



Ms. Ethel Louise Woods

June 4, 1926 - January 29, 2021

Ethel Louise Woods

Sunset Friday January 29th, 2021

Ethel Louise Woods was born to Joseph Harris and Sarah Harris (White) in Faunsdale, Alabama. She graduated high school and went on to technical college in Uniontown, Alabama.

Ethel accepted Christ as a young girl and after relocating to Milwaukee, she joined Greater Galilee Baptist Church where she was an active member, including volunteer work with the meals program for those in need. Ethel retired from Milwaukee County in 1990 after spending many years working different positions. She gained friends wherever she went and continued to stay in touch with them.

Ethel was united in holy matrimony to Walter Lysle Woods and God blessed their union with 5 children. Ethel loved to make clothes for her kids and was self-taught at sewing. God gifted her with many creative talents and she was great at crocheting. She loved being with her family. At the Christmas family gathering, she always had gifts for everyone and also made it fun with grab bag gifts. She was a caring and friendly neighbor who everyone on her block

knew. Every year she organized a block party and provided food for her neighbors.

During the last years of her life she was kept company by Rascal her daughter's beloved dog who she took in and who was always by her side.

Ethel passed away on January 29, 2021. She was preceded In death by her former husband Walter Woods, her son Walter Woods Jr., her daughter Linda; as well as several sisters and brothers. Ethel leaves many to cherish her memory including three daughters: Della, Lois, and, Kathy; grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins; a host of family in Cleveland, Ohio; family in Alabama; and many friends.

The Family Thanks You for your prayers.

Cemetery Details

Wisconsin Memorial Park

13235 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wisconsin Memorial Park Northwest Chapel
12875 W. Capitol Dr.
Brookfield, WI

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *I love you so much grandma. Thank you for being there every single step of my life. I love you. Until we meet again.*

Love JuJuan.

Macc Burrage - February 06, 2021 at 01:31 PM

DH

I miss you already

Debra Hall - May 22, 2021 at 11:32 PM

BJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Barbara Jones - February 06, 2021 at 12:10 PM

BJ

This is her mother Sarah White Harris

Barbara Jones - February 06, 2021 at 12:11 PM

RI

I can see her daughter Ethel facial features and her grandchild. Love auntie

rose ingraham - February 06, 2021 at 12:43 PM

BC

“ Thank you Grandma Woods for everything you have done for me and my family over the years. From the countless hours you spent in the kitchen cooking us holiday meals. To the time and consideration you put into our gifts every Christmas. I will always remember the time I was finally able to make a good meal for you! It made me so happy to have your approval, being the magician you were in the kitchen. I will always remember you and the love you showed me and I'm glad I got to tell you I love you. Thank you so much for accepting me into your family Grandma Woods. Although I'm sad I won't be able to see you anymore, I'm happy you are no longer suffering. I will celebrate your life and remember all the moments I spent with such an amazing woman. I love you Grandma Woods! Until we meet again.

Bakeer Crumble - February 06, 2021 at 12:02 PM



Denise Crumble - February 07, 2021 at 08:46 AM

BJ

“ To the sweetest auntie ever, I will miss our many long conversations about our family. I looked to you as a mother since my mother passed away. Hearing how you were able to move on in life despite your mother Sarah White Harris passing on when you were such a young child showed me that it could be done. You will forever be in my heart and thoughts.



Barbara Jones - February 06, 2021 at 10:15 AM

BW

“ *The first time I met Ms Ethel, Lois was talking to her mama on the phone one early Sunday morning. I woke up to them sharing conversation, like she was having a cup of really good coffee. It was smooth, the taste was easy and familiar. I could tell that Lois enjoyed her "coffee conversation". She would sip slowly, respecting that if she took her gulps too big or too fast, she might get burned. She wanted to enjoy each moment. Throughout the years, I continued to enjoy this "coffee" for myself. When they were on the phone together, I would listen to the soft, loving and respectful tones playing in my ear. Then I met her mama through her pictures and stories. She sounded so much like my own mother...soft spoken, funny and always telling her own truth. Since my mama had gone on, it brought hilarious memories to my heart. I finally met her through my own phone conversation. She asked maybe two questions but I asked so many just not wanting to hang up. I guess it was too much because the next time Lois told her mom that I was over, she said, "Tell her I said hi but I don't wanna talk". Yes...soft spoken, funny, and telling her own truth. So I never met Ms Ethel in person and she never met me. But, I will cherish the times I had getting to know her. I will always remember the soft, smooth and easy love my friend had for her mother. When I think of her, I will smile and sometimes I will laugh out loud.*

Brenda Wood - February 06, 2021 at 08:13 AM

RI

Hello that was my sister way. Thanks

rose ingraham - February 06, 2021 at 10:56 AM

LO

“ *Mama we love you. RIH*



Lois - February 06, 2021 at 08:06 AM

BP

“ *Aunts have no wands or wings, so they work with wisdom, love, and other things. Having taken on this role in my childhood, you made your warmth available for my good. You offered kindness and greetings with hugs. In my early adulthood, how lucky I was. How blessed I'd been since you weren't just an Aunt, you were also a friend. In my latter years, life sent us apart. Nevertheless, you remained deeply in my heart. A tribute to Ethel L. Woods.*

