

The Homegoing Celebration

For



Sunrise
March 22, 1942

Sunset
March 26, 2022

Sister Erma Godeau

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:1-6

Friday, April 8th, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
548 15th Street @ Austin Avenue
Port Arthur Texas

Pastor Vester Thompson
Officiating

The Life of Sister Erma Godeau

Obituary

Ms. Erma Lee Godeau was born in LeMoyen, Louisiana on March 22, 1942. She was the only daughter of the three children born to her parents. Buddy and Patsy Powell Godeau.

Erma moved to Buna, Texas at a young age after the passing of her mother. She was cared for by her beloved uncle and aunt Mr. & Mrs. Lemon Godeau. Erma was a graduate of the Bessie Mae High School, Class of 1960. She was a member of Pine Valley Baptist Church for many years, serving under the leadership of Rev. E. E. Jones and Rev. E. E. Robinson. Erma's life was devoted to serving and assisting others. She was employed at Buna Nursing Home and later became employed with Buna ISD as a Teacher's Aide. She remained there until retirement.

In 2009 Erma relocated to Port Arthur and continued in service to others. She became an Experience Corp Volunteer working with young children in the elementary schools in the Port Arthur ISD. When the pandemic closed schools, Erma joined Treasure Services where she assisted the elderly with in-home care. She was a faithful member of Eastern Star Baptist Church serving in the Sanctuary Choir, Sunday School and Women's Ministry. She was also a member of the Alpha & Omega Women of Faith Prayer Group of Port Arthur and Beaumont.

Erma was a kindhearted woman with a sweet spirit who never met a stranger. She maintained lifelong friendships and celebrated her 80th birthday with her Buna & Port Arthur families. Preceding Erma in death are her parents Buddy and Patsy Godeau, guardians Mr. & Mrs. Lemon Godeau and two brothers Manford and Toefield Godeau.

Cherishing fond memories are special cousins Annie & Lockwood Coleman, Annie & John Coleman, Cynthia Pleasant Jackson, Ministers Leona Nell & Roy Lee Paul, and Josephine & Robert Robinson, along with numerous cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:1-5

Prelude

Processional Clergy & Family

Musical Selection.....ESBC Sanctuary Choir/Male Chorus

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament.....Rev. Tatmon

New Testament.....Rev. Ardoin

Prayer.....Rev. Shelvin Jackson

Musical Selection.....ESBC Sanctuary Choir/Male Chorus

Resolutions/AcknowledgementsDorothy B. Jackson

Solo "God Specializes" Sis. Wanda Whitfield

Expressions (2 minutes, please)

*The Alpha & Omega Women of Faith Prayer Group Minister Paul
(Port Arthur & Beaumont)*

*Buna FriendsSis. Helen Gilder
Sis. Sandra Nelson*

Houston FamilySis. Linda Jackson

Port Arthur FamilySis. Josephine Robinson

Words of Comfort/Pulpit

Eulogy.....Pastor Vester Thompson

Recessional

Family & Friends Memories



Church Memories



Sanctuary Choir



Sanctuary Choir



General Mission Officers/Circle President



Queen Esther Circle



Women's Day Choir



Greeter's Ministry





I Made It Home

***I just wanted to let you all know that
I made it home. The journey wasn't
An easy one, but it didn't take too
long.***

***Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh and new. I
wish that you all could close your eyes and that you
could see it too.***

***Please try not to be sad for me. I'm with my loves of my
life again. Try to understand God is taking care of me...
I'm in the shelter of His hands.***

***Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain. Here
there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.***

***Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing. I really
have to go for now... I've just got to try my wings!***



Active Pallbearers

Larkwook Coleman

Terry Coleman

Toefield Coleman

Kerry Dixon

Robert L. Robinson, Jr.

Arthur B. Thomas

Honorary Pallbearers

Larkwood Coleman Sr.

Shelvin Jackson

John Coleman

Robert L. Robinson, Sr.

Family Acknowledgement

Thanks for the many individuals who have lightened the burden of our loss with your prayers, phone calls, words of comfort, food, and other gestures of love and support, Thanks to the Family of Eastern Star Baptist Church, Gabriel Funeral Home, Bonnie Vie Rehab Staff, St. Elizabeth doctors and nurses and May God Bless you all!

*Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
Gabriel Funeral Home
2500 Proctor Street
Port Arthur Texas*

Dinner will be served for family & friends