieta, CA.

Born to the late Allie Taylor Keith and Archie Dean Keith, Stella was the third of nine children. She was affectionately called “Tidder” by family and friends. Stella accepted Christ during her youth and along with the Keith family, was a member of Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, Knoxville, TN. Stella graduated from Austin High School in Knoxville, class of 1946. Upon graduation, this “pretty lady” packed her bags and joined her brother, Clifford Taylor, and his wife Cherry in Detroit, MI. She embraced the big city of Detroit where she met and married the love of her life, Willie M. Waller.

Establishing her new life in Detroit, Stella enrolled and graduated from beauty school and upon graduation, worked at Lovely Lady’s Beauty Salon. In 1961, Stella and her friend Essie Thomas decided to become salon owners and created Pretty Lady’s Beauty Salon, initially located on Linwood before relocating to Livernois Avenue. Stella and Essie opened the salon with the goal of making every woman a “pretty lady.” Stella enjoyed the success of Pretty Lady’s until her eventual retirement.

Stella loved to travel often by plane, as well as participating in many cruises. In addition to leisure travels, Stella always attended family reunions including Washington, DC; Atlanta, GA; Highland, CA; Chicago, IL; and Knoxville, TN. She also hosted family reunions in Detroit and took pride in showing the family her wonderful city. During her many travels, she was happiest when she traveled with Willie, especially the Mardi Gras in South America.

Stella was active in the Detroit community. She was a long-standing member of Oak Grove AME Church. She also belonged to several clubs and social organizations, which included hosting the bi-annual Pretty Lady’s Roaring ‘20s Ball, engaging with The Red Hat Society and The Michigan Blues Preservation Society. On her 93rd birthday, February 26, 2021, the City Council of Detroit recognized and awarded the Spirit of Detroit plaque to Stella for service and

dedication to the community. In May 2021, due to failing health, Stella relocated to Murietta, California to be near her brother and niece's family to receive comprehensive healthcare and in-home support.

In addition to her parents, Stella was predeceased in death by her loving husband, William "Willie" Waller, March 23, 2002. Sisters: Lillian McMullen, Knoxville, TN; Mayola Strong, Chicago, IL; Olivia Keith, Knoxville, TN. Brothers: Clifford Taylor, Detroit, MI; Archie Keith, Washington, DC; Walter Keith, Knoxville, TN; David Keith, Knoxville, TN.

Stella is survived by her brother, William E. (Evelyn) Keith of Highland CA; stepson, Kenny Rogers (Joann) of Alabama. Nine nieces: Angie Keith of Murietta, CA; Debra Taylor-Farria (Allen) of Detroit, MI; Carolyn Taylor-Knight of Detroit, MI; Elaine Strong of Atlanta, GA; Phyllis Keith Boles of Banning, CA; Lori Keith of Highland, CA; Kimberly Keith Forbes (deceased), Washington, DC; Gina (Greg) Hyatt of Knoxville, TN; Karon (Quintel) James of Rancho Cucamonga, CA, and her primary caregiver, grand-niece, Dr. Angel (Claude) Brutus of Murietta, CA. Eleven nephews: Dr. Larry Strong (D. Greenburg) of Bedford, IN; K. Bernard (Wanda) Strong of Atlanta, GA; Wayne Strong of Atlanta, GA; Clifford Taylor Jr. of Detroit, MI; Kevin (Tonya) Taylor of Upper Marlboro, MD; Jeffrey Keith of Alhambra, CA; John Keith (deceased) Highland, CA; Elder Anthony R. (Starlean) Keith Sr. of Washington, DC; Tracy (Rebecca) Keith of Washington, DC; Donald (Patricia) Keith of Knoxville, TN; Troy Andre Keith of Knoxville, TN. Stella had many beloved cousins, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, and friends. Stella's closest friends in Detroit, MI, whom she loved as sisters: Lisa Horton, Sandra Fentress, Queen C. Dooley, Nina Thomas, and Goddaughter Shonie Fentress. Stella M. Waller will be sorely missed by all.



