



Ms. Ella Mae Powell

May 18, 1948 - September 7, 2020

In Loving Memory Of:

Ella Mae Young was born on May 18, 1948, in Anguilla, MS to the union of Harvey and Mary Young. Ella accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized and became a member of Christian Light Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. V. T. Taylor. She attended Sunday school regularly and excelled at memorizing and delivering long poems as a member of the Busy Bee Club. Ella was raised by her maternal grandmother, Marie Files from eight years old until she graduated high school. Ella attended public schools in Mississippi and graduated from Henry Weathers High School in Rolling Fork, MS in 1967. While in high school, she was a member of the track team and received honors as a relay runner.

After graduating high school Ella moved to Detroit, MI to join her mother and stepfather, Bennell Staten. She worked for a short time with her mother at Hirsch's Variety Store on 24th and Buchanan. She later began her career at Michigan Bell as a directory assistance operator, before taking a position as a Bell mail delivery truck driver until her early retirement after 15 years of employment.

She was joined in holy matrimony to Michael Powell in 1973, a short marriage that produced no off-spring. Ella was a doting aunt who enjoyed her nieces, nephews and her dog, Sassy. She enjoyed raising fresh vegetables and propagating and transplanting her many outdoor flowers, and also had a large collection of indoor green plants.

Ella departed this life on September 7, 2020, after a short, but strongly fought battle against cancer.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Memorial Park West

25200 Plymouth Road
Redford Twp., MI 48239

Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Ella Mae Powell*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *We want to share our condolences with Ms Powell family. There's a sense of helplessness when someone we love dies. Many wonder how one gets through this time. Take time to reflect on the good times you shared with your love one. Prayer is extremely valuable.*

Evans family - September 14, 2020 at 04:55 AM



“ *Paulette Henderson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ella Mae Powell*



Paulette Henderson - September 11, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ *Rest well my friend, I often think of our day at Friendly MBC and our choir.*

Paulette Henderson - September 11, 2020 at 06:12 PM