

# Obituary

## FONDA LOUISE POELLNITZ

**F**onda Louise Poellnitz answered the call of our heavenly father and entered into heavenly rest on February 20, 2018.

Fonda Louise Poellnitz was born on March 6, 1959 to the union of James and Annie Pearl Poellnitz. Fonda confessed Christ at an early age and was a faithful member, along with her mother, at the Whitestone Missionary Baptist Church where she sung in the J.H. Hale Chorus and the Gospel Chorus. She is best known for leading the song "He Touched Me". Fonda later united with the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Hubert Baker, where she also served as a faithful choir member.

Fonda was a graduate of Murphy High School. She was a dedicated caregiver and nurse for over 30 years. Cooking, traveling and singing were her favorite pastimes. She was a very giving and loving person who would do what she could for anyone.

Fonda was preceded in death by her parents, James and Annie Pearl Poellnitz; biological mother and father, Bettie Dixon and Richard America, Sr. She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving and devoted daughter and son, Octavia M. Poellnitz and Robert L. Poellnitz; two devoted grandchildren, De'Carlos Poellnitz and Santavia Poellnitz; five sisters, Maggie McMillan, Claudette Dailey, Alice Sanders, Sharon (Kenneth) Owens and Verna America; one brother, Sammy (Francinia) America; two devoted aunts, Dessie McGlasker and Currie Dixon; and a host of other relatives and friends.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him; should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

*John 3:16*



### **Your Work on Earth is Done**

**You toiled so hard for those you loved.**

**You said goodbye to none,**

**Your spirit flew before we knew,**

**Your work on earth was done.**

**We miss you now,**

**Our hearts are sore.**

**As time goes by, we miss you more.**

**Your loving smile, your gentle face:**

**No one can fill your vacant place.**

**Your life was love and labor.**

**Your love for your family true.**

**You did the best for all of us.**

**We will always remember you.**

**Love your grandchildren,**

**De'Carlos & Santavia**



### DEAR MAMA

Today as I knelt to thank the Lord for all that I've received.  
The best thing was when he saved my soul and helped me to believe.  
The next thing Mama, I thanked Him for, was the day of my birth,  
for putting me in the care of the greatest Mom on earth.  
I know I've failed all through my life to let you know how much I care.  
I took you for granted time and time, but still you were always there...  
to doctor skinned knees and wash dirty faces, and make all the pain go away.  
to cook, clean, wash and iron, and care for us kids every day.  
I know you were often weary and tired, but I never heard you complain.  
You never got mad or felt sorry for yourself, through all your sorrow and pain.  
And Mama now that I am grown and I have children too,  
I pray that God will give me strength, to be half as good a parent as you.  
Words can never tell you Mama how much you mean to me,  
But I hope you know that I'll love you dearly, throughout all eternity.  
I think God must be pleased with the kind of Mother you are,  
And if Mothers were stars up in the sky, you'd outshine them all by far.  
You're spoken of in Proverbs 31, beginning with verse number 10,  
You've always sacrificed for those you love, time and time again.  
You are truly a virtuous woman, that's very plain to see,  
Your price is far above rubies, and you're a great inspiration to me.  
Although your body is slowing down, and life is taking it's toll,  
you're still so very young at heart, and youthful in your soul.  
You're pretty as a rose kissed by the dew, shining in the bright morning sun.  
And someday in Heaven you'll shine even more, when your race down here is run.  
You're clothed with strength and honor, and there's kindness in your voice.  
Your life on earth has often been rough, but in times you have rejoiced.  
Now that your life is over and it's time for you to cross old Jordan's tide,  
I know Jesus will be waiting there with his arms opened wide.  
But walk slowly Mama, and wait for me upon that golden shore,  
because soon I'll be coming to be with you there in peace forever more.

**We love you Mama.**  
**Your Loving Daughter And Son,**

*Octavia and Robert*

# A Celebration

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Pulpit Conductor.....Rev. Albert Jackson

Selection.....Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church Choir

## Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Chief Apostle Terry Coleman

New Testament.....Rev. Emmanuel Sewell

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Albert L Jackson, Sr.

Solo.....Sis. Ceola Moore

Tribute.....Whitestone Missionary Baptist Church

## Expressions

(please limit to 3 minutes)

Solo.....Sister Lolisa Woods

Acknowledgements.....Belinda Freeman

Solo.....Dewayne Whitfield

Obituary.....(read silently) .....soft music

Hymn of Preparation.....Congregation

Eulogy.....Rev. Hubert Baker

Recessional.....Funeral Directors in Charge



*"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..."*

*John 11:25-26*

## Honorary Pallbearers

Robert Poellnitz      De'Carlos Poellnitz      Sammy America

## Active Pallbearers

JerMarcus Maddox      James Landon Holmes

Brian Bush      Ena Holmes

Rick Bush      Paul Winfield

Damian McMillan      Gail Austin

## Honorary Flower Bearers

Santavia Poellnitz      Octavia Poellnitz

## Active Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

# John 14:1-4

*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family of the late Fonda Louise Poellnitz would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for your prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls visits and other acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you is our prayer.

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Repat: Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church No. 2 Fellowship Hall

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# Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Fonda Louise Poellnitz



*Sunrise: March 6, 1959*

*Sunset: February 20, 2018*

Saturday, March 3, 2018

1:00 PM

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church No.2

251 N. Lafayette Street

Mobile, AL 36603

Rev. Hubert Baker, Pastor & Officiating Minister