

Celebrating The Life of

*Ella
Louise
Alexander Polk*

A portrait of an elderly African American woman with short, curly grey hair, wearing glasses and a pearl necklace. She is smiling and wearing a light-colored, patterned blouse. The background of the portrait is a soft-focus image of pink roses.

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

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

~ Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV)

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. Marita 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

*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

Pall Bearers

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

Honorary Pall Bearers

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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