



Mrs. Emma Jean Ball

November 17, 1934 - March 21, 2024

Emma Jean Ball, was born November 17, 1934 in Fordyce, Arkansas to the late Jacob and Lillian Archer.

Emma migrated to Detroit, Michigan during her early childhood years.

She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of New Bethel Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. C.L. Franklin. Later in Emma's Christian journey she begins deepening her relationship with Jesus Christ and was led to Kadash Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Williams and then Bishop Gregory Foster Sr. As she continued growing in her faith, she became a loyal choir member and diligent deacons' wife.

Emma attended Northwestern High School in Detroit, Michigan. She had a love for basketball and played on the girls' basketball team during her high school experience. She would later start her career as a dietician with Northwest General Hospital for many years. In this role Emma served others with her expertise in nutrition and healthy eating.

Emma was joined in holy matrimony with Cleveland Henry Ball until his death. To this union three children were born: Lawrence, Nearlean, and Doris. Emma and Cleveland created a supportive environment and raised their children to love and care for each other and others.

Emma had a love for a variety of sports; however, her passion was basketball and bowling. You could find her on any given day sitting in her favorite chair searching the channels to find an NBA game. To know Emma was to love Emma, she would cut you with the truth and heal the cut with a joke to make

you laugh. But this was always done out of love. Her ability to get the crowd going with her sense of humor, her outgoing personality, and fun-loving dance moves was infectious. She dressed with style and class and was the life of any event she attended.

Emma transitioned from temporal life into eternal life on March 31, 2024. She was preceded in death by: her parents Jacob and Lillian Archer; her loving husband Cleveland H. Ball; her daughter Nearlean Cottrell; her sisters, Dorothy Archer, Betty Archer, Mary Louise Bryant (Archer), Lottie Mae Bryant (Archer); her brothers, Bennie, Ozell, Nathanael, Emmit, and Estes Archer. She leaves to cherish her memories: her son Lawrence Archer (Sheila); her daughter Doris Borns (Robert); her sister Lillian Bolden; twelve grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren and great-great- grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens

17840 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

Sunday, Apr. 7. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Apr. 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Kadesh Baptist Church
20361 Plymouth Rd
Detroit, MI 48228-1266
(313) 272-7887

Celebration of Life

Monday, Apr. 8. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Kadesh Baptist Church
20361 Plymouth Rd
Detroit, MI 48228-1266
(313) 272-7887

Tribute Wall

RF

“ Roger and Linda Solomon Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Emma Jean Ball.



Roger and Linda Solomon Family - April 06, 2024 at 01:23 PM

RF

“ Roger and Linda Solomon Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Emma Jean Ball.

Roger and Linda Solomon Family - April 06, 2024 at 01:23 PM

LY

“ Hey Doris, sending my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I wish I could Be there with you but just know I'm there in spirit. I have very fond and funny memories of your mom. Be blessed. Love Lynne

Lynne - April 04, 2024 at 11:20 PM

MS

“ Doris, It is with my deepest condolences that I pen this note. I was saddened to hear of the transition of your mother. I did not have the pleasure of meeting your mother, but I was grateful for the opportunity to meet you and spend time with you while visiting Detroit. I'm sure your kindness, generosity, and gentle spirit that was extended to me was a reflection of your mom. She remains with you...in your heart, in your children, in your talks to your children and in your precious memories. Her legacy lives on in you. Continue to lean on your Faith. Know that God is there to heal your broken heart, and an Angel's smile is always looking over your shoulder to guide you with Heavenly hope. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find inner peace in the healing power of time. Now that the sun has seemed to set on one so very dear, please know a soul who lived so well remains forever near.



Love you,
Johnnie W. Scott
Demopolis, Alabama

Mrs. J.W Scott - April 03, 2024 at 09:45 PM