Celebration of Life
Stella M. Waller
February 26, 1928 – December 18, 2021

Prelude.....Organist

Prayer.....Clergy

Hymn.....What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....Organist

Words of Comfort

Scriptures.....Clergy

Old Testament.....Psalms 23

New Testament.....John 14: 1-3

Acknowledgements & Resolution

Expressions of Love

Family Remarks

Obituary.....Read Silently

Musical Selection.....Total Praise

Eulogy.....Clergy

Closing Prayer & Dismissal.....Clergy

I am home in Heaven, Dear ones.

Oh, so *happy and bright!*

There is perfect joy and beauty

In this *everlasting light.*

All pain and grief are over

Every restless tossing passed,

I am now at peace forever

Safely home in Heaven at last.



Stella Waller & Essie Thomas
started the business
on Linwood in 1961.
Their goal was
to make
every woman a
PRETTY LADY!

Pretty Lady's Salon has been serving the west side community of Detroit for over 50 years.

Business Contact: Stella Waller

Title: Owner

Business Description:

Pretty Lady's Beauty Plaza business is working in the following industry: Hairdressers

*Listed in the Detroit Business Directory



Pretty Lady Salon
19367 Livernois
313-465-6156

Stella Waller (left) and her best friend Essie Thomas started the Salon on Linwood in 1961, with the goal to "make every woman a pretty lady." They relocated to

Livernois and Fullerton in 1980 and Nina Thomas (right) joined them in 1990. Essie passed away and Stella retired. Nina and her best friend Kenya Harvey now run the business, which has been at the Livernois location for 11 years. Their clients often say Nina and Kenya work as well together as Stella and Essie did.



SPIRIT OF DETROIT AWARD


is presented herewith as an expression of the gratitude and esteem of the citizens of Detroit to

Mrs. Stella Waller

 **"Birthday Celebration"**

in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and dedication to improving the quality of life.

By the City Council of Detroit, Michigan

On behalf of myself Council Member Roy McCalister, Jr., and the Detroit City Council, we would like to take this opportunity to Honor, Mrs. Stella Waller, on her  Birthday. We Wish You Much Happiness on this very Special Day!




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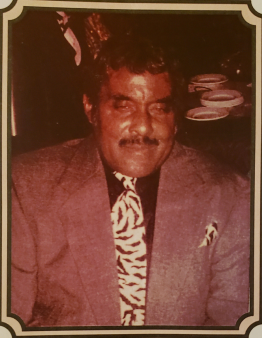
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STELLA'S FAMILY MEMORIES



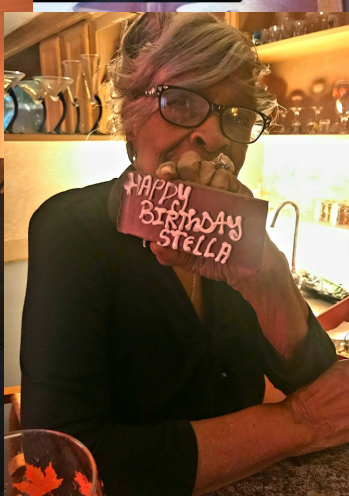
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Willie M. Waller
Sunrise: June 12, 1927 - Sunset: March 23, 2002
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2002
Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. - Service: 11:00 a.m.
Service Held At



MEMORIES of STELLA's FRIENDS



STELLA's Favorite Song

TOTAL PRAISE

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace You give me in time of the storm

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen





NOW REST....See You in GLORY



Pallbearers

Clifford Taylor, Jr.
K. Bernard Strong
Elder Anthony R. Keith, Sr.
Tracy Keith
Donald Keith
Tyrone Stewart

Honorary Pallbearers

Kenny Rogers
Dr. Larry Strong
Wayne Strong
Jeffrey Keith
Troy Andre Keith
Kevin Taylor

Acknowledgement

The family of Stella Mae Waller would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness shown to us during this time of sorrow. We appreciate your expressions of love support and your prayers.

Professional Arrangements:

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Murrieta Ca. 92562

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16100 Schaefer Hwy.
Detroit MI. 48235

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Ave.
Detroit MI. 48203

