

# Celebrating The Life of

# Ella Louise

# Alexander Polk

Sunrise: January 11, 1931 ♦ Sunset: November 2, 2016

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

Wake 9:00 am      Funeral 10:00 am

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church  
45th Place & Princeton Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60609

Elder Jevon Moore, Eulogist  
Reverend Charles Jenkins, Pastor

# Order Of Service

**Organ Prelude**  
(casket will be closed at the end of the wake and will not be reopened)

**Musical Selection**.....Choir

**Scripture Reading** .....Old Testament... Reverend Robert Woodridge  
New Testament ..... Minister Cheryl Polk

**Prayer**.....Reverend Reginald McCracken

**Acknowledgement of Condolences**.....Ms. Danielle Alexander

**Resolutions** .....Simeon High School... Dr. Sheldon House (2 min)  
Cook County Sheriff Police...(2 min)  
Fellowship M.B. Church...Ms. Martita McKee Hines (2 min)

**Musical Selection**.....Reverend Bryant L. Jones, Pastor  
Samaritan Bible Church

**Remarks**.....Simeon Connection  
Mrs. Vanessa Rogers  
Ms. Debra Turpin  
Deacon LaPlause Moore

**Musical Selection**.....Choir

**Tribute From The Family** .....Mr. Jimmy Partee  
Mrs. Josandra Polk  
Candice Jarmon  
Grandchildren

**Musical Selection**.....Reverend Bryant L. Jones, Sr.

**Words of Encouragement from Reverend Clay Evans**.....Dr. Lou Della Evans Ried

**Eulogy** .....Elder Jevon Moore

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord.*

~ Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV)



**\*Out of respect for the family, photography and/or videotaping is prohibited**

# Ella Louise Alexander Polk



Mrs. Ella Louise Alexander Polk, daughter of the late Louise and Richard James (RJ) Alexander, was born on January 11, 1931 in Vaiden, MS. She was the second oldest of seven children.

Ella attended Vaiden Grade School and, determined to complete her education, she moved to Grenada with her aunt and uncle to attend Grenada High School. After graduation, Ella planned on attending college and enlisting in the army, but moved back home to help raise her baby sister, Sarah Lynn.

Ella accepted Christ at the age of seven at Vaiden Friendship Baptist Church where she sang in the choir and later became its director. She also served as the program director for the children where she coordinated various programs, including Easter and Christmas. Ella once had the honor to sing a solo at the National Baptist Convention.



The family moved to Chicago, IL, in 1959, and over the years, searched for a church home by attending various churches. They later joined Fellowship M. B. Church in August 1977. God gave Ella a servant's spirit and she shared this gift by serving in the Beautifying Club and as Chairman of its Bereavement Committee. She also served as a "church greeter" welcoming the masses of people who came to The Ship's Services. She was just a plain friend to everyone she met. She had a steadfast faith and a sweet spirit; and that was a blessing to us all.

In 1954, Ella met Lonie Polk at a funeral in a pre-arranged set-up by her uncle. Ella and Lonie got married on Christmas Day, 1955. This union was blessed with four children and she was faithful to her family.

Ella was a loving mother and she and her husband always found time to participate in their children's school activities. She was an active member of their PTA and the organization could always count on Ella to deliver delicious

cakes and pies for the bake sales. She had a passion for cooking and children; that was another gift she gave to this world. Ella's dedication to volunteering led to her being hired as a Teacher-Aide at Theodore Herzl Elementary School. She retired from this role in June 1993. She also participated in her children's High School, Simeon Vocational, with the Local School Council and as a band parent. This honor is reflected in the lobby of Simeon on its "Wall of Fame."

Ella was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 and fought the good fight of faith. She was in remission for six years before the cancer returned in May 2013. God peacefully called her home and she departed this life on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. She lived a blessed 85 years.

