

Obituary

Ella Pride was born on July 16, 1952, in Tuskegee, Alabama, to Clem Sr. (who preceded her in death) and Flossie K. Peterson. She joined Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church at an early age, where she served as the secretary of Sunday School, served on the Usher Board, and was a member of the choir. After relocating to Cincinnati, Ohio, she became a member of New Prospect Baptist Church, where she also served on the Usher Board. Ella attended Tuskegee Institute High School and was the Queen of Driver's Ed her senior year. She also graduated from Southern Union College with a degree in Data Processing.

On July 4, 1971, Ella married the love of her life, Ulysses G. Pride. Soon after, they relocated to Seattle, Washington, where her experience was nothing short of amazing. There she enjoyed fresh seafood caught directly from surrounding bodies of water, attended concerts in the park where she loved to dance with her husband, and breathed air as crisp and clean as she had ever experienced. After two years, Ella and Ulysses returned to Alabama for a short time before eventually settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she began working at Polly Flinders and eventually began a career at Down Décor (remaining an employee there until retirement).

As part of a group affectionately called "The Golden Girls," Ella spent a lot of time with Gladys Reid (Pat), Barbara Ann Wilson, and Joanna Butts. More than just her "in-laws," these women were Ella's closest friends. They talked every day, shopped, cooked, ate, and served the Lord together. The strength it took for her to watch each of them preceding her in death was inspirational. Ella also loved traveling home to Alabama, attending family functions, watching westerns and old drama series, and drinking her ice-cold Sprite. She was also an exceptional cook who could never prepare enough peas and okra, fried okra, or her famous pineapple upside-down cake.

Ella leaves to cherish her memory and carry on her legacy of devotion and unwavering support: her loving husband of 53 years, Ulysses G. Pride; one son, Charles Pride; one daughter, Natalie Pride (Shelly Roseberry); one stepdaughter, Keshia Candler; adoring mother, Flossie K. Peterson (Clem); three sisters, Sallie Johnson (of New Jersey), Cherry Hall, and Flossie Denise Peterson. Her brother, Clem Peterson Jr., preceded her in death. She also leaves to cherish her memory: grandchildren, Antone Robertson, Antonette Pride, Anyia Pride, Charles Pride Jr., Jariah Rice, and Shamiah Rice; great-grandchildren, Aivah Hously and Aria Hously; one aunt, Dorothy Arnold (of Cary, NC); adopted sister, Velma Moore; special cousin, Freeman Kennebrew; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



We couldn't begin, To count the times
 She tolerated our moods,
 Consoled our heartbreaks & disappointments,
 Endured our ups and downs,
 LISTENED to words confused by tears
 And just simply understood
 For no other reason
 Than because **SHE LOVED US.**
 The years hold
Precious Memories,
 But most of all they hold growth.
 In a way, we grew up together...
 Mom is our definition
 Of a special person... Fantastic...
 Exceptional... Unique... Enduring!
 She filled our lives with HAPPINESS
 And sweet feelings that we will
 Carry in our hearts *forever*

Order of Service

- Musical Prelude
- Parting View Immediate Family
- Prayer Minister Vernice Appling
- Old Testament Scripture ... Minister Fred Brunson
- New Testament Scripture . Minister Terrance Ivory
- Selection New Prospect Chior
- Acknowledgements Minister Vernice Appling
- Remarks 2 Minutes Please
- Selection Thurman Ivory
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection New Prospect Choir
- Eulogy Pastor Damon Lynch III
- Benediction Pastor Damon Lynch III
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends



Repast

New Prospect Baptist Church
 1580 Summit Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

Final Resting Place

January 21, 2025
 2:00 pm
 Crown Hill Memorial Park & Mausoleum
 11825 Pippin Road, Colerain Township, Ohio 45231