

CELEBRATION OF *Life* FOR



Florine Thornton Fuller

AUGUST 13, 1922 - MARCH 20, 2023

Life Reflections

A Time to Be Born

FLORINE THORNTON FULLER was born August 13, 1922, in Annapolis, Maryland. She was raised in a Christian home, one of eight children born to the late Robert and Charlotte Thornton. She was the last living sibling to gain her holy rite of passage.

A Time to Learn

As a child, Florine attended Asbury AME Church, which later became Asbury Methodist Episcopal. She began her early education at Stanton Elementary School and went on to graduate from Wiley H. Bates High School in Annapolis, Maryland. After high school, she left Annapolis and moved up to the big city, of Baltimore.

A Time to Love

It was here in Baltimore City that Florine met the love of her life, the late Henry Fuller Jr. They were united in marriage on December 28, 1942. Her husband affectionately called her "Peaches". He would write to her everyday while serving in the United States Army. This union was blessed with five beautiful children.

A Time to Work and Serve

Florine was employed for a short time at Western Electric and then lovingly managed her household as a homemaker. The love she shared for her family was also felt by those she met in her community and church.

Florine joined Christ United Methodist Church on December 27, 1970, later renamed, Lewin United Methodist Church under the leadership of R. Frederick Crider, Jr. She gave her time willingly and wholeheartedly in many ministries. She served as Chairperson of the Communion Steward Board, a member of the Trustee Board, President of the United Methodist Women. She was the Chairperson of the Pastor Parrish Committee and Nominating Committee. She was also entrusted with the responsibility as building attendant at Lewin, opening and closing the church for various services and events.

Florine also supervised and coordinated the Baltimore Summer Corporation of the Mayor's Office for five years at the Lewin United Methodist Church.

Florine loved children and they loved her too. She loved babysitting. Florine had a calling to be a caregiver to children for family and friends, especially those experiencing financial challenges. She opened her heart and her home to provide childcare services to as many as possible. As these children grew into adulthood, they and their parents maintained a loving relationship with her as family.

