



Thelma Lee Foster

July 19, 1919 - September 5, 2017

Thelma Lee Stokes Foster was born on July 19, 1919, in Marked Tree, Arkansas, to the late Van and Roberta Stokes. She was united in holy matrimony to James Foster, Jr. To this union, five children were born: four daughters, Jessie Foster Burnett, Dorothy Mae Foster Wynn, Lawrence Foster, Earnestine Foster and Barbara Foster. Charles Edward Barnes was the oldest of her six children.

Thelma received Christ at an early age at Anderson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Marked Tree, Arkansas. In the early 1970's, James and Thelma relocated to Joliet, Illinois, where she joined First Union Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Theodore McMillian. She remained at First Union under the pastorate of Rev. Robert M. Foster, Jr., whom she loved like a son. Thelma was a faithful member of First Union Missionary Baptist Church, serving until her health failed. She was a devoted member of the choir for many years and loved to sing, read the word of God and often was asked to read a special commentary during church events. In her devotion time, she loved to listen to spirituals. She was on the Mother's board where she worked, provided spiritual guidance and was a role model to the youth.

For many years, Thelma worked as a receptionist at the Ford Heights Community Service Center. Many patrons often commented on her smile and

welcoming personality. When Thelma was not working, she was taking care of her plants. She loved to travel and looked forward to her family reunions in Tennessee. She was a great cook and loved providing meals during the holidays for family and friends. Thelma was a determined mother, a talented housewife and a loyal friend. She loved her family and created a warm, inviting home. Thelma loved to look and smell good and her children knew to give her perfume for a gift.

Thelma transitioned from this life on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Van and Roberta Stokes, husband, James Foster, Jr., a son, Charles E. Barnes, and two daughters, Jessie Burnett and Dorothy Wynn.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, one son, Lawrence (Paulette) Foster, two daughters, Earnestine Foster, Barbara Foster, 13 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren, 3 great-great-great grandchildren, two nephews and a host of other relatives, friends and church members, especially Mother Jessie Williams. She was trusted, compassionate, kind, easy to talk to, always wore a smile and was a wealth of knowledge for family, friends and neighbors. She was indeed a phenomenal, gracious, loving woman and will be missed in this life, and also cherished in memory.

Cemetery Details

Mount Glenwood Memory Gardens

18301 South Glenwood-Thornton Road
Glenwood, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 12. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

SEP 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Union Missionary Baptist Church
1301 Woodlawn Avenue
Ford Heights, IL

Service

SEP 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thelma Lee Foster*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *My godmother- Momma Foster. She loved me so much and I loved her as well. What a great woman!!!!*

Your GodSon, Johnny Albert

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“ *I feel so blessed to have met Mother Foster - also known as Honey. She always treated me like family - never a stranger - from day one. It so hard to find the words. I am so happy to have known her and I will truly miss her. I am praying for strength for the family. While she is gone from here on earth, we can share our memories and stories to keep her alive in our hearts.*

- Robbie

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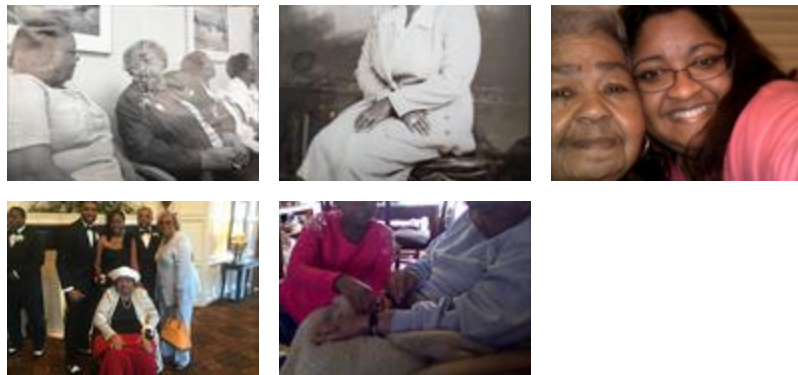
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