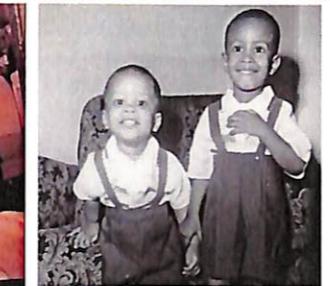
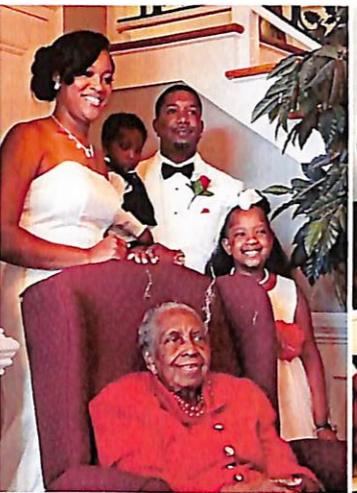
Ella was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, her siblings: Edwin; Monroe; and Mattie Mae Alexander; and great grandchild, Camille Winchester.

Ella's memory will forever be cherished in the lives of her children: Lonie Jr.; Richard James (Cheryl); Larry Lavorn (JoSandra); and Michelle Renee Polk Jarmon; siblings: Woodson Alexander; James Alexander (Hattie); and Sarah Lynn Alexander; grandchildren: James Patton; Larry Polk Jr.; Marques Jarmon; Candice Jarmon; Richard Polk, II; Bryan Polk; and Christopher Polk; great grandchildren: Rachel Polk; Richard Polk III; great aunt: Evelyn Davis; Special Friends: Beatrice Edwards; Mahalia Hughes; Bernice Jones; Jean Kimble; Dolly McCaleb; and Minnie Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends and her Fellowship family.





# We are family



## Tributes

One thing that I'll never forget about my Grandmother is her positive attitude throughout every situation she faced. She never had a bad thing to say about anyone. She honored her husband and followed what the Bible said was her role as a wife/mother. She raised her kids/grandchildren to be a reflection of her. Those values are still with me to this day and now I will instill those values into my children. She was a great spirit and a blessing to everyone who met her. Gone but never forgotten.

**Love always Lil Richard**



To Granny,

I'm so grateful that God for blessing me with an awesome and beautiful grandmother in my life. You have helped groom me into being the strong young woman that I am today. The lessons you've taught me I will continue to apply them to my life. You were a part of my heart and the backbone to our family and now that you're gone a piece of me is too. Seeing your beautiful smile as you passed gave me great comfort to know you're in heaven watching over us. I always miss you and love you.

**Your sweet girl, Candice**



Dear Grandma,

You have been one of the best grandparents that I've ever had. You were always there for me whenever I needed you. You always took care of me when my parents would go out. I've appreciated you whenever I came over to visit, wash clothes and even living with you. You helped me through the good and bad times. You found bible scriptures that related to whatever I was going through. I will miss your singing, your presence, your advice, your peace of mind and your constant ask of help. I will always love you and miss you every day. I know that you're in a better place now and that makes me happy. RIP grandma.

**Sincerely, Dexter**

Hey grandma, you were such a great woman, one who instilled great values and morals, you would make me pick a switch from the tree for that good ole whooping and afterwards you would say, grandma loves you and seal it with a kiss. As you got ill you were unable to fix my favorite rolls. You would always call me on my birthday and actually sing to me. As an adult we talked often 2 to 3 times a week. Sometimes short, but the conversation was always great pleasant. I love you and you will be truly missed

**Love Lil, Larry**

## *PallBearers*

Dexter Jarmon  
Marques Jarmon  
James Patton  
Bryan Polk  
Christopher Polk  
Larry Polk, Jr.  
Richard Polk II

## *Honorary PallBearers*

Roosevelt Harvest  
Larry Polk  
Lonnie Polk Jr.  
Richard Polk  
Bill McClellan  
Dr. Joseph McCray  
La Plause Moore



## *Repast*

Immediately following  
service in Fellowship Hall

## *Interment*

Processional:  
Evans Funeral Home at 11am  
Monday, November 14, 2016  
Abraham Lincoln Memorial  
20953 W. Hoff Road Elwood, IL 60421

## *Acknowledgement*

The family of Ella Louise Alexander Polk is grateful beyond measure for the prayers, expression of love, calls that have given us strength and words of encouragement. Your deeds of endearment, flowers, tributes, tokens, cards, visits have been a blessing to us. We thank you for your presence and for any act or thoughts for us at the time of sorrow and grief. May God bless you and forever keep you. -The Family

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