



# *Give me your Flowers*

I would rather have one little rose  
From the garden of a friend,  
Than to have the choicest flowers  
When my stay on earth must end.

I would rather have a pleasant word  
In kindness said to me,  
Than flattery when my heart is still  
And this life has ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile  
From friends I know are true,  
Than tears shed around my casket  
When this world I bid adieu.

Bring me all the flowers today,  
Whether pink, or white, or red;  
I'd rather have one blossom now  
Than a truckload when I'm dead.

Love,  
*Ethel M. Lovings*



*pallbearers*  
Family and Friends

*Internment*  
**Dade South Memorial Park**  
14200 SW 117<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Miami, FL 33176

*Repast*  
Immediately following the internment:  
**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
3515 Douglas Road  
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133

*Acknowledgements*  
The Lovings family would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your many acts of kindness and generous expressions of love and support during this difficult hour of bereavement.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to  
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# *A Celebration of Life*



*Ethel Maude  
Lovings*

*Sunrise: November 24, 1933 – Sunset: March 11, 2020*

*Friday, March 20, 2020 | 11:00 AM*  
**Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church**  
3515 Douglas Road  
Coconut Grove, Florida 33133  
*Elder James G. Cuthbertson, Officiating*  
*New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International*



**Ethel Maude Dykes** was born on November 24, 1933 in Fort Valley, Georgia, to the union of Henry Dykes and Lady Bird Drains. “Maude” as she was often called, was the fourth child and only girl of five children.

Ethel’s early years were spent with her parents in Fort Valley, Georgia until the passing of her mother. After the passing of her mother, Ethel lived with other family members until her father migrated to the South Florida area with her brothers.

Prior to Ethel’s marriage, she had one daughter, Carolyn Jones. She later met and married Albert Lovings on February 12, 1952, in Coconut Grove, Florida. To this union three children were born: Patricia Lovings (deceased), Angelo Lovings and Louise Alberta Lovings (deceased).

Ethel and her husband joined Wells Temple Church of God in Christ in Coconut Grove, Florida, where they served the Lord faithfully. Following her husbands’ passing, Ethel continued to worship and serve as the Church Secretary and Church Mother for over fifty years until she could no longer attend services. While she was unable to physically attend worship services, she faithfully studied her bible, ministered and encouraged others and watched televised Christian services.

To know “Maude” or “Red” as she was affectionately called, was to love her. She was a people-person with a contagious smile. She had a passion for “icy cold” Diet Coke, working her Word Search Puzzle book and chewing her gum! She loved to cook and entertain people, serving up some of her homestyle country meals to those who stopped by. Some of these delicacies included her Pear Cobbler, Louisiana Rice and Sausage, Waldorf Salad, Carrot Salad with Raisins, and her self-titled “Ethel’s Pie”. Ethel was a snazzy and well-coordinated fashionista, strutting in her well-coordinated suits with matching hats.

Ethel worked as a Housekeeper until she became employed with the Miami-Dade County Public School system, where she worked as a Baker in the school’s cafeteria for many years until her retirement. While employed with the school system she also mentored to the children there.

Other family members who preceded Ethel in death included her parents, Henry and Lady Bird Dykes; Granddaughter, Calvene Jones; two brothers, Benny R. Dykes and John T. Dykes.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at Aventura Hospital, Ethel answered the call of her heavenly Father to be with him in Glory. She leaves to mourn and cherish her precious memories; one daughter: Carolyn Jones, one son; Angelo Lovings, son-in-law; Minister Tyrone Borden, two brothers; Elder Freddie Lee Dykes (Sammie Lee), Willie “Pap” Dykes, five granddaughters; Edvena Lisa McClay, Lori Jones, Tynikia Borden (William) and Angelique Smith (Preston), one grandson; Tyrone Borden, Jr. (Greshem), ten great-grands; Carolyn Jones, Carolinia Grant, Brittany Holt, Raynaldo Augustin, Myesha and Michael Williams, Estrella Watkins, Raheim, Lanadia and Lanyaa Arline, seven great-great grands; Julian Borden, Zacory Hosely, Demetrius Morris, Julian Smith, Jahleel Borden, Justice Smith, Holloway Morris, Ace Coleman and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins, Godchildren and friends.

# A LOVING FAREWELL

**Processional**

**Parting Glance**

**Musical Selection**  
*New Birth Baptist Church Choir*

**Invocation**  
*Elder Roosevelt Bostic*

**Scripture Reading**  
**Old Testament - Job 14:7-14**  
*Elder David Jacque*

**New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8**  
*Elder David Jacque*

**Musical Selection**  
*New Birth Baptist Church Choir*

**Reflections: (Please limit to two minutes)**  
As A Nephew - *Fred Dykes, Jr.*  
As A Niece - *Mary Ann Williams*  
As Great-Nieces - *Terri Pinkney & Latarsha Dykes-Reaves*

**Solo**  
*Lynette Jenkins*

**Acknowledgements**  
*Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt Mortuary Staff*  
**Tribute**  
*Renea Perry*

**Musical Selection**  
*New Birth Baptist Church Choir*

**Words of Comfort**  
*Rev. Dr. Zachary W. Royal*  
*St. Mary 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Baptist Church*

**Recessional**

