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THE **LIFE** CELEBRATION
OF
MOTHER



Ella Sue Beard Shannon

OCTOBER 20, 1927 · AUGUST 14, 2017



HAMILTON CHAPEL CHURCH

2240 McCrary Road
Lebanon, Tennessee 37090

Friday · August 25, 2017 · 12:00 PM

Eulogist and Officiant:
Elder Dr. Robert L. Spickard, Sr.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude
Selection.....Hamilton Chapel Church Choir
Scripture.....New Testament.....Jimmy Byrd (grandson)
Co-Pastor, Blessed Hope CWC
Old Testament.....Pastor Howard Jones, Jr.
Fairfield Baptist Church
Prayer.....Ministry
Solo.....Pastor Falesia Butler
Acknowledgement & Resolutions
Obituary.....Read Silently
Ministry In Dance.....Great Granddaughters
Words of Comfort.....(2 minutes please)
Overseer James Byrd
Pastor Jamal Byrd
Pastor Howard Jones, Jr.
Keith Wilson
Poem.....Dee Dee Byrd
Selection.....Hamilton Chapel Church Choir
Eulogy.....Elder Dr. Robert L. Spickard, Sr.
Pastor, Hamilton Chapel Church
Memorial
Recessional.....Ministers, Flower Bearers, Pallbearers,
Neuble Monument Staff, The Family

INTERMENT

Wilson County Memorial Gardens

FLOWER LADIES

Granddaughters
Nieces
Great Granddaughters

HONORARY FLOWER LADIES

Hamilton Chapel
Mother Board

PALLBEARERS

Grandsons
Sons-in-law
Great Grandsons

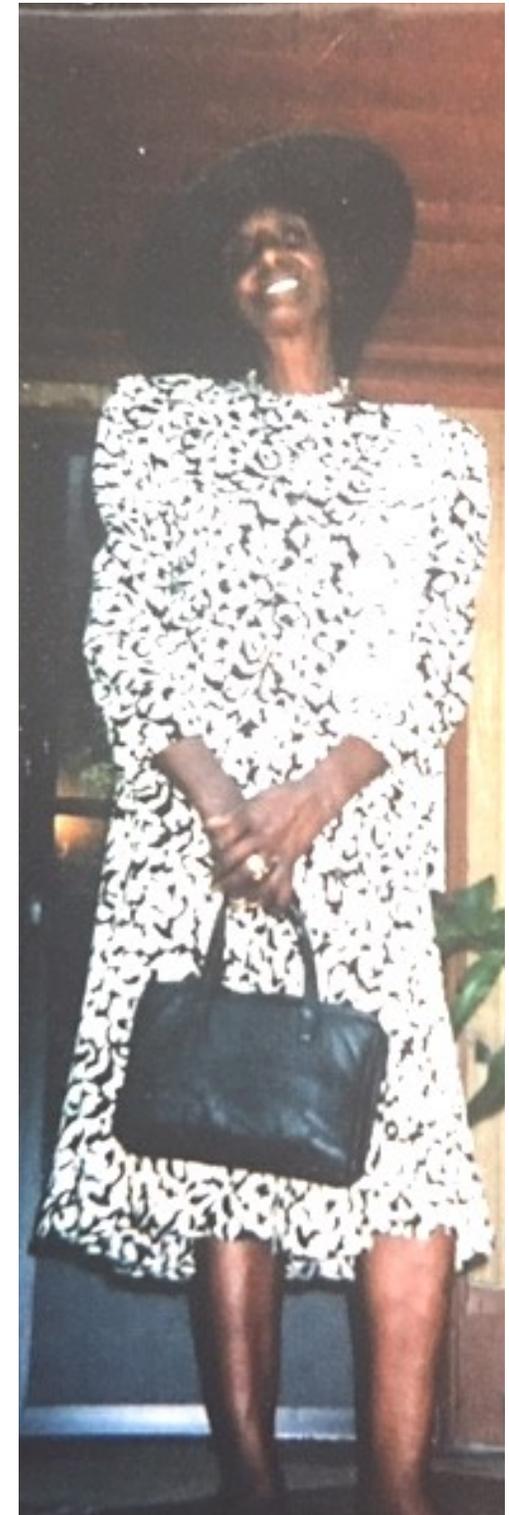


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The family of Ella S. Shannon extend our sincerest gratitude to all. For every act of warmth and kindness and each word of encouragement, we say
THANK YOU!

