



Sis. Ora B. Earnest

October 9, 1925 - October 9, 2015

EARNEST, Sis. Ora B. - Age 90, passed away Friday, October 9, 2015 at Briarwood Manor. Family hour 10 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2015 at New Creation Church of God, 3472 Lennon Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11 a.m. Rev. Herbert Banks, officiating. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Earnest will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday.

Sis. Ora Bell Earnest was born October 9, 1925 in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the daughter of Eugene and Sylvania (Thames) Backstrom. She grew up in the Hopewell Community and attended Hopewell High School graduating in 1946. Ora was a member of New Creation Church of God and served faithfully for many years. She was united in Holy Matrimony to Devon Earnest on August 28, 1946 and to this union two children were born. Ora was a faithful wife for 46 years. She was employed at Flint Osteopathic Hospital (FOH) for 18 years until she retired November 1, 1987. Ora enjoyed reading her Bible, spending time with her family and cooking, especially her candied yams and sweet potato pies. She also loved talking about the Lord.

Sis. Ora Bell Earnest leaves to cherish her memory: 2 daughters, Joyce Smith and Gloria J. Mayberry; 5 grandchildren, Yolanda (Floyd) Gadson of South

Bend, IN, Colette (Juan) Goosby, Terrence Mayberry, Anthony (LaToya) Earnest, all of Flint, and Tanisha (Jason) Tharpe of Bartow, FL; 15 great-grandchildren, Kenneth D. (Keshia) Echols, Jr., La Kendra and Jaleal Mayberry, Shaitoia Gadson, all of South Bend, IN, DeArius Earnest-Griggs of Barlow, FL, Daysia Jordan of Richmond, VA, Kionte Mayberry, Delon Earnest, Asia and Kiara Goosby, all of Flint, Javon and Jashon Tharpe, both of Barlow, FL, Akari and Carter Earnest, and Darius Anderson, all of Flint; great-great-grandchild, Da’Kari Mayberry of South Bend, IN; son-in-law, Jesse Mayberry; 3 sisters-in-law, Christine Earnest, Elone Smith and Katie Backstrom; 2 brothers-in-law, Johnnie (Lula) and Arthur Earl Earnest; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends including cousins, Sheila Bates, Barbara Ann Clifton and Debra Moore.

Sis. Earnest was preceded in death by her husband, Devon Earnest; parents, Eugene and Sylvania Backstrom; 6 siblings, Sezzle Carter, Willie Earl Hathorn, Odie Mae Aaron, Joe, Elijah and Eugene Backstrom, Jr.

The family would like to express special thanks to Geraldine Turner, Debra A. Stewart, Dorothy Jones and New Creation Church of God family.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **16**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

New Creation Church of God
3472 Lennon Rd.
Flint, MI 48507

Service

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sis. Ora B. Earnest*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Aunt Bell , a very strong and spiritual person left he legacy for others to follow. Will always love you. Enjoy your wings, for you have fault a very good fight.*

Elder Jonathan & Tanga Lady Earnest

Jonathan Earnest - October 16, 2015 at 08:31 PM



“ *Felecia Boykins lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*

Felecia Boykins - October 16, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ *Tamora Watson lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*

Tamora Watson - October 16, 2015 at 03:37 PM



TM

“ Thank you granny for everything that you did and taught me i will always hold u deep in my heart i love you so much more than words can express thank you and keep smiling tell everyone i said hello until we see one another again my angel



Terrence Mayberry - October 16, 2015 at 06:04 AM

SH

“ Silver Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest



Silver Hewitt - October 15, 2015 at 09:19 PM

NF

“ Nancine Jackson and family



Nancine Jackson and family - October 14, 2015 at 09:36 PM

KM

“ Cousin Bell you were a shining light in our family. We will always love you ! You will never be forgotten !!
Kenneth and the entire Vardaman & Gladys Moore family

Kenneth Moore - October 13, 2015 at 01:33 AM

CO

“ Missing you everyday Granny but I know you are in a better place. we will all miss your smile and laughter and those sweet potato pies 😊 from Colette your Granddaughter. (Love you always)

Colette - October 13, 2015 at 12:57 AM

RM

“ Rose L. Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest



Rose L. Mitchell - October 12, 2015 at 02:44 PM

RM

“ Sis Bell you will truly be missed by the Mitchell family. I will always remember the good times we had at 12th street church of God. Rest in peace dear one.

Rose L. Mitchell - October 12, 2015 at 02:44 PM



Amen

Jonathan Earnest - October 16, 2015 at 10:36 PM

LB

“ LaRonna (Lockett) Barnett lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest



LaRonna (Lockett) Barnett - October 11, 2015 at 05:04 PM

ES

“ *Elsie Smith lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*



Elsie smith - October 11, 2015 at 08:21 AM

CH

“ *Cynthia (Lyons) Hodge lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*



Cynthia (Lyons) Hodge - October 10, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ *Doris Moore-White lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*



Doris Moore-White - October 10, 2015 at 03:42 PM

BC

“ *B-Moe Clifton lit a candle in memory of Sis. Ora B. Earnest*



B-Moe Clifton - October 10, 2015 at 09:53 AM

BC

“ To Joyce, Jean and Children, I've been where you are and I know the feeling. But let me assure you, God WILL see you through. Cuz Bell has now took her wings and have flown away to be at rest. *WEEPING* will endure for a night, but *SURELY, JOY* cometh in the morning. Know that the *MOORE'S* are here for you, praying with and for *OUR FAMILY*. Love you, Barbara Ann, and the entire *VARDAMAN MOORE FAMILY*

B-Moe Clifton - October 10, 2015 at 08:48 AM



GONE, BUT WILL NEVER-EVER BE FORGOTTEN! To The Earnest Girls, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & "Our Families"....Cousin Bell, Was A Precious Jewel! I Along With My Siblings, Will Never Forget Her! She Brought "Light" To Every Life That She Touch! I Can Remember...The Long Talks & Laughs, She Shared With My Parents! My Father Was "PROUD" To Voice: "That's My COUSIN, From Philadelphia, Mississippi! ❤️ No More: Pain, Sorrows, Worries, Fears Or Tears....GOD Called Home, An ANGEL!!! Cousin Bell, Rest In Sweet Peace! We Loved YOU, But GOD Loved You Best! Thank You, For "ALL" Your Wise Words Of Wisdom....I Will Surely Miss, Your Spontaneous Smile & Cute Laugh...LOVE YOU, NITA & THE MOORE FAMILY!

Doris Moore-White - October 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM