



Ella Brown Averett

April 13, 1920 - September 4, 2012

Ella Dymple Averett was born April 13, 1920, in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to Wesley Brown and Mary Alice Lamb. She was the baby in the family. She is predeceased by her husband Ellsworth B. Averett and her sisters Josephine Almon, Novella B. Talley, Lucille B. Croft, and Elnora B. Banks. Ella was known by friends as Baby Sister and by family as Issy Kissy.

During the years at family gatherings family member would say, “she is like an ever ready battery; Always ready to start something up”. Ella was inquisitive and adventurous. She always wanted to know what was going on. So the older sister decided to invest in her by paying for dance and voice lessons. While in high school she dreamed of performing on stage. So she decided that education wasn’t important. As her graduating from high school was approaching she announced to the family she was going into the entertainment field. Ella told them she was going to Chicago to perform and sing the blues or she was going to New York to perform on stage. Her mother immediately told her No! No! No!

The family her mother worked for offered to assist in financial her education. She was immediately enrolled into the University of Arkansas where her sisters Elnora and Lucille had attended. In May of 1942 Ella received her Bachelor Degree in Home Economic from University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. Four months later on September 30, 1942 she married her childhood sweetheart an all-star football player Ellsworth M. Averett (deceased). She

became Mrs. Ella Brown Averett. They immediately relocated to the Northern California area where she has resided for over 70 years.

Ella taught in the California Unified School System for 32 ½ years in the field of Early Childhood Education. She enjoyed teaching, training and motivating young minds. She let them know it was Ok to make mistakes as long as you correct them. Ella returned back to school and in 1978, whereby she was rewarded a Master Degree in Administration and Educational Management. Mrs. Ella B. Averett has been an affiliated member of the Northern California University of Arkansas Alumnus Club. Ella continued annually to be a sponsor of the Ellsworth and Ella Averett Sports scholarship at the University of Arkansas Pine Bluff. In addition she is a member of the Queen Esther Chapter No. 4 of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of California. Wherein, she remained active until her illness.

Mrs. Ella B. Averett was a long time, faithful member of First African Methodist Episcopal (FAME) Church, Oakland, CA. Joining FAME when it was known as "15th" Street Church:" in 1954 she marched with the congregation to its present location.

Ella enjoyed singing to the glory of the Lord, so it was no surprise that she used her God-given gift by joining the church's senior and Chancel Choirs, where she sung for many years. She also participated in the Waymakers Club where she worked on their scholarship project.

Ella loved the Lord and knew that her life's purpose was to reach out to share and help people which she did so generously. She was a faithful member of the Melba B. Woods Missionary Society; she quietly supported and under girded the work of the church's Young People's Department (YPD) for many years.

Ella moved quietly around people, smiling, talking, offering words of encouragement/ support, as well as helping them to feel special and important. So joining the FAME's Feeding Ministry was the perfect "fit" for her and her love of people. She served in this ministry until her health begun to fail.

As a Landlord, Ella will take care of her tenants' with love and compassion, as thus they were a member of her family. She was always ready to accommodate their needs.

On September 4, 2012 Ella (Dymple Brown Averett) passed on to Glory. Like her sisters both Eleanor and Lucille she lived to be 92 years old. As she passed through the "Valley of the shadow of death" she told the Lord, "It was alright she was ready. Ella (Dymple Brown Averett) was sick for a long period of time. Nevertheless she did not lose her smile or her dimples.

To God Be the Glory

Cherishing her memories is her nephew Marcus Dupas and La Kisha of Los Angeles, her special devoted niece Mary L. Brockenbury of Chesapeake, VA, her grand nieces Sherry and Lori Dupas, and grand nephews Markus Dupas Jr. and Marquis Dupas of Los Angeles. Also her special devoted dedicated lifetime friend Pauline Henderson Brown and her dedicated round-the-clock Health Aide Attendant, Jennifer Kaman.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park, Inc

16701 South Central Avenue
Carson, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

First AME Church
530 37th Street
Oakland, CA 94609

Service

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