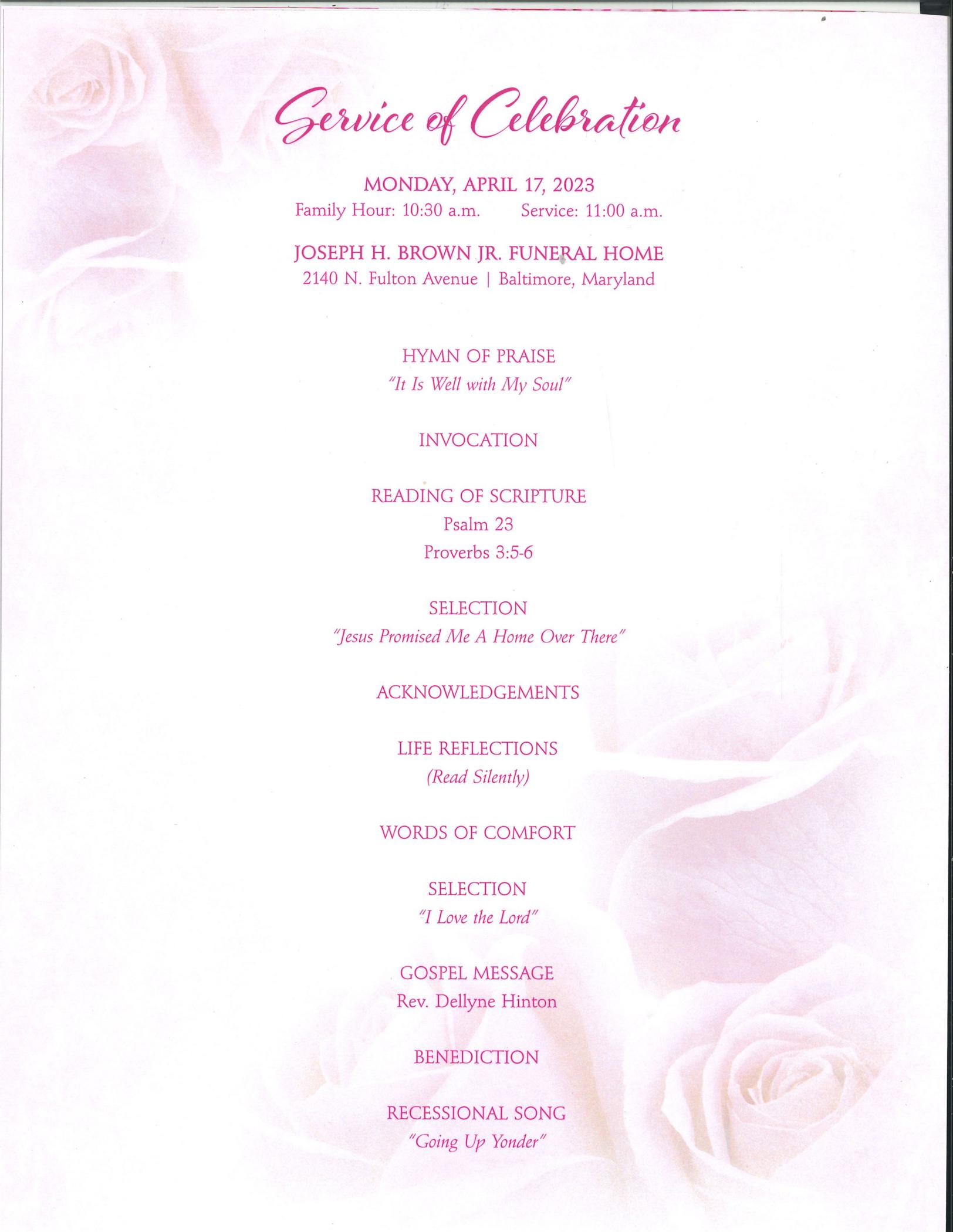
A Time to Live

Florine enjoyed traveling, whether visiting her family in North Carolina or relaxing and fellowshiping on cruise outings with her church family. She cherished her collection of assorted dolls and with equal joy, her dog, Mitch. She took piano lessons at Coppin State College and even had a piano at home that she often played.

Florine enjoyed time with her closest friends, LaTrell, Flora, Margret, and Erma, who were collectively known as the "Golden Girls".

The family looked forward to holidays with Florine, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas as they sampled all the delicious dishes she would prepare.

Florine was a true matriarch to her family, setting the example as a Woman of God, faithful wife, and loving mother.



Service of Celebration

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

Family Hour: 10:30 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

JOSEPH H. BROWN JR. FUNERAL HOME

2140 N. Fulton Avenue | Baltimore, Maryland

HYMN OF PRAISE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

INVOCATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

Proverbs 3:5-6

SELECTION

"Jesus Promised Me A Home Over There"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LIFE REFLECTIONS

(Read Silently)

WORDS OF COMFORT

SELECTION

"I Love the Lord"

GOSPEL MESSAGE

Rev. Dellyne Hinton

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL SONG

"Going Up Yonder"

A Time to Die

She is preceded in death by: her siblings, Mary Thornton, Analta Thornton, Elaine Thornton, Jewett Thornton, Oscar Thornton, Robert Thornton Jr., Lloyd Thornton; granddaughter, Kim Tashia Allen McKenny; nephew, Wilbur Thornton; brother-in-law, William Fuller; sisters-in-law, Roberta Russell (Marvin), Pearl Lee, Lucille Ridgely; and nieces, Vikki Wicks and Lavonne Pulley.

