



Mother Fordham

October 24, 1927 - May 8, 2007

FORDHAM, Mrs. Idella - Age 79, passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at McLaren Regional Medical Center. Family hour 10:30AM Monday, May 14, 2007 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 2109 M.L. King Ave., with funeral service commencing at 11AM. Rev. H.B. Dixon officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30AM Monday. Mother Fordham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 10AM-8PM Sunday. Mother Idella Fordham was born October 24, 1927 in Glenwood, Georgia, the daughter of Ben and Pearl Balcom. Mother Idella Fordham attended school in Glenwood, GA, resided in Sarasota, FL and relocated to Flint, MI in 1956. She was a member of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully. In 1967 she became a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where she served on several committees and auxiliaries. In 1975, she became a member of Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church where her husband was called to Pastor. While at Everlasting, she served as a Sunday School teacher, sung in the Adult Choir, Mother of the Deaconess Board, served on the Van Ministry, President of the Women's Auxiliary, and Supervisor of the Kitchen committee. Mother Fordham also served faithfully until her illness under the leadership of Pastor Ryan Mixon of Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church. She was also a member of Great Lakes District Minister's Wives and Widows, where she served as treasurer and was coordinator and founder of the Calendar Tea.

Mother Fordham worked for several years for the Flint Board of Education until retirement. Mother Fordham loved cooking, fishing, gardening (flowers and vegetables) and traveling. She was known for her many beautiful hats. Mother Idella Fordham leaves in God's care: 4 daughters, Patricia McQueen, Bernice Fordham, Caren Fordham-Knight, all of Flint, and Pearl (Rev. Joe) Brown of Columbia, TN; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Valerie Fordham; sister, Rosa Williams of Jacksonville, FL; 2 sisters-in-law, Lillie (Foster) Millender of Grand Blanc and Lois Edwards of Carmel, IN; 2 brothers-in-law, Joe (Alma) Fordham of Burton and Roy (Carolyn) Fordham of Flint; host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Mother Fordham had a special love for the Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Fordham*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Just trust in Jesus and his cleansing blood, and in his great matchless love, for he will take care of you.*

West Point Missionary Baptist Church - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

Janita Balcom Thompson - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Always a smile when one was needed. There are really not enough words to express how much she meant to the her family. I honor her life in we be blessed with her memory.*

Larry James Sams - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *We will miss our auntie so much. She is a kind caring aunt that knew how to discipline, how to love and how to have fun. She is with other loved ones and in a better place. She is and always has been in God's hands. When we think of her we will always think of that wide smile.*

Pearl Balcom - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ God knows all. To Caren and the family my prayers are with you. God will see you through. Just remember to say "you didn't lose your mother, because you know where she is in heaven with the Lord." Love and prayers is with you always.

debra lewis ridley - May 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mother Fordham was a nice and generous person. I met Mother Fordham when she attended Mt. Zion Miss. Baptist Church. I also know a member of her family who happens to be married to a cousin of mine Sonya and Donad Coney. My prayers are with all her family members. God Bless,
Cynthia Conerly Dixon

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