



CELEBRATING THE
LIFE

and LEGACY of

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2023

12:00 PM

**ELIZABETH
MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Aberfoil Community,
Union Springs, AL

OFFICIATING:

Elder Ulysses
Woodyard

sunrise

1935

sunset

2023



"Baby Sister"

MARY LEE FORD

A LIFE WELL-LIVED



Mary Lee Ford affectionately known as “Baby Sister” and “Sister” was the third child born in Union Springs, Alabama to the late T.L. and Ida Mae Peebles. She was born a humble child, studious, hardworking, and respectful. Mary Lee joined Elizabeth Baptist Church at an early age. She was born-again in 1982 while a member of Solomon Temple Apostolic Ministry under the leadership of the late Bishop William L. Bonner in Detroit, Michigan. She loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and sang His praises until her final days.

Mary Lee attended the Aberfoil School until the 10th Grade when she left because of family demands. In 1955 Mary Lee met and married Eddie Henry Ford. To this union two children were born with a third pregnancy resulting in a still-birth (Alexander). The couple first moved to the Florida Panhandle and later to Michigan. After moving to Detroit, she began a career in the healthcare industry; first working at Detroit Memorial Hospital and later working at Wiltshire Nursing Home which became Renaissance. She remained with the later until it closed. Although she had no formal training, her nursing skills were enviable. She was often called upon by doctors and nurses to assist in patient treatments.

In 1983, always the willing helper, Momma Ford moved to Cleveland, Ohio to help her daughter and son-in-law with their young children. While in Cleveland, she joined Apostolic Faith Tabernacle under the leadership of Elder Gary Washington. She became an active member serving on the nursing guild. She would care for the Pastor’s boys when Elder and Sister Washington traveled. Sister Ford established many close relations at Apostolic Faith, including Bernadette Thomas, Carolyn Sullivan, and the late Mary Woodruff.

Once again, duty called and Mom returned to Union Springs, Alabama to assist with the care of her mother. In 1991 she became a resident of Conecuh Bluff Apartments. She would remain a resident of Conecuh Bluff until her departure from earth to heaven. Upon returning to Union Springs, she became a member of Ambassadors for Christ under the leadership of Elder Charles Dixon. She taught Sunday School and participated in various ministries, including her much beloved outreach ministry that she shared with Deacon Willie James

Avery. Mother Ford remained a faithful steward of her gifts and talents until illness prohibited her from serving.

Mom loved her family, and she loved helping others. She often opened her heart and home to those in need of a place to stay. She was the consummate manager of her finances. Although she often earned minimum wages, she was selfless and benevolent.

Abraham breathe his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years; and was gathered to his people, Genesis 25:8

In the early hours of Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Sister Mary Ford caught the morning train to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her husband, son, parents, grandparents: McKinley and Florida (Whiting) Anderson, Saul and Dolly Peebles; siblings: Willie Ben and wife Minnie Mary Peebles, Johnny Lee Peebles, Josephine and brother-in-law Tommy Baker, Thomas Lee Peebles, Shirley Coleman, and James Earl Peebles. Uncles: Ben and Rosie Peebles; Joe and Ardenia Anderson; William James (Nig) and Annie Mae (Mutt) Anderson; William (Buddy) Anderson; Aunts: Lola (Peebles) and John McGowan; Josephine (Anderson) and Brad Posey; Rachel and Zach Lowe; Minnie (Peebles) and Pap Raybon; and Regina (Jeannie) Peebles Newby.

Nephews: Willie James (Bill) Peebles, Jr., Bennie Washington; Cephus Murray Jr., and Sherman Peebles. Niece: Annie George and (husband) Maurice Pickett.

Also, her beloved extended family: Father and mother-in-law Will and Bessie (Chance) Ford; brothers and sisters-in-law: Willie Jay (Ford) and Eddie Cope; Alger and Bennie Z (Pritchard) Ford; Florence Ford; Gertrude (Ford) and Ira Cox; Orsby Goodwin; John and Nancy Ford; Annie Jean (Ford) and Jimmie Lee Smith.

Mother Ford is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Eddie (Bo) and Lucille (Renee) Ford; daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Mary A. and Willie L. Hobson; (3) granddaughters, Summer Hobson, Manessa Carr and Remonic Tinsley; (6) grandsons: Jacobi Hobson (Debbie), Shaphat (Yahkira) Yisrael, Troy Carr; Dominique Willis, William Sage, and Johnny Martinez; (1) sister, Annie Dotson; (1) sister-in-law Shirley (Swift) Peebles; (4) brothers, Clarence (Gloria), Willie James (Manila), Johnny Ed (Mabel), and Millard Peebles; (1) brother-in-law, Johnny Coleman; (16) great-grands; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, beloved church family, and friends

MAMMA'S Sayings

Mom was a great storyteller and the unofficial family historian. Not only did she know all the family history of the Peebles, Andersons, and Fords, she remembered all the old sayings(adages). She especially quoted her dad:

Every cloud has silver-lining.

The darkest hour is just before dawn.

Every dog has its day. If you be a good little dog you might get two days (she would tell my dad this).

Never envy a person for what they have because you don't know what they did to get it and you don't know what they are doing to keep.

Practice makes perfect (she told me this when I started smoking)



ORDER OF CELEBRATION

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Rev. Hawthorne Reed, Pastor

Elder Ulysses Woodyard, Officiating

Pastor of The Ambassadors for Christ Church of Christ Holiness USA



PRELUDE SOFT MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL FAMILY AND CLERGY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD/NEW TESTAMENT ELDER ULYSSES WOODYARD

PRAYER..... ELDER ULYSSES WOODYARD

MUSICAL SELECTION AFC PRAISE TEAM

WORDS OF HOPE ELDER ULYSSES WOODYARD

MUSICAL SELECTION QUI BAKER

Reflections

[LIMIT TWO MINUTES, PLEASE]

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

OBITUARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTSSIS. LYNNIECIA GREY

MUSICAL SELECTION PEEBLES BROTHERS

HOMEGOING MESSAGE..... ELDER ULYSSES WOODYARD

CLOSING PRAYER.....

RECESSIONAL SOFT MUSIC

POSTLUDE.....



In Our Hearts

FOREVER & ALWAYS



WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU



She was the forever songbird. In spite of the dementia, she could recognize many a song in a couple of notes. She sang to everyone. One of her favorite songs was I will always love you.

IF I SHOULD STAY

I WOULD ONLY BE IN YOUR WAY

SO I'LL GO BUT I KNOW

I WILL THINK OF YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

AND I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

-Dolly Parton

REPAST

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Fellowship Hall

"Well Done, Thy Good and Faithful Servant"



Acknowledgements

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE

Sis. Mary Lee Ford

sincerely appreciates all the calls, visits, messages of sympathy, prayers of comfort, strength and acts of kindness during this difficult time. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Family

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