

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card
or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers,
that we saw sitting there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
we thank you so much for whatever part.*

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

*Donald Ellis | Ulrick Ellis
Arthur Ellis | Ronreaco Drain
Montavious Drain | Roy Wilson*

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

*Robert Ellis | Decortis Ellis
Trent Ellis | Edgar Williams, III
Charles Beal | James Hemphill*

FLOWER BEARERS

Class of 1987

INTERMENT

*St. Paul CME Church Cemetery
9534 Highway 433 West
Benton, MS 39040*

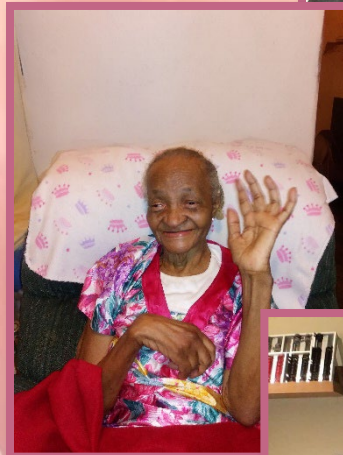
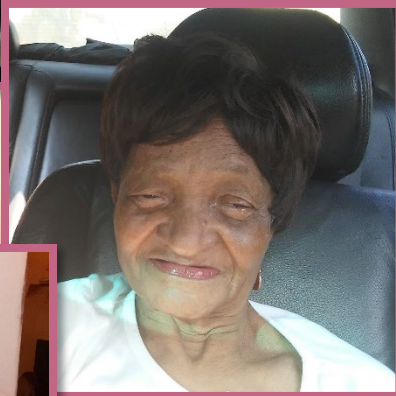
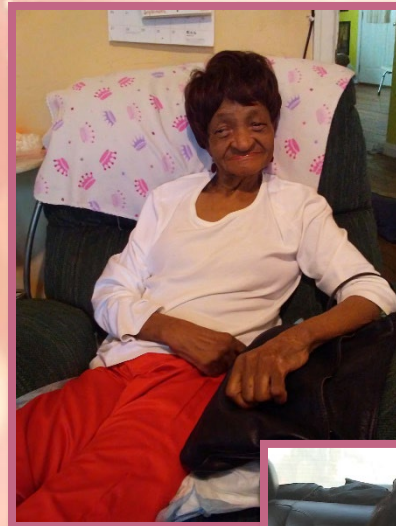
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*Celebration
of Life*



Mary Ann Ellis

MAY 3, 1941 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



Forever In Our Hearts



Saturday, October 12, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9534 Highway 433 West

Benton, MS 39040

Reverend Danny Willis, Officiating

LIFE'S REFLECTIONS



Mary was born May 3, 1941, in Sharon, MS. She departed this earth on September 28, 2024, at her home surrounded by family. Both parents preceded her in death as well as her children: Annie Bell, Dorothy and Dewayne; sisters: Elizabeth, Dora; and one brother: Robert.

She married Robert Lee Ellis and during that union nine children were born.

Mary spoke highly of her mother, Edith Mae Purnell. She loved reading, going to the casino and visiting family and friends. She was loved by many.

Mary leaves to cherish her unforgettable memories to, her children: Donald, Trina, Edith, Gwendolyn (Sam), all of Yazoo City, MS, and Tonia and Ulrick of Cincinnati, OH; son-in-law: Robert; one sister: Olivia Var; and one brother: Charlie. She also leaves to cherish her memories 26 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 31 great-great grandchildren as well as a host of nieces and nephews.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude..... Musicians

Processional..... Clergy & Family Members

Musical Selection..... St. Paul Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (standing)..... Rev. Danny Willis

Pastor: Let us unite in this historic confession of our Christian faith!

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day He rose from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen!

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Dr. Benjamin Wallace

Scripture Reading..... Pastor Henry Ward

Musical Selection..... St. Paul Choir

Expressions Three Minutes Please..... Family & Friends

Acknowledgements.....

Obituary..... Read Silently..... Soft Music

Musical Selection..... St. Paul Choir

Eulogy..... Rev. Danny Willis

Scott Memorial Funeral Directors in Charge

Recessional..... Clergy, Family & Friends

TRIBUTES

Mom, you are truly my shining star. You gained your wings on a day that came too soon for me. All the memories that we shared will forever be engraved in my heart. We have laughed, cried and walked down memory lane embarking on memories that made me want to hold you in my arms, assuring you that things would be okay. Now, it is me that needs to be held by you! I have left a hand print on the handles of your resting spot (casket) as a reminder to you that I will always carry you within my heart. I love you mom.

Until we meet again, rest easy my queen.

~ Love Your Daughter, Toni ~

To Our Mother

Ma, you had nine kids and gave all of us the same unconditional love. And for that, we will forever be thankful. You taught us that love has no boundaries and memories last a lifetime. It will be hard trying to find our way without you. Your smile and words of honesty (laughing out loud) will forever ring in our ears while we continue this journey in life.

~ Love Your Kids ~

To My Grandmother

Until we meet again my sweet Ma. We think about you always. You will never be forgotten. We hold you close within our hearts and there you will remain, to walk and guide us through our lives.

~ Love Your Granddaughter, Meka & kids ~

Grandma,

Memories are not enough in words when it comes to the time we spent together. We'll definitely relive these moments with you on our minds and not to forget the love, encouragement, and lessons from the wisdom that you passed on to us all. You also left us something to stand on with no reason to fall.

~ Love Your Grandkids & Great-grand kids ~

Ma, as we all called you. From the start you were always there. Growing up the numerous nicknames, now I can only laugh. Ma, I miss you dearly and always will. I take comfort in knowing even when your memory started to fade you never forgot me, my name, TAWANNA! Until we meet again.

~ Love Your Oldest Grandchild, Tawanna ~

Miss Me But Let Me Go

As I reach the end of my journey and the sun has gone down for me, I don't want somber rituals in a dark room, why weep for a soul now free! Think of me briefly-not for too long and not with your heads hung low.

Recall the love we once shared, miss me but release me now.

This path we all must travel and each must traverse alone
It's all part of the Master's design, a step towards our final home.
When you feel lonely and burdened turn to our familiar family,
And find solace in acts of kindness, miss me but set me free.

~ MA~