

In Loving Memory

Mother Estella Watson Ezell



Mother Estella Watson Ezell was born in Monroe County, Georgia on August 9, 1923. She was the daughter of Mary McCowan Shannon and the stepdaughter of Minister Moses Shannon who raised her and her sister, Carrie Lou Mann from childhood to adulthood. In 1940, she was joined in holy matrimony to the late Willie James Ezell and to that union seven children were born. She was preceded in death by a baby son, Carl, and her oldest son, Willie James Ezell, Jr (Rosa) in June of 2012.

Mother Ezell's spiritual journey began in Shiloh Baptist Church where she was raised, attended faithfully and sang in the choir. Her journey took a profound detour when she received the baptism of the Holy Ghost under the leadership of Evangelist Hattie Finney. This would be the defining moment that led her to witness to her family and later draw other members of her family to the knowledge of God's saving power.

Through her work as a domestic in Warner Robins, GA, Mother Ezell met her dearly departed friend, Elder Josie Mae Solomon, and this began what was known as "The House Service" through the witness of these two powerful women of God, many souls came to Christ.

In 1970, Mother Ezell joined what is now Zellner's Chapel First Born Church of the Living God and served faithfully for several years in her role as a church missionary. She also continued the "House Services" and as the number of participants in the services grew, Mother Ezell followed God's vision for her to found and Pastor a church of her own, birthing the Holy Saints of God Church. She would pastor this church for several decades until her health declined.

Mother Ezell's legacy lives on in the lives of the many souls that she has brought to Christ which includes her parents, children, other family members and various members of the clergy, some who are present today and others who preceded her in death. She will always be known for her favorite words when witnessing to others:

"If you saved, you better stay saved, and if you're not saved, you better get saved!"

Mother Ezell leaves to cherish her memory her children, Evelyn Ezell Lockhart, Calvin Ezell, Sr. (Barbara), Mary Ann Ezell Jackson (Larry), Melvin Ezell, Sr. all of Fort Valley, and Kathy Ezell Reese of Lorton, VA.

Two nieces and a nephew, Betty Jean Lowe of Bronx, NY, Rosita Stanley and Thomas Mann of Macon, GA. Eleven grandchildren: Alvin Ezell, Ronald Ezell, Kimberly Ezell Jones, Calvin Ezell, Jr., Wykesia Jackson McCrary, Arneatria Ezell, Alecia Jackson Lowe, Melvin Levar Ezell, Cynthia Ezell McGhee, Christianna Ezell and Andrew Reese II; A host of great and great-great grandchildren, a very devoted family friend, Mrs. Susie Pearl Johnson, other relatives, loved ones and friends.



Order of Service

Presiding--Dr. Angela Ezell Burse

Processional

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Consolation Mr. Lewis Jackson, Jr

Greetings

Congregational Selection..... "By and By When the Morning Come"

Scripture

Old Testament – Psalm 121:1-8..... Pastor Keith Wootson

New Testament – 2 Timothy 4: 5-8. Elder Larry Jackson

Musical Selection Minister Dorothy Rumph

Reflections of Mother Ezell

(Limit 3 minutes please)

As a GrandmotherMr. Alvin Ezell

As a Mother -in- Law Elder Larry Jackson

As an AuntMs. Betty Jean Lowe

As a Family FriendMs. Susie Pearl Johnson

Musical Selection.. "A Tribute to Grandma" ..Andrew Reese II

Obituary..... Silent Reflections

Eulogy..... Bishop Calvin Ezell, Sr

Acknowledgements C.J. Edwards Funeral Staff

Recessional..... "Going Up Yonder"

Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

Repast

Deliverance Outreach Church



A Precious Legacy

Pallbearers

Alvin Ezell
Melvin Levar Ezell
Christian Golphin
Thomas Mann

Darrell McCrary, Jr
Nicolas McCrary
Andrew Reese II
Jerel Walker

Weep Not For Me

*Weep not for me though I have gone
Into that gentle night
Grieve if you will, but not for long
Upon my soul's sweet flight
I am at peace, my soul's at rest
There is no need for tears
For with your love I was so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, I suffer not
The fear is now all gone
Put now these things out of your thoughts
In memory I live on
Remember not my fight for breath
Remember not the strife
Please do not dwell upon my death
But celebrate my life*

Our Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say:
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much,
Whatever the part.
The Ezell Family

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