



Ernestine Vashi Swisher

October 22, 1918 - January 25, 2017

Ernestine Swisher was born on October 22, 1918 to O. B. McKinney and Charlotte Posey McKinney in Sample, Texas. She and her sisters Obie Lee and Theola were raised by their Uncle Eddie Posey and Aunt Eva Posey in Austin, Texas, as their parents had died at an early age.

Ernestine married Granville M. Swisher, Sr. in 1938. They moved to California in 1943 where Granville worked for Bethlehem Steel during World War II and Ernestine worked for the Navy Shipyard for many years before retiring to raise her youngest son Ronald. Her daughter Dolores and son Granville, Jr. were seven years and five years respectively. Ernestine went back to work for the Alameda School District until her retirement at the age of 62. Mr. and Mrs. Swisher were married for 36 years until his death in 1974.

Ernestine volunteered at Kaiser Hospital for many years working over 5,000 volunteer hours and was honored for her service and commitment to helping many patients there. She was a member of Taylor Memorial UMC for over 73 years. She served with great distinction as an usher for over 45 years and as Secretary for BMCR (Black Methodist for Church Renewal) for many years encouraging hundreds of members to join and renew their membership every year under her diligent and faithful efforts.

She loved to travel within the US, going to BMCR meeting in Dallas, Boston,

Los Angeles and Las Vegas. She also enjoyed traveling to Canada a few times with her husband Granville. However, in 1976 she traveled to Japan and Hong Kong, a most educational and enjoyable experience for her.

Ernestine was kind, thoughtful, caring, conscientious and loved by hundreds of people. She had friends from all walks of life and many ages. She lived Micah's dictum, "Do justice, love, kindness and mercy and walk humbly before God." (Micah 6:8) Is there any high value, ethic or principle in the bible? She embodied those virtues and we all are beneficiaries of her stellar example. She is also remembered for her devotion to family, good health, sense of humor and classy stylish attire always coordinated with matching accessories.

Ernestine Swisher was preceded in death by her husband, Granville; daughter, Dolores; son, Granville Jr.; two sisters: Obie Lee, Theola; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She is survived by her son, Pastor Ron Swisher of Community United Methodist Church in Fairfield, California; grandchildren: Yvonne Walter, Oakland, California, Yvette Swisher, Sparks, Nevada; and many nieces and nephews who loved her deeply.

Cemetery Details

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94803

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church
1188 12th Street
, Oakland, CA 94607

Service

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Tribute Wall



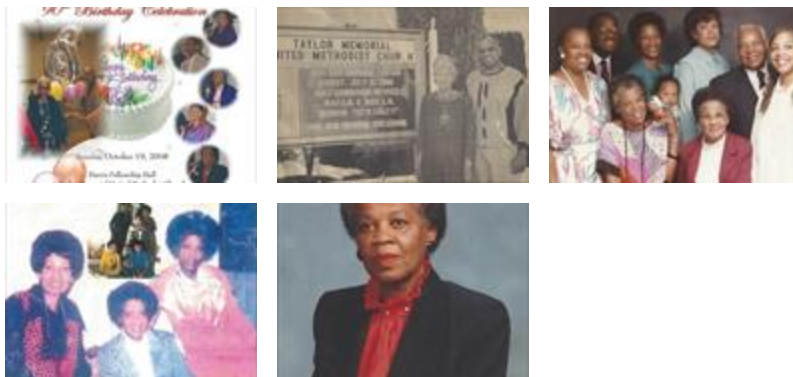
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