

Celebration of Life
for
Mary Frances Watkins

Sunrise
August 6, 1943

Sunset
April 24, 2016



Friday, April 29, 2016

Family Visitation 11:00 AM
Service 12:00 NOON



The Temple Church
3810 Kings Lane
Nashville, Tennessee 37218

Pastor Darrell A. Drumwright
Eulogist

Pallbearers

Nephews and Cousins

Flowerbearers

Nieces



Acknowledgements

The Family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, prayers, the visits, the cards, the telephone calls, the food and the cheerful and friendly, hugs and smiles shown our family during Mary's illness and death. May God continue to bless your hearts.

Special Thanks to Great Niece Ebony Phillips for her untiring Love, Care and Support shown during her Aunt's illness.

The family Thanks the staff of Richland Place for their excellent attention to our Loved one while in their Care. Avalon Hospice thanks for being there with answers when all we could do was ask questions. Special thanks to Victoria and Jackie with Signature Healthcare facility.



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Reflections of Life



Mary Frances Watkins was the younger of two daughters born to the late John and Delia Word on August 6, 1943 in Wilson County, Tennessee.

Mary Frances married Thomas Watkins on April 18th, 1963 and to this union one daughter was born...Conswella Sandrell.

She was preceded in death by her sister Zollie Hockett, mother Sarah Alma Word and sister, Jacqueline Word.

Mary Frances received her education in the Wilson County school system. She was baptized at an early age and later united with The Temple Church under Senior Pastor Darrell Drumwright.

Mary was employed at Rochelle Center for 24 years where she retired as Operations Manager in building B. She was much respected and loved by her clients and peers.

Affectionately known to friends and family as 'Nudie', 'Hollywood' and 'May Frances'. Her favorite pastime was listening to music, watching Madea's Family Reunion, restaurant outings with family and the Saturday morning Sisters Brunch. Her greatest Love was spending time with her two grandchildren... "Bre and Big Boy".

She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted daughter Conswella Watkins, her grandchildren Breona Somone Shute and Victor Lamont Shute. Sisters Joyce Hardy, Maidine Hardison and Tinita Word. Aunts Guther Lee White and Nancy Word. Host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

Devoted cousins, Lee Vaughn Word, Melissa and Larry Johnson, Odell Martin. Dear friends Walter and Evelyn 'Quickie' Burns, Joyce Rayford and Linda Webster.

To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up that that which is planted; A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4

My Granny

*My Granny, my world...my best friend
My heart aches to know I will not see your beautiful face,
Hear you laugh or you call my name*

*My Granny, my world...my best friend
What about those Christmas movie binges...eating walnuts and
fruit
Me telling you "you're beautiful and me getting that "I know"
response.*

*My Granny, my world...my best friend
When I dance in front of you and you scrunch up your nose and
say
"Bre stop all that fanning". Then I say Granny dance with me and
you say
"ain't"! then start moving that one shoulder and tapping that foot.*

*My Granny, my world...my best friend
Who's going to let me know not to let those bed bugs bite?
Who's going to tell me I Love You before bed at night?*

*My Granny, my world...my best friend
That beautiful joyous smile that no nonsense attitude
I know you are looking down on me right now telling me,
"Bre stop all that crying...everything's going to be just fine"*

*My heart aches to know I will not see your beautiful face,
Hear you laugh or you call my name. You will always be my
Beautiful Black Queen*

My Granny, my world ...my best friend

Breona Somone Shute...4/24/16

Order of Service

Rev. Darrell A. Drumwright, Officiant
Senior Pastor, Temple Baptist Church

Processional

Call to Worship

Congregational Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Temple Music Ministry

Prayer

Pastor Troy Holbert
St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church

Old Testament Scripture

Evangelist LaQuita Overton
Mt. Sinai Primitive Baptist Church

New Testament Scripture

Rev. Phyllis Sublett
Temple Baptist Church

Words of Comfort

Rev. Barbara Collier
Temple Baptist Church

Selection

Temple Music Ministry

Acknowledgements

Poem

Breona & Victor Shute

Selection

Temple Music Ministry

The Message

Pastor Darrell A. Drumwright

Benediction

Pastor Darrell A. Drumwright

Recessional

Temple Music Ministry

Interment
Gladeville Cemetary
Gladeville, Tennessee

To My Aunt

*To a wonderful Woman that showed me Love,
With so many Blessings from God Above*

*I Thank You today with all my Heart.
My Dear Aunt Frances
You gave me my start*

*Thinking of you I pray each day
hoping God will Bless you in
His own special way.*

Thinking of You...Love Always

Reginald Hockett



*Dear
Sister*

*Together on life's journey
We have traveled... you and me
Sharing all the joys of life
Keeping each other company*

*Sharing lots of happy times
And sometimes sharing tears
Always leaning on each other
Together through the years*

*And no matter where life leads us
Dear sister, know it's true
It has been a joy to travel
Down the road of life with you*