

To those I Love and those who Love Me



A Song of Living
Amelia Burr

*Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I have sent up my gladness on wings, to be lost in the blue of the sky.
I have run and leaped with the rain, I have taken the wind to my breast.
My cheeks like a drowsy child to the face of the earth I have pressed.
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I have kissed young love on the lips, I have heard his song to the end,
I have struck my hand like a seal in the loyal hand of a friend.
I have known the peace of heaven, the comfort of work done well.
I have longed for death in the darkness and risen alive out of hell.
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.
I gave a share of my soul to the world, when and where my course is run.
I know that another shall finish the task I surely must leave undone.
I know that no flower, nor flint was in vain on the path I trod.
As one looks on a face through a window, through life I have looked on God,
Because I have loved life, I shall have no sorrow to die.*

The Beautiful Butterfly
Dave Hodges

It's said that when you see a butterfly, it's someone you love in heaven reminding you of them and giving you a reason to remember all the beautiful memories you shared with them....Irma you are our butterfly!



Active Pallbearers

Desmond Thomas
Andre Beck
Harry Ninsky Jack

Phillip Ardoin
Matt Whittington

Jamal Lewis
Isaiah Brown
Laron Robinson

Honorary Pallbearers

Wil Ozier
Will D. Frank
Lester Jason
Benjamin Williams

John Arthur Lafleur
Lloyd Frank
Andrew Jason Jr.
Ajani Ozier

Alsen Jason III
Clarence Ardoin
James Williams, Jr.
Glenn Stagg

Thank You

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it 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 whatever the part.*

Our family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for your prayers and support during the passing of our beloved sister, Sis. Irma Frank. The family is thankful for all you've done to comfort us during our time of bereavement. May God Bless You!

The Frank Family of Irma Frank

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

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Homegoing Celebration

for



Sunrise: March 3, 1951
Sunset: February 13, 2016

Sis. Irma Marie Frank

Saturday ~ February 20, 2016 ~ 1:00 P. M.

Scripture: *But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint. Psalm 40:31*

Antioch Baptist Church

215 East Lincoln Road
Ville Platte, LA 70586
Rev. Eradley Ben, Sr. Officiating



Obituary

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits; who forgive all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, whose deems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103: 1-5



Sister Irma Marie Frank was born on March 3, 1951 in Ville Platte, LA as the oldest child to the late Welton Frank and Ella Mae Jason. She passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2016 while at home.

During her formative years, Irma lived in Ville Platte, LA where she was introduced to the Lord while attending Ninth Baptist Church (B. C.), which was under the

leadership of her step-grandfather, the late W.C. Frank. It was there that her musical gifts were first recognized, and she began to hone her talents as a pianist and a vocalist. As a teenager, Irma played for St. James B. C. choir in Bayou Chicot.

After graduating from James Stephens High School in 1969, she went to Grambling College (now known as Grambling State University), and majored in social work. Under the direction of Dr. Robert E. Williams, Irma was a devoted member of the Grambling College Choir. Irma left Grambling after her junior year, and in 1972 moved to California where her mother and sisters had relocated.

Irma joined, first, the Mount Olive B. C. in East Palo Alto, CA where she was a member of the choir. Later, she joined the Jerusalem B. C. where she served as choir director for several of the church choirs. Irma also served St. Francis of Assisi Church by using her musical skill in directing the church choir. Irma later moved to Sacramento, CA where she joined the Shiloh B.C. At Shiloh, she was an active member of the choir and served as choir director for nine years.

After moving to California, Irma soon became employed at the prestigious Stanford University, working in the accounting department for Stanford Laboratory Accelerator Center (SLAC). Her official retirement would have been effective on her birthday March 3, 2016 after 44 years of service.

California afforded Irma the opportunity to further explore her musical journey. With her angelic and melodic voice, Irma was a sought after vocalist and she joined a number of prominent gospel groups. In this light, she was able to share her musical ministry with such groups as the Gospel Acoustics, a group in which she performed and recorded beautiful traditional and contemporary gospel selections.

She was introduced to and studied under legendary figures, such as the late Rev. James Cleveland, the founder of the Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA). It was under Rev. Cleveland's leadership that Irma joined the Gospel Music Workshop of America and began traveling the world singing God's praises. She was an active member of the Northern California Chapter of GMWA and Sacramento Chapter of GMWA. She had the opportunity with GMWA to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at their World Renowned facility. She also was very studious in GMWA by singing with the Thurston G. Frazier Memorial Chorale and the James Cleveland Chorus.

In 2006, Irma moved back to her hometown of Ville Platte, La where she joined the Antioch B. C. under the care of Pastor Eradley Ben, Sr. As a member of Antioch, she was very instrumental in using what she learned from a musical experience in GMWA to help enhance the church music ministry. Irma was always willing to share her extensive musical knowledge with others.

With her return back home, Irma was active as the musician for Antioch B.C. Youth, Sanctuary, and Sr. Choir; musician and director for the Eastern 7th District Baptist Association Music Ministry; Member Greater Alexandria Chapter of GMWA. Irma even returned to what she had done as a teenager and became the musician for the St. James B. C. Choir in Bayou Chicot.

Irma's memory will live on through her siblings, Tammy Ozier (William) of Stone Mountain, GA and Dannett Frank of Ville Platte, LA. She is also survived by two nephews, Jamal Lewis and Ajani Ozier; three nieces, Naima, Dalila and Amadi Ozier; one great nephew, Andre Lewis; and two great nieces, Aalayah and Amiya Lewis; three Godchildren, Duane Dixon, Jason Dixon and Sansarae Paris; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her father and mother: Welton Frank and Ella Mae Jason.



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude Soft Music
- Opening Hymn Antioch & Eastern 7th District (ESDA) Adult Choir
- Scripture Readings
- Old Testament Bro. Glen Stagg
- New Testament Bro. Anthony Fontenot
- Prayer Hymn "O, How I Love Jesus"
- Prayer Appointee
- Prayer Chant Antioch & Eastern 7th District (ESDA) Adult Choir
- Obituary & Acknowledgements Sis. Sandra F. Jones/Appointee
- Song of Praise Antioch & Eastern 7th District (ESDA) Adult Choir
- Expressions (3 Minutes Please)
- As a cousin Bro. Lester Jason
- As a Friend Sis Grace V Sibley
- As a Friend Sis Raynett Young
- As a College Roommate Sis. Deloris Williams
- As a Co-Choir Director ESDA Music Ministry
- Poem Reading Sis. Angela Freeman
- Song of Praise Antioch & Eastern 7th District (ESDA) Adult Choir
- Expressions of Comfort/Acknowledgement of Ministers Pastor Ben
- Hymn of Preparation Choir & Congregation
- Eulogy Rev. Eradley Ben, Sr.
- Recessional

Interment
Antioch B. C. Cemetery
Ville Platte, LA