



ELLA JEAN FORT



ACKNOWLEDGMENT



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FUNERAL SERVICES
for
ELLA JEAN FORT
Saturday, December 12, 1998
2:00 p.m.
Vaiden Friendship M. B. Church
Officiating:
Rev. Charles Branch
Jackson, Mississippi

Arrangements Entrusted To:
ROBERTS & SONS MORTUARY
524 Greensboro St
Winona, Mississippi 38967

Ella Jean Fort

1951 to 1998

*"In Celebration of
Her Life"*

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AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound--That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears
relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
When we've been there ten thousands years, Bright shining as the
sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first
begun.*

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Let there be peace on each And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our father, Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my
brother In perfect harmony. Take each moment and live each
moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it
begin with me.*

*Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, Let this be my solemn vow;*

*To God as our father, Brothers all are we. Let me walk with my
brother In perfect harmony. Take each moment and live each
moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it
begin with me.*

*Flower bouquet given in Ella's memory by her friends and colleagues in the
Office of Human Resources*

Memorial Gathering in Celebration of Ella J. Fort

Greeting

OHR Chorus

"Amazing Grace"

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Poem read by

David Johnson

Ella's Career at the University

Carol Carrier

Saxophone Solo

Rusty Rustad

Sharing by Friends and Colleagues

Poem read by

Vicky Henderson

Special Remembrance

*Vicky Henderson
David Johnson*

Open Time for People to Share Thoughts and Memories

Ella J. Fort Symposium

Nan Wilhelmson

OHR Chorus

"Halle, Halle, Haile"

Processional

"Try to Remember"

Refreshments and Visiting

OBITUARY

God saw that she was getting weary, and did what He knew best. He came and stood beside her and whispered "Come and Rest". She bade no one a last farewell, not even a good-bye. She was gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.

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**ELLA JEAN** was born to the late Verge and Everlena Davis on February 15, 1951. She attended Vaiden Public Schools and graduated in 1969.

She united with the Vaiden Friendship M. B. Church at an early age. She was united in holy matrimony to William Fort, Jr., July 24, 1971. To this union, two sons were born, Eric and Gerari. Later they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota and joined the Macedonia Baptist Church where she served as a faithful member until death. She was called to her eternal rest December 4, 1998.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory a loving husband, William Fort, Jr., two sons, Eric Donnel Fort and Gerari Kentrial Fort all of Minneapolis, Minn., a loving mother, Everlena Davis of Vaiden, Miss., one sister, Juanita (Harold) Johnson of Prior Lake Minn., father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Fort Sr. of Vaiden, Miss., three aunts, two uncles, a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

### **OBITUARY**

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Prelude

Processional.....Minister/Family

Song.....I Will Trust In The Lord

### SCRIPTURES

Old Testament.....Rev. I. L. Connelly

New Testament.....Jesse Sawyer

Prayer.....Wardell Sawyer

Song.....I'll Fly Away.....Choir

Remarks.....(3 Minutes Each Please).....Friends

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### TRIBUTES

From The Family

Solo

Resolutions

Acknowledgments

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

Solo.....Sis. Pearlie Mae Greer

Eulogy.....Rev. Charles Branch

\*\*\*Funeral Director In Charge\*\*\*

Recessional.....Minister/Family

### INTERMENT:

Vaiden Community Cemetery

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## THE 23rd PSALM

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the path  
of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou annoinest my head  
with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house  
of the Lord forever.*

## ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Ricky McKinney  | Rodney Fort |
| Marlon Johnson  | Marcus Fort |
| Charley McBride | Frank Davis |

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| James Meeks | Joe Parker Herron |
| Danny Weeks | Curtis Meeks      |
| Sammie Cain |                   |

## FLOWER BEARERS

Cousins

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Ella Jean Fort acknowledges with sincere gratefulness the floral tributes, telegrams, cards and other expressions of kindness shown, especially for attendance at the final rites. May God bless you all.

--THE FAMILY--