



Mrs. Minnie A. Fowler

October 20, 1920 - November 10, 2020

Obituary

How do you convey the essence of a life lived for 100 years and 21 days in a few paragraphs? The ups and downs, the love and care I have given and received, the faith that was instilled in me.

I was born October 20, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio to David Orange Ford II and Helen Amanda (NEE Parr) Ford. In early childhood I moved to Phoenix, Arizona with my parents and older brother David Orange III. While I was still very young our mother became ill and passed. We were taken by train to be raised by our Aunts Elizabeth Parr and Minnie Parr in Danville, Kentucky. Our father passed a few years later.

After graduation from Bate High I attended Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee. While there I met my future husband, William Homer Fowler, Jr. We became the parents of Peggy Elizabeth, William Homer III and Mary Louise Fowler. I was blessed to stay home and raise our children while Homer taught school, repaired radio's and tv's and showed movies at the "negro" theater.

In 1964 I moved to Detroit, Michigan with my two daughters. My son was in the Army at the time. I enjoyed playing the organ at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church where my sister-in-law Rebecca Ford was an Associate Minister. In my latter years I joined People's Community Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Martin E. Bolton. I was able to attend services and some of the senior activities until my health began to decline. I had several jobs before I began

working for the State of Michigan. I retired in 1985 after many years of service. Family and friends called my Granny, Granny Bug, Ms. Minnie, Mom or Minnie Ha Ha. I loved to cook "real food" and feed my family and friends. I lived independently until the last five years when I was in the home of my daughter Mary and son-in-law Robert.

My family would say I was quiet in temperament but would sometimes give advice/instruction in my own fussy but well-meaning way. I strived to instill in my family to do their best and to help each other. I enjoyed many interests, The Kentucky Club, sewing, baseball, listening to music and genealogy. Sometimes I would combine traveling to see family and researching my family tree. I would always collect a small rock from each city I visited. I loved to listen to jazz and spiritual music. The organ was my favorite instrument. Hearing a pipe organ always brought me joy. Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington and Sarah Vaughan were some of my favorite artists. In later life I would regularly watch Dr. Phil.

Family members that have made their transition before me are my parents and older brother, husbands William H. Fowler Jr. and James L. Curry, grandson Donald McNary Jr., nephew William Ford and his wife Bonnie Ford. Nieces Lydia D. Whitworth, Linda R. Saunders and great nephew Shawn Saunders.

Those left to carry on after me are my children: Peggy E. McNary (Donald Sr.) William H. Fowler III (Fannette) and Mary L. Dennis (Robert). Grandchildren: Sandra E. Keith (Roderick), Mary Brewster (Paul), Elizabeth Fowler-Baynes (Kenneth), William H. Fowler IV, Jeremiah O. Fowler, Dionna M. Lloyd (Aaron), Ronald Hester II, Marvin Dennis (Tami), Crashawn Dennis-Walton. Great grandchildren: Andre McNary, Tamara S. McNary, Aaron M. Keith, Breanne E. Keith, Collin J. Keith, Jake W. Hayes, Hayden A. Hayes, Diamond Fowler, William H. Fowler V, Jesiah Fowler, Nina S. Lloyd, Alexandria Hester, Ryan Hester, Cierra Hampton, Kaylynn Walton, Kyra Walton, Brandon D. Dennis, Blair Dennis, Bria Dennis, Tamara Dennis, Elizabeth Dennis, Demetrius Dennis. Great-great grandchildren: A a'Ryah L. McNary and

Empress G. Linton. In addition to nephew David Ford (Rinda), niece Helen Lowe, special caregiver Debbie Dennis, and many other relatives and friends too numerous to name.

I was blessed to receive and “smell the roses” while I was alive. I had a personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I received both Grace and Mercy throughout my life. In Matthew 7:7 Jesus says ask and it will be given to you. My fervent prayer was to live one hundred years. God granted my prayer and twenty-one days more. My earthly assignment has been completed. May God’s blessings be granted to you all.

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Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1200 Elmwood Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207

Previous Events

Funeral Service

Friday, Nov. **20**. 3:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Minnie A. Fowler*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *I would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family. I pray that the precious memories you carry in your heart will help you and your family through this challenging time and give you peace and comfort.*

Love Rhea

Rhea Reid - November 19, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *Rhea Reid lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Minnie A. Fowler*



Rhea Reid - November 19, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Robert and Mary Dennis & Family, Mary, praying for you, that our Lord of all comfort will cover you, and your family with His Abiding Presence in this time of separation from your beloved Mother, Minnie Fowler.*

Love. Loraine Jones

Loraine Jones - November 18, 2020 at 01:45 PM

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*To Robert and Mary Fowler and family.
Youu have my sincere condolences and sympathy at the passing of
your mother. My prayers are with you all. May God bless and keep you
comforted during this time.
Love, your neighbor.
Ernest Dumas*

Ernest Dumas - November 20, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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*Robert and Mary Dennis our prayers goes out to you and the family.
God had a plan for Minnie she lived to be 100 One day the Lord came to
your mother (Minnie stated I have a plan for you we need Angel 😇,
see family all the time Minnie through about it Yes 🙌🙌 I'll your new
Angels. God watching over your family today and always 🙏🙏❤️
Sarah and Jeffrey Clay*

sarah clay - November 20, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ *We are saddened to learn about Mrs. Fowler passing. May the God
of all comfort help to ease the pain of your grief. Truly sorry for your
loss.*

Evans family - November 16, 2020 at 05:11 AM