

Obituary

Born: Sunday, December 23, 1951

Died: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Emma Lou Cantrell Hardy was born on December 23, 1951 in Cherokee County, Alabama. She confessed faith in Christ at a early age and was a member of New Life Church and was the mother of the church.

Emma was educated in the Cherokee County School system, graduating from Hatcher High School, class of 1970. She was an avid reader, but also had a thirst for knowledge. She received her Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Social Work after attending school Alabama State University, Gadsden State Junior College and Jacksonville State University. At the time of her death she was working on obtaining a degree in education. She was employed by CED Mental Health and New Life For Women.

Emma was instrumental as one of the founding members of the Gadsden Chapter of The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Emogene Southerlin Wyatt; stepfather, Joseph Wyatt; father, Joel Ben Cantrell; son, John Hardy, Jr.; sister, Lafreda Wyatt; brother, Thomas Wyatt; uncle Bryant Southerlin; aunts, Jewel Hall, Jeanette Nix, Edna Southerlin, Willie Mae Wyatt, Mamie Lee Allen, Martha Johnson; special siblings/cousins: Charlene Covington and Donna Dean.

Emma took her rest from labor on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Gadsden, Alabama and boarded the train to Glory.

Emma leaves her most cherished memories to her loving children, Rosolyn Hardy, Regnald (Daisy) Hardy, Brian Hardy; two grandchildren, Nathan Hardy, Noah Hardy; sisters, Jacqueline E. Wyatt, Juanita S. Wyatt, Valarie Wyatt, Caralyn Cammeron; brothers: Tony L. (Ann) Wyatt, Mitchell (Marie) Wyatt, Joel Kenneth (Wannica) Wyatt, Steven (Kathy) Wyatt, Jonathan (Pamela) Wyatt, Gerald Wyatt, Walt S. Wyatt; sister-in-law, Allene Wyatt; aunts, Eunice Moore, Everlyn Cantrell, special children; Kevin and A.J. Gaye; special siblings/cousins: Marcia Kendrick, Constance Woods, Samuel Wyatt, Bonita Foster, Brenda Cantrell, Lynn Hackett, Bridgett Jackson, Karen Fife, Mattie Ingram, Willie Leach, Delores Wood; special friends, Alice Williams, Cathy Goggins, Frances Wilson, Gwen Weathers, Vanessa Major, Dorothy Robinson, Gwen Stovall and Gaynell White.

“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candle stick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5: 15-16

Celebration of Life will be 11:00p.m. Saturday, November 23, 2019 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East Gadsden, Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Pastor, Pastor Michael Terrell, officiating. Interment will follow at New Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, Ball Play. Visitation and Delta Ceremony with the family will be 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m., Friday, November 22, 2019 at the Etowah Chapel of Adams-Buggs Funeral Service.

Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Fri Nov 22, 2019

Adams-Buggs Funeral Service ~ Etowah Chapel

401 N. 9th Street

Gadsden, AL 35901

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM Sat Nov 23, 2019

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East Gadsden

508 Allen Street

Gadsden, Alabama 35903