It means so much to us during this GREAT loss. Words fail to express what our hearts truly feel. Special Thanks to the Spickard Family. May GOD continue to richly BLESS you as you continue to bless others.

-The Family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“Dear Lord...
THY WILL BE DONE



Once more we come with burdened hearts, once more with mournful sighs;
Once more we come with helpless hands, once more with tearful eyes.

Another useful faithful life, has now passed us away,

We've come to pay our last respects, to Mother Shannon today.

Her work is finished here below, life's weary task is done,
But let us say with cheerful hearts, “Dear Lord, Thy Will Be Done.”

She lived a life of usefulness, through all her blessed years,
She faced this hard world with a smile, and quickly dried her tears.

She fought life's battles courageously, until her race was won,

So let us say with cheerful hearts,

“Dear Lord, Thy Will Be Done.”

Together Again

Life
STORY

MOTHER

Ella Sue Beard Shannon

OCTOBER 20, 1927 - AUGUST 14, 2017



*He heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds.*

-Psalms 147:3

From the heavens, God looked down and delivered a vessel, Ella Sue Beard Shannon, on October 20, 1927 at Nashville General Hospital in Nashville, TN. Hettie Rose Beard had five children but raised only three. Ella Sue was the only daughter that she raised.

“Sustah” as she was lovingly called by her family, was raised with her brothers, Frank, Billy and James Henry Beard, who preceded her in death. Ella Sue's brother James Lawrence Degraffenarieid, also deceased was separated from the family at birth. Ella Sue accepted Christ at the tender age of seven years old and had her first experience with the Holy Spirit at 14 years old. She was later baptized at Friendship Baptist Church in Logan, KY by the late Reverend Shoates. Ella Sue received her early education in Nashville, TN but only completed the third grade. When she was 9 years old she met the love of her life that preceded her in death, the late Elder John Henry Shannon. John and Ella married and had nine children, but raised eight, and the first but ninth child did not survive. John and “El Sue”, as John loving called her,

lived all over Kentucky, Lebanon, Wilson County, and Nashville, Davidson County. Later settling in Nashville, TN where they finished raising their children. Education was very important to her and she pushed each of her children to complete their education because she could not. Ella Sue worshiped the LORD with every fiber of her being all of her adult life and raised her children to do the same. Ella Sue joined the Mother Board at 14th Avenue Baptist Church and continued mothering where ever she went.

She loved her children and her family and visited each one in whatever city or state that they lived in frequently. Weekends, holidays, or whenever they took a notion. John and El Sue would hit the road and go travelling with all eight children in tow. Mother had the ability to make people laugh but she did not like jokes. She would not find it funny. She loved to read, and draw but her favorite past time was putting together jigsaw puzzles. For years, if you visited her home you would find an assortment of puzzles on her dining room table waiting to be put together. John and Ella later found their spiritual home and took refuge at Hamilton Chapel Church under Pastor Robert and First Lady Cassie Spickard. After the death of her soul mate, Ella Sue moved to Loganville, GA and worshiped under the watch care of her son-in-law, Founder and Overseer of Blessed Hope Christian Worship Center, James Byrd and grandson, Pastor Jamal Byrd. Mother Ella Sue Beard Shannon walked into the arms of her LORD Almighty on August 14, 2017, departing this life at the ripe and seasoned age of 89 years old.

She leaves a living legacy of 5 generations. Preceding her in death were her two sons: John Leslie and Michael Lynn Shannon. She leaves to carry on her legacy, her six daughters: Anita Sue Beard, Hettie Louise Doss, Priscilla Kay (Clayton) Byrd, Diana Ross Hardin, Alice Christine (Ronnie) Waller, and Anna Ray (James) Byrd. Special recognition to granddaughter, Deborah Reel Esteen and a host of loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:”

-2 Timothy 4: 6-7

HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST

We cried when you passed away

We STILL cry today.

Although we loved you dearly,

We couldn't make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts but it proves to us

He only takes the BEST.

Love always,

Your daughters



God's Beautiful Garden

God looked around his garden and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful he always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering he knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb.

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.