



## Ella Mae Hayes

May 29, 1920 - August 2, 2015

Ella Mae Hayes was born in Marion, Arkansas on May 29, 1920 to the union of Athalie Sanders and Mathew Simpson.

Ella united in holy matrimony with Howard Hayes. They were married for over 50 years until his death.

Ella received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and united with Portland C.O.G.I.C. where she was a faithful member at or over 60 years. She served on the Mother Board, Usher Board and as one of the head cooks until her health declined. Ella loved to quote scriptures from the Bible and to spread the good news about the Lord.

Ella resided in Chicago Heights, Illinois for over 60 years until she moved in with her sister, Essie in Chicago in 2004, where she stayed for over 8 years. In July 2013, Ella saw Essie was getting a little tired, so she moved into Victory Center of Park Forest Assisted Living. In December 2014, Ella got the news that Essie was moving into Prairie Green at Dixie Crossing Assisted Living in which she moved in January 2015, right down the hall from Essie, so they could be together once again.

Ella was known to open her home to her nieces, nephews and cousins from generation to generation, even if they had no rent, the love she showed could

never be replaced. She was always ready to share with others her favorite foods greens, corn bread, and please don't forget cake and ice cream. Family was a priority for Ella and she showed her love for family in all she did.

On August 2, 2015, God called his beloved daughter home to be with him. Ella was the matriarch of the Simpson family, and will be well missed. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Athalie and Mathew; her husband, Howard; five brothers, Elijah, Mathew, Claudie, Leroy and Henry; and one beloved sister, Albert Kerney.

Ella leaves to cherish her memories, two sisters, Essie Mae Hayes and Eddie Bee Jones; one brother, Arthur Charles Simpson "AC"; a special niece, Arlene Simpson-Jackson (Derrick); and a host of nieces, nephews, and many, many friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Glenwood Memory Gardens

18301 South Glenwood-Thornton Road  
Glenwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services (FH)  
1621 East Lincoln Highway  
Ford Heights, IL 60411  
(708) 758-2880  
[info@mcculloughfuneralservices.com](mailto:info@mcculloughfuneralservices.com)

## Visitation

AUG 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Portland Street COGIC  
284-86 East 16th Street  
Chicago Heights, IL

## Service

AUG 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ella Mae Hayes*

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