



MS. Estella Henratta Killins

July 18, 1945 - November 17, 2023

Estella Henratta Killins was born July 18, 1945, the fifth child of Mars and Ruth Killins. She accepted Christ at an early age as a member of Mt. Pleasant #2 Missionary Baptist Church in Noxapater, Mississippi.

Estelle, as she was affectionately known, grew up in a large family with her three brothers and six sisters, and there was always a lot to do living on a farm. Estelle attended Hawthorn Elementary School, and Louisville Colored High School (later changed to Louisville High School).

She graduated from high school in 1963, then attended Jackson State College and later transferred to

Alcorn A & M College in Lorman, MS., which is now known as Alcorn State University.

She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Elementary Education.

Estelle went on to teach third and fourth grades in Noxapater, and fourth grade science in Louisville, before moving to Saginaw, Michigan, where she taught second grade for one year. She ultimately decided to settle in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she had a number of relatives.

She attended Art School in Milwaukee and excelled at it. She loved art and could draw anything 'Free Hand: She was particular about how she looked and dressed. Her outfits were always colorful and fashionable.

She was a devoted listener to radio shows, and one of her favorites was Rev. Billy Graham. She enjoyed having Bible study with her sister, and would share

a word of encouragement with those she met.

Estelle spent her career working at day care centers in Milwaukee, and her kind, generous spirit was a good fit there. Her generosity extended to others and she donated regularly to several organizations including the Leukemia Foundation, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and the Firefighters.

During her days of not feeling well, Estelle was cared for by her two sisters in Milwaukee. Estelle passed away November 17, 2023, and will be missed dearly by her family.

Estelle leaves to cherish her life and memory are her nine siblings, Florence (Troy, d.) Barnett of Noxapater, MS; Annie B. Haynes, Saginaw, MI; Eddie Bell Moore, Brandon, MS;

Willie David (Bobbie, d.) Killins, Canton, MS; Lemuel L. Killins, Milwaukee, WI; Lena (George d.) Taylor, Brown Deer, WI.; Josephine Killins, Noxapater, MS.; Joseph (Gloria) Killins, Milwaukee, WI.; Mary Killins, Milwaukee, WI.; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

"I've commanded you to be brave and strong, haven't I?
Don't be alarmed or terrified, because the Lord your God,
is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.
Milwaukee, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

NOV 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *JSU Milwaukee Alumni Chapter purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of MS. Estella Henratta Killins.*



JSU Milwaukee Alumni Chapter - November 27, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of MS. Estella Henratta Killins.*



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