

Psalm 23

*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 paths 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 anointest 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.*

Acknowledgment

We, the family of the late Elma E. Thomas Caldwell, would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all the acts of kindness shown to us during this time of bereavement. May God bless each of you in a special way.

~ The Family



Services Entrusted To:

F.B. PRATT & SON FUNERAL HOME
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Celebration of Life Service for

Elma E. Thomas Caldwell



Sunrise
January 23, 1936

Sunset
July 2, 2021

1:00 PM
Saturday, July 10, 2021

Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church

Morning Star Church Road
Morganton, North Carolina

Reverend Ronald L. Caldwell Owens, Officiating

Obituary

On Friday, July 2, 2021, Elma E. Thomas Caldwell, transitioned from this life to life eternally, at the age of 85. Elma was born, January 23, 1936, in Burke County, NC to Rev. Mack Thomas and Ola M. Owens Thomas Fleming. She was married to the late Ernest W. Caldwell.

Elma spent the most of her adult life in Los Angeles California where she was a member of Greater Rock of Ages Baptist Church. She was employed by General Department Store for a number of years and Co-Owner of a Commercial and Residential Janitorial Company.

She loved fishing and raising two generations of grand children. After moving to Newberry, SC with her son Warren, she enjoyed the quiet peaceful country life. She attended Lever Chapel AME Church. When her health began to decline she was cared for by her dedicated daughter of the home, Gwenda, until she passed June 14, 2021.

She was predeceased by daughters, Linda D. Caldwell Wilkes and Gwenda M. Caldwell Vaughn; sister, Joyce Wilkerson; brother, Warren G. Thomas; five siblings from her father's 1st marriage, Verona Thomas, Leroy Thomas, Zelma Thomas Pearson, Velma Thomas Fleming and Coy Thomas; granddaughter she raised Shonna Caldwell.

She leaves to cherish loving memories, her three sons, Ernest E. Caldwell (Sandra), Bellflower, Calif.; Warren S. Caldwell (Debra), Newberry, SC; Ronald L. Caldwell Owens (Gwendolyn), Annapolis, MD; a great grandson she raised JayShawn Jenkins of Los Angeles, Calif; a sister, Vivian Wilkerson of Victorville, Calif; two brother-in-laws, William "Bill" Caldwell and Bruce Ervin of Morganton, NC; three sister-in-laws, Angelee Connelly (Ted), Mary Caldwell, Jana Caldwell, all of Morganton; a host of grandchildren, great-grands, and great-great grands, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer Reverend Tommy Carpenter

Scripture Reading..... Reverend Audrey Gwynn

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Reflections

Acknowledgements

Words of Comfort Reverend Ronald L. Caldwell Owens

Committal and Benediction Graveside

Interment..... Morning Star Freewill Baptist Church

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