

A portrait of Edwynna Pannell, an elderly woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing glasses and a red jacket over a white top. She is smiling and holding a large, light-colored floral corsage. The background is a soft, cloudy sky.

Celebrating
THE LIFE
OF

Edwynna Pannell

AUGUST 3, 1921 - FEBRUARY 8, 2025

Service to be held

Saturday, February 22, 2025

11:00 A.M. Service

Burnette Baptist Church

16801 Schoolcraft • Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Ryan Patrick Johnson, *Officiating*

Edwynna Pannell's Story

I was born August 3, 1921, in Alexandria, Louisiana, the fifth child to George and Sophia Webster. I attended Peabody High School and later married, and two children were born, Leonard and Jean Alice. I left Louisiana to further my education in Detroit, Michigan, where I met and married Orange Lee Pannell, and two children were born, Earl Lee and Juanita Marie. I worked at Palace Martin, where I folded sheets, later I received a better job working at Statler Hotel and Restaurant in Downtown Detroit with my brother Manuel.

Time moved on, and I started working for Fisher Body Sewing Car Seats, which I did until I retired in the 80's. After retirement, I volunteered for The Michigan Cancer Foundation and Medical World Relief and received Certificates of Appreciation for doing so. I volunteered at both Henry Ford Hospital and Harper Hospital. I became a member of the Burnette Baptist Church in the 80's and served on the Usher Board for many years and now a mother of the Church. I would like to acknowledge the Prayer Line for all your prayers. I thank and love each and every one of you as well as my Pastor and Church Family.

Lastly, I'd like to thank my nieces Audrey, Karen, Vivian, Bea Martha, and Shelley for all the wonderful things you've done for me. Haywood and Angel May, God Bless you both, thank you for my flowers. Michael Dooley, you hold a special place in my heart.

I leave behind my daughter Jean Alice; my grandchildren; Mark, Pat, Petrina, Latashiea, Drake, Shahidda, DEarl, and Yolonda and Cecil Miller and Khalil; my 24 great grandchildren and my 21 great-great grandchildren. I love you all. to all my nieces and nephews, your aunt loves each and every one of you.

That's my story and it's not over. we all will meet again and rejoice until then family. Love All, Ma, Nana, and Auntie

NaNa,

*After 103 blessed years, God grabbed your hand
and said, "come with me". Our hearts are heavy,
but we do not grieve because we know- you were ready.*

*We heard you call out to God enough times to
know- you were ready. Right now, we find comfort
in knowing that you were surely smiling as you took his hand,
welcoming Glory, even though you knew you would
be leaving us behind. We know that if you looked back for
a glimpse of us - you knew that we would be just fine.*

*You knew that you left us with examples of
BOLDNESS, of FAMILY STRENGTH and PRIDE.*

*You knew that, as children and adults, we had
watched you and we listened, and we learned.*

you knew that we would be just fine.

*You knew that you had taught us to keep our eyes
on the prize and to always hold our heads up
high. We will be just fine. When we find
ourselves missing you, we promise
to find comfort in the memory of your laughter
and your proud beaming smile.*

*Give our grandfather and our parents hugs from
us. May you all rest peacefully knowing that
because of your love and legacies - we will be just fine.*

*Love always, your Granddaughters, **Petrina and
Latashiea Pannell.***





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude

Processional

Scripture Pastor

Prayer Pastor

Selection Diamond Davidson

Acknowledgments and Condolences Chessonya Hamilton

Reflections..... 2 minutes please Family and Friends

Eulogy Chessonya Hamilton

Recessional

Organ Postlude

*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead,
yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

– St. John 11:25-26

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