



For Ella

I've finally got my ticket
Got my ticket in my hand
I'm boarding that morning train
Heading to that promised land

See the Storm has passed over
Now the seas are calm
There's no pain, No more suffering
My work down here is done

I've fought the good fight
but I'm laying down my shield
give my burdens to the Lord
I'm gonna trust in God's will

So swing down chariot and let me ride
Open up the gate and let me inside
I'm one of a kind, got fashion and style
A lively spirit and a beautiful smile

To my family and friends, I could not stay
but I leave you my love to last always
Just remember how sweet my name to say
Hold your heart, look above, and say Ella Mae

Written By
Niece, Cricket
With Love

Pallbearers

Nephews and Friends

Floral Bearers

Nieces and Friends

A Mother's Love

A mother's love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,

It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest
gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation...

A many-splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.

— Helen Steiner Rice

Acknowledgment

We, the family of Ms. Ella Mae Gilmore, wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the many kind expressions of sympathy and love that were extended to us during the passing of our loved one. Your prayers and other acts of kindness have made this time easier for us to bare. We were comforted by your love. May God continue to bless each of you.

Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
601 South Street • Newberry, SC
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*In Loving
Memory
of*

Mrs. Ella Mae Gilmore

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
2:00 P.M.

Welch Zion Baptist Church
Newberry, South Carolina

Bishop Dr. Robert F. Kinard,
Officiating



*Forever
In Our
Hearts*

Obituary

May the work I've done speak for Me

Ms. Ella Mae Gilmore passed away on Friday, April 12, 2019. Born in Newberry, South Carolina, she was the daughter of Mr. Willie Gilmore and the late Mrs. Florence Nance Gilmore. She was a member of Welch Zion Baptist Church, where she was president of the Senior Choir. Ms. Gilmore enjoyed singing old gospel songs and being a Fashionista.

Ella M. Gilmore, in her younger days enjoyed fishing and in her latter days, enjoyed spending her Saturday morning at the yard sales with her sisters. On Sundays after church, Ella would prepare dinner for her children and grandchildren. She loved cooking good old soul food.

She worked at Georgia Pacific for many years and later retired from Federal Paper Board. After retirement, her home became the daycare, where she cared for her grandkids, nieces and nephews. Ella was a giving lady whereby many times, she put everyone's needs before her own. She was always loving and kind but yet stern and did not mind telling you exactly how she felt. Ella was known for her soul-stirring gospel singing. She was highly respected by everyone she came in contact with.

She was predeceased by her mother, Mrs. Florence Nance Gilmore; brothers, Spence and John Gilmore; and granddaughter Alexis White.

Surviving in addition to her father, are a daughter, Sharon Renay Moon (Norman) of Newberry, SC; sons, Bryant Leon Gilmore (Angela) of Little Mountain, SC, Stanley Eugene Gilmore (Ghretta) of Newberry, SC, and Rondell Deon Gilmore of Greenville, SC; sisters. Barbara Melvin, Irene Gilmore Scott and Emma Lee Griffin all of Newberry, SC, Sarah Gilmore Lindsey of Greenville, SC, and Lucille Mitchell (LV) of Woonsocket, RI; brothers, Wilbert Gilmore of Columbia, SC, and Nathaniel Gilmore (KaTanya) of Lexington, SC; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two devoted nieces, Nancy Cromer and Crystal Griffin; devoted friends, Robert Benson, Cora Garmany, Beverly Harp and Jessie Mitchell; a host of other relatives and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional Clergy and Family

Final Viewing Family and Friends

Hymn of Praise *"Oh I Want To See Him"*

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Minister Hang Werts

Heart Ministry, Newberry, SC

New Testament Pastor Willie C. Hair, Jr.

St. Matthew Baptist Church, Newberry, SC

Invocation Bishop Dr. Robert F. Kinard

Selected Music *"I Got To Run"*

Remarks Deacon Leroy Miller

Selected Music *"Slow Down Chariot"*

Words of Comfort Bishop Dr. Robert F. Kinard

Prayer of Comfort Bishop Dr. Robert F. Kinard

Selected Music *"At The Gate I Know"*

Recessional

Postlude

Committal, Benediction and Interment

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