



Mrs. Ethel Oldham

May 19, 1919 - February 22, 2015

Celebrating The Life Of Ethel Oldham:

Ethel Oldham was born to Moses and Carrie Thomas in Webb, Mississippi on May 19, 1919. She was the fifth oldest of eight children. She is the last remaining member of her siblings and was the Matriarch of the family.

Moses Jr., Isaac, Blanche, Aaron, Ella, Jonathan and Mabel preceded her in death. Moses Jr. and Isaac died in Mississippi. The others migrated north. Ella and Aaron settled in Chicago; Jonathan in California; Blanche, Ethel and Mable in Detroit.

The Matriarchs were strong influences in this family. Said Ethel, Grandma Ella "... got me ready and sent me to Detroit. She lived with her Uncle Louis who was visiting." She added, "I wasn't in my uncle's house long before I married Ore Hemingway." Two girls, Rosalind and Barbara Jean were born to them. They resided on Hartford St. in a blended community ranging from working class to professionals. They attended New Light Baptist Church under the pastorship of Rev. Martin. Ore worked in one of the auto factories. Ethel worked in a munitions factory on Livernois and Warren making parts for the WWII effort.

Ethel would visit Mississippi and on one visit brought her niece, Hattie, to stay with her until her mother came to Detroit. Another niece, Carolyn Robinson,

stated that she liked being at Ethel's home so much she would cry when her mother came to take her home. These kinds of actions reflect the gentleness, kindness and tenderness of heart that Ethel displayed.

Ore died in 1950. She later moved to Northwest Detroit and two sons were born, Horace and Orrin. She also joined the Community of Christ Church and remained a member until her death.

At the age of 95, Ethel lived to see four generations of Thomases.

So, with the richness and fullness of her life, we honor our Heavenly Father for the myriad blessings He has enabled through this, His child, who has now gone to her rest.

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

23501 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48219

Previous Events

Visitation

Monday, Mar. 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Family Hour

Tuesday, Mar. 3. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

Tuesday, Mar. 3. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ethel Oldham*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Beatrice Roland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ethel Oldham*



Beatrice Roland - March 02, 2015 at 01:22 PM