Florine Thornton Fuller went home to Glory on March 20, 2023. She leaves to cherish her memory: her five children, Henry Fuller II (Paula), Lorna Branch, Gary Fuller (Nettie), Addie Fuller and Preston Fuller; a special nephew, Tyrone Fuller (Shirley); sister-in-law, Audrey Thornton; eight grandchildren, John Taylor, Sunny Fuller, Philip Robinson, Kevin Branch, Syreese Fuller, Amber Fuller, Michael Fuller and Miles Fuller; six great-grandchildren, Tiara Washington, Kevin Branch Jr., Kylin Branch, Christina Taylor, Brandon Taylor, Octavia Taylor; two great-great grandchildren, Mi'kah Graves, Me'khy Hardison; nieces and nephews, Robert Reed Thornton Jr., Reginald Gary Thornton, Veronica Falu (Jorge), Edward Ridgely, Gina Bond, Victoria Mack, Danaye Pulley, Natalie Dent, Dana Fuller, Danielle Fuller, Dara Fuller, Tyrone Fuller Jr., Khalil M. Smith, Sydney M. Derrick, Brandon J. Derrick, Aliyah Smith; god-daughters, Carol Williams and Marian Beckwith; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Now Rest

*Reach down, we cried, Dear Jesus,
and take her trembling hand;
The path she treads is lonely,
and she may not understand.
the landmarks on the road ahead,
they're hidden from her view;
Then Jesus whispered softly,
Fear not, I will carry you.
So now, though darkness deepens,
She is divinely blessed;
for come what may, within His arms,
Now rest... sweetly rest.
From Your Loving Children*

Aunt Florine

Aunt Florine, I always called you "Momma" because when I was a child in need you took me in. You gave me shelter; when I needed clothing, you clothed me. When I was hungry you fed me and when I did something that wasn't right, you disciplined me just like one of your very own children.

So, I would like to say, Thank You, I love you. Rest in Peace.

Tyrone, Your Son

Until We Meet Again

*A light from our lives has gone,
A voice we loved is still.
A place is vacant within our hearts,
Which never can be filled.*

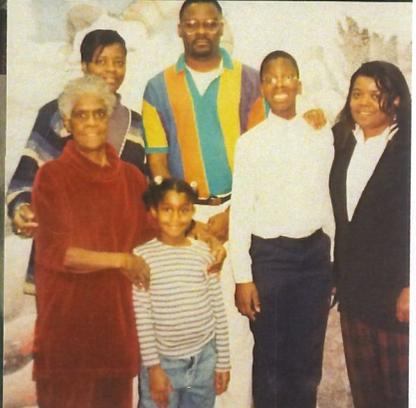
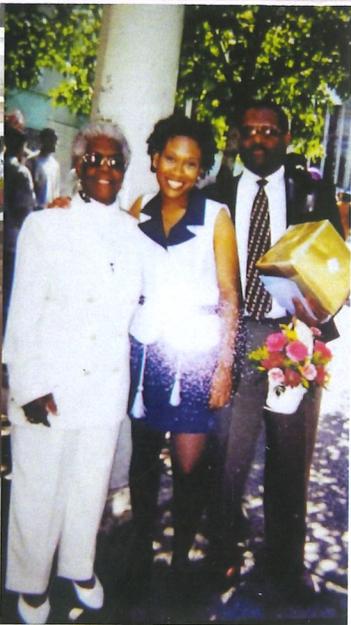
*A bouquet of beautiful memories
Sprayed with a million tears.
I wish God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.*

*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you will remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again.*

*So, rest in peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done.
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*

*Your vacant place no one can fill.
We miss you now and always will.*

Love, Your Grandchildren



My Last Request

Please don't say that I gave up, just say I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not less. Please don't give me wings or halos, that for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give me flowers or talk in real hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, especially the little ones. When you draw a picture of me don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good; I've done some wrong, so use all of your paint. Not just the bright and light tones, use some grey and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvas; paint me in your heart. Don't just remember the good times but remember the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad, but if you must do something then I have one request. Forgive me for the wrongs I've done and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul is resting. Thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me; but praise God who loves me best! (unknown)

Love always, Florine

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Interment

Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery
11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, Maryland

Acknowledgements

Our family praises God for the life Florine Thornton Fuller. With humble and sincere gratitude, the family acknowledges your thoughtfulness and concern during this period of bereavement. You have brought much comfort.

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