



*Celebrating the Life
of
Sister Mary Lou Coleman Threats*



*Sunrise
February 6, 1935*

*Sunset
February 2, 2022*

*Saturday, February 12, 2022
2:00 o'clock p.m.*

Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Lloyd W. Scott Sr., Officiating
548 15th Street ♦ Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Obituary

Mary Lou Coleman Threats was born in Abbeville, Louisiana February 6, 1935 to Elsworth and Onedear Coleman. She remained in Abbeville through most of her youth serving her grandparents as a helper and caregiver when her grandmother took ill. She moved to Port Arthur as a teenager reuniting with her parents and siblings graduating from Lincoln High School in 1953. Everyone who knew Mary Lou could speak about her unwavering faith in the Lord; she developed a relationship with Christ at a young age.

On June 18, 1955, Mary Lou was joined in holy matrimony to Joseph Threats, Sr. in Port Arthur, Texas. They remained committed to their covenant for 62 years until death separated them. Mary Lou served as a dedicated domestic homemaker, housekeeper, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sibling, and friend. Her services didn't stop there, she faithfully served as a Deaconess and member of the Senior Choir at Eastern Star Baptist Church until her passing.

Mary Lou, affectionately referred to as 'momma' and 'mommee', was devoted to her family and friends. How she treated others was a reflection of her relationship with God. Her beauty, love, and kindness could be felt by many; it was overwhelmingly shown in how she cared for her family. She made herself available to talk, listen, cook, and serve as an errand and doctor appointment driver. The girls especially embrace those intimate memories when she cared for them and their homes after the birth of all of their children. Her son holds near to his heart the cooking skills she taught him that cultivated his passion to cook. Being the only son, he received special treatment; she faithfully baked his favorite cake for his birthday for 65 years! If you knew Mary, you knew she loved to dress (fashionista) and to watch you eat and enjoy her food. She also enjoyed giving kisses and saying I love you.

Mary Lou departed this life to enter the arms of her Lord and savior Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at West Houston Hospital. Mom is at peace because what Jesus had done for her. She was reunited with her husband Joseph Threats, Sr., her daughter Minister Lydia August, grandson Joshua Dwayne Threats, mother Onedear Small Coleman, father Elsworth Coleman, two sisters: Emma Lou May and Onedear Shumpert, and five brothers: James Coleman, Clifford Colean, Billy Coleman, Tofideus Coleman, and Elsworth Coleman, Jr.

She leaves to celebrate her loving, sweet, generous, and kind spirit, her son Joseph Threats, Jr of Port Arthur, TX; four daughters: Brenda Scurlock (Don) and Terry Jones (Greg) of Houston, TX, Tammy Williams of Fort Worth, TX, and Jo Ann Shankle (Anthony) of Grand Prairie, TX; five sisters: Hattie Finney, Roberta Thompson, Geraldine Harmon, Alberta Breaux of Port Arthur, TX, and Shirley Smith (Charles) of Apex, NC; two sisters-in-law Julia Coleman of Lake Charles, LA and Bernadette Coleman of Port Arthur, TX; 23 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, Threats' sisters-in-law and brothers-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Order of Service



*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
2 Timothy 4:7 KJV*

Processional
Ministers and Family

Musical Selection
Sanctuary Choir/ At the Cross

Scriptures
Old Testament – McKinley August Jr.
New Testament – Pastor Tony Washington

Prayer
Appointee

Musical Selection
Quien LaGrone



Resolutions/Acknowledgements
Dorothy B. Jackson



Musical Section
Quien LaGrone

Tributes
Christopher Scurlock

Words of Comfort/Pulpit

Eulogy
Pastor Lloyd W. Scott Sr.

Recessional
Song of Praise / Joseph Chretien

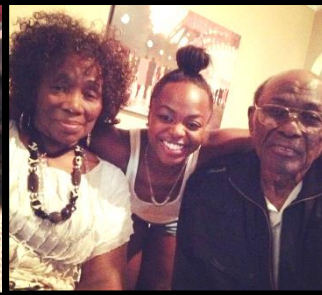
A Mother Is A Gift

*A mother asks for little, but always gives a lot.
And all her gifts are priceless, precious things that can't be bought. Her love and understanding, and her patient, cheerful way are treasures that we need so much and count on day by day. She seems to find her special joy in life by helping others. The world would be an empty place without the gift of mothers!*
Love Joseph Jr., Brenda, Terry and Jo Ann

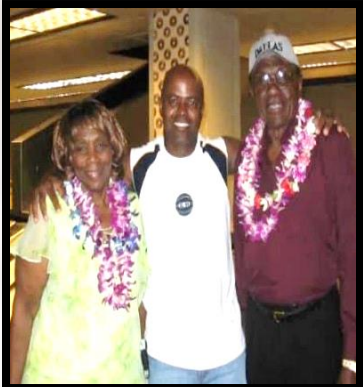


A Special Grandma

Our eyes are filled with tears again as we stand here where you lay. We think of you every second but miss you every day. Our bodies are full of sadness that you are no longer here. Pain is only soothed by the memories we hold so dear. Our tired heart is broken and doesn't beat the same, and it breaks a little more, every time we hear your name. Our dreams are of the future, when we no longer feel this pain. We'll follow you up to Heaven and we will meet again!



Family and Friends Cherished Memories





I'll Be There

You ask me to stay, if only for one more day. I wish I could, but it's time for me to go. Please don't cry, for I could never really leave you.

Close your eyes, feel my warm embrace, my kiss upon your brow. Don't worry, I'll always be here. As the spring rain softly falls, the trees begin to bud and the flowers begin to bloom, I'll be there.

As the summer breeze cools you, and the children laugh and play, I'll be there. As the leaves begin to turn their bright wondrous colors, I'll be there.

As the snow gently falls, covering the earth in a soft blanket of white, I'll

Be there. Look into my grandchildren's eyes, see them smile, hear them laugh, I'll be there. So cry now, if you must, but remember your tears are for you, not for me.

I've gone home to live with God, and one day soon I'll be standing at Heaven's gates, my arms opened wide to welcome you home, where we'll all be together again.





Active Pallbearers



Honorary Pallbearers

Family Acknowledgement

The Family of Sister wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation for calls, cards, food, flowers, visits and most of all for your prayers.

Final arrangements Entrusted to:

Gabriel Funeral Home

2500 Proctor Street • Port Arthur TX 77640

Interment

*Repast
Family*

