



Ella Matt Brown Stewart Shores Bosley

July 18, 1921 - June 30, 2021

Honoring the Life and Legacy of
Ella Matt Brown Stewart Shores Bosley

“For as we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” (Romans 14:8)

Mrs. Ella Matt Brown Stewart Shores Bosley, 99, was a dedicated, energetic Christian senior, her faith and hope were grounded in the Lord, passed into eternity on Wednesday, June 30th, at Central Baptist Hospital.

Ella was born July 18, 1921, in Clintonville, KY to the late Edward William Brown and Florence Jackson Brown Tolley.

Ella received her education, Grades 1-10 at Dunbar High School and graduated from Douglass School in 1942.

Ella trained to be a nurses' aid in the first class of the Nurse's Aides Training at Good Samaritan Hospital. December 4, 1981, Ella completed a refresher course at the Central Kentucky Vocational School.

The year 1951 saw Ella receiving training in cosmetology at Poro College, Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was the Class President and Salutatorian. She is licensed by the State Board of Cosmetology.

Ella's work experiences include a variety of important positions:

Owner and operation of "Try Me" Beauty Shop for 30 years.

May 27, 19_____ - February 22, 1968, was the grand opening of "Curtis's Place", 149 Water Street, which was located next to Joe Rosenberg Jewelry Store. Approximately 350

people were in attendance. After the death of her husband Curtis, Ella continued to operate the restaurant for 5 more years.

Owner and operator of low-income housing for 30 years.

Her honors and awards include:

19_____ Hairstyling Award at the Conference at Kentucky State.

1958 Lifetime Member of the Kentucky Congress of Parents and Teachers Association.

1960 Kentucky White House Conference on Children and Youth: Certificate for Outstanding Voluntary Assistance and Participation in the Kentucky Conference in preparation for the 1960 Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington, D.C.

1981 Organized the first William and Fannie Jackson Family Reunion.

1989 Awarded Women of the Year from the Men's Fellowship at Emmanuel United Church.

19_____ Inducted into the Douglass High School Hall of Fame.

There are many other awards and recognitions, too numerous to mention.

At the age of eight (8), Ella was baptized at the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church (Rev. James W. Woods), Lexington, KY. The church went out of existence, and she moved her membership to Bethel Baptist Church. In 19_____, she moved her membership to the Main Street Baptist Church, Rev. Reggie Johnson then pastor, Rev. Victor Scholar currently serves as the Pastor. There she has served as Assistant Sunday School Teacher (Young Adult Class); Program Chairman for the Sunday School; organized and served as the Coordinator for the Health Program (First Aid-Sitter Service) for the ill; chaired services in the dining room for W.M.U. Christmas dinner and funerals, past chairman and corresponding secretary for the Bonnie Johnson Missionary Circle; Historian for the Saturday Prayer Meeting (started with the Crusade at the University of Kentucky Campus) and created the theme, brochures and decorations for the annual dinners.

Ella has been faithful in all she has done. She loved to work and always wanted the results to be effective and reflect excellence! She truly believed that God desires our very best in all we do. He shaped each of us for a purpose and expects us to make the most of

the abilities He has given us.

Ella's work experiences include a variety of important positions: Owner and Operator of "Try Me" Beauty Shop for 30 years; Curtis Place; Owner and Operator of low-income housing for 30 years. October 12, 1999, Ella wrote and published a biography of her mother's life (Florence Jackson Brown Williams Tolley) "Only Believe."

On April 23, 1940, she married her first love, Logan Stewart. The Lord blessed them with one child, Randolph Laverne Stewart. On October 4, 1955, she married Curtis Shores; and on December 9, 1967, she married William Shirley Bosley.

In 1981, Ella along with her son Randolph L. Stewart organized the first William and Fannie Jackson family reunion, and the tradition continues for 40 years.

In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, collecting Main Street Baptist Church history, and collecting memorabilia on black history and from President Barack H. Obama. She has a giving heart and always have a small gift to offer each guest who comes to her home.

She was an avid reader, and hostess to many. She was always impeccably dressed and ready for any adventure.

She was extremely proud of all her family's accomplishments and continued to encourage them as they learn life lessons, mostly from her incredible spirit and courage.

Faith and dedication are only a few of the attributes of this diligent worker in the community. Ella has been involved in community service for many years and continues to give her support wherever she can.

Ella states "I was significantly influenced by my mother, Florence, who would never allow us to say, "I can't". Every worthy endeavor deserves a diligent try. Her personal philosophy is best captured in these statements, often overheard by her friends and colleagues, "I work to find the best in every individual I meet". "From so many I have gained so much."

Ella knows the highest distinction is the service of giving to others and tries to live that every day.

Without a doubt, Ella was a genuinely sweet and loving woman. She did not believe in having cross words with anybody. She did not believe in creating or promoting drama. She was a peacemaker. It was all about spreading love and kindness to anybody and

everybody. To know her was to love her. She has a great legacy to pass to generations to come.

She truly fought the good fight of faith and finished the course of the race set that was before her. Preceded her in Glory, Her Husband, William S. Bosley, her son, Randolph L. Stewart, her loving parents, Edward William Brown, and Florence Jackson Tolley, her siblings, Fannie (Robert Foster, Sr.), Cora (Ethelbert Williams), and E. J. Brown.

She leaves the following to treasure great memories and continue her legacy: grandsons, Vincent Stewart of Lexington, KY; and Cameian Stewart of Atlanta, GA., three great grandchildren: Cameian Jr., Zion Ajani and Zaire Stewart, and one great-great grandson, Benjamin Laron Stewart, numerous cousins, devoted friends, including Rosella Yates and Shirley James, the Main Street Baptist Church family; and numerous other friends and loved ones.

With courage, confidence, and resilience, Ella has passionately made a difference in the lives of others. Her faithfulness is honored as she has diligently trusted in our Gracious and Generous God – Our Greatest Rewarder.

Cemetery Details

Cove Haven

Previous Events

Service

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Main Street Baptist Church
582 W Main St
Lexington, KY 40508
(859) 252-3838

