



Mrs. Ola Mae Myers

August 28, 1922 - September 13, 2018

Mrs. Ola Mae Lyles Myers, age 96, affectionately known as "Sister," was welcomed into the world, on August 28, 1922, by her joyous parents, Mrs. Arrie Bell Lyles-Bilbro and Mr. Alonzo Lyles, of Morton, Mississippi. She later acquired a stepfather, Mr. Ed Bilbro, all of Morton Mississippi. Everyone preceded her in death. At age seventeen, Ola was married to Mr. Eliza Buckner. Later in 1947, she met her soulmate, Mr. Tommy Myers of Pelahatchie (Holly Bush), Mississippi, and was wed in holy matrimony in 1952. It was then that she instantly became the mother of his five adult children: L.C. Myers, Grover Myers, Floyd Myers, Ruby Myers, Jewel Myers and two grandchildren, Oscar Rhodes and Willie Ray Walton. Except Oscar, they too preceded her in death. Ola, along with her siblings, grew up during the Great Depression era. Even though the times were hard for the family, she always took the little that she had to share with others. Through her actions and deeds, she cared deeply for everyone. The attributes of her persona was filled with superlatives as she lived life to its fullest. She had many ways of expressing her love and concern for the family as well as friends. She thrived on spoiling her nieces and nephews. Everyone knew that if they got to "Aunt Sister," they were safe. Ola began her education in the Scott County Public Schools district. Even though she did not matriculate through a university, she holds the highest degree that anyone can earn, Jesus Christ. Her life was grounded and centered on the Church. As a God-fearing woman, she accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Pleasant Gift Missionary Baptist Church, in Morton, Mississippi. She later joined Mount Pleasant Methodist Church in Holly Bush to be with her husband. As a long-standing member of the church, she respected her Pastor as the leader, and often invited him and his family to dinner after services. She canned fruits and vegetables and often offered them to members of her community. She took an early liking to cooking and grew up to be a baker. No one could bake an egg custard like hers. She became very unhappy when her nieces and nephews did not take a "What Not" from the curio. Prior to the civil rights movement, Ola was an activist. As the family matriarch, she was a devoted sister, grandmother and aunt. She took an extensive amount of her time helping everyone to feel good about themselves. She taught her nieces the importance of being strong "Black" women. Many years following the death of Uncle Tommy, she lived

alone. However, when her health began to fail, she relocated to her roots in Morton, Mississippi, to be close to her youngest sister, Bernice Lyles. Later she joined her sister Beatrice Holloway, in Pearl Mississippi. During that time, she became a member of Sweet Home Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A., and remained a faithful member until she lost her ability to walk. Her final earthly home was at the Brandon Rehabilitations Center, in Brandon Mississippi. Even while at that facility, she continued be concern about the welfare of her family. On Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, God proclaimed that Ola had earned her wings, and granted permission for her to ascend into Heaven, to take her eternal resting place. Aunt Sister, a loving and devoted wife, sister, aunt, grandmother, cousin and friend, is now resting in her new heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her parents Mrs. Arrie Bell Lyles-Bilbro and Mr. Alonzo Lyles, and her Stepfather, Mr. Ed Bilbro; Seven brother: Earnest Lyles, Willie James Lyles, John Earl Bilbro, Willie Bilbro, Jessie Bilbro, Eugene Bilbro all of Morton Mississippi and Singleton Bilbro, of Pearl Mississippi; Two sisters Mary Alice Bilbro and Ada Johnson of Morton, Mississippi. She continues to be celebrated and cherished by her four sisters: Beatrice Holloway of Pearl, Mississippi, Bernice Lyles, Vanzo Buckner, and Alberta (R.H.) Harvey all of Morton, Mississippi; seventeen grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 01:00PM - 08:00PM

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