Beverley Jeanne' Pickering-Reyna - February 05, 2021 at 09:06 PM

TC

My beautiful auntie love you and you will be truly miss. 🙏🙏🙏

Tina Harris. Cleveland,Ohio - February 06, 2021 at 01:17 PM

GS

“ *I remember her smile her laughter I remember being at the hospital and the nurse asked her who was I she says my son So I was her son From that day forward and I get 3 more sisters now She was funny going to miss her a lot. Going to miss her wisdom.*

Glenn Hilliard Sr - February 05, 2021 at 07:36 PM

LO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lois - February 05, 2021 at 06:36 PM

DW

To "My Mother" with all my "LOVE", Della/Sis

Della Woods - February 22, 2021 at 07:45 PM

GB

“ I am very sorry I could not be with you today. I loved, admired and respected Mrs. Woods for her steadfastness, kindness and talent. More than 30 years ago, she gave me a beautiful bookmark with a matching sachet that she crocheted with very fine threads. It took a great deal of patience, focus, knowledge, attention to detail and a love for what she was doing to make such a beautiful piece of art. Mrs. Woods was a very special woman. She is no longer with us physically, but her fond memories will be with us forever. To the Family: My condolences. I wish you God's blessings for peace, love and comfort during this difficult time.

Love you all,
Gertrude Bell

To Mrs. Woods:
God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so he put his arms around you
and whispered, "Come to Me"
With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.
A Golden heart stopped beating
hard hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best
~~Author unknown

Gertrude Bell - February 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM

DC

Family I chose.... There is the family I was born to and the bigger family that includes Ethel Woods and her family. Lois Woods Jone is my best friend and Sister by Choice. Ethel Woods was one of the most lovable people I have ever known because of her generosity, her love and her caring spirit. She was also the source of humor because like most Moms she always has choice words from her generation, like "Hind Parts." She is truly missed but always in our hearts. The Crumble Family loves her!!!!

Denise Crumble - February 06, 2021 at 09:56 AM

DH

“ *Many condolences and my heartfelt love to the famt*

Debra A Hall - February 05, 2021 at 05:17 PM

G(

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Aunt Ethel's immediate family, friends & my family. May God give to all the care, comfort & strength that needed in times like this. Surely she will be missed, your neice Faye 🙏🙏*

Glenda F. Bivens (neice) - February 05, 2021 at 05:03 PM

DW

“ on behalf of the family of Carl E. Woods. and Dessie Woods. we extending our memories and love to my Sister-Law and Aunt to Ethel Louise Woods. Dying so suddenly , left a hole in our hearts, not able to express that final good-bye and telling you how much we love you and appreciate all the things you did for us, by serving as that second Mom to My Husband Carl Woods and being that beautiful Maiden of Honor for me at our wedding and also a great friend. Words cannot express the depth of pain and love to know you left and now a angel sent from Heaven to give lessons on this earth for others, family and your community. Only our memories and Faith in God that he will watch over your children Praying when I can Hug you in Heaven By and By.
Your Sister in Law Dessie M. Woods

Dessie Woods - February 05, 2021 at 04:58 PM

FR

“ The aunt we love remains with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one's gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, aunt Ethel will live on in our heart. So don't think of her as gone away. Just think of her resting from the sorrows and tears in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years. and, think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched...for nothing loved is ever lost and she was loved so much.

Your sister, Emma Mae's children from Cleveland, Ohio and their children

Fredrie Robinson - February 05, 2021 at 03:47 PM

DC

Thank you "Fats". This was "OH, so Beautiful!". God Bless You & Your Family, Always...

Della Louise Calloway-Woods - February 06, 2021 at 08:11 AM

DB

“ On behalf of my parents Deacon A.C & Sister Martha Woods Bivens we offer sympathy to the Family of our dear Sister in Law. Ethel will be missed. We send prayers to her Children and their families. Deer Park, Alabama. We love you

Deacon A.C & Martha Bivens - February 05, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ My condolences to my Family. Aunt Ethel will always be cherish in our hearts and she will be missed. Gone but never forgotten. We love you.

Jauneice & Ray Benjamin - February 05, 2021 at 02:42 PM

TD

“ Prayers of comfort to my family in your time of bereavement, from Reverend Tyrone M Dixon of Vinegar Bend, Alabama. Grandson of Deacon A.C. and Martha Bivens of Deer Park, Alabama. I offer my deepest condolences, praying for you and with you!

Tyrone M Dixon - February 05, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DH

“ My memories of Mrs Woods is her genuine kindness towards me whenever I stopped by when I came to Milwaukee all the way from Tennessee. She would hug me with compassion and tell me how she truly MISSED me. I loved her as if she were my own Mom! She was a sweet gentle soul who I will always cherish in my ❤️.

Debra A Hall - February 05, 2021 at 06:00 AM

DH

Love u and missing u dearest 🥹

Debra A Hall - February 05, 2021 at 06:03 AM

CW

“ Aunt Ethel was one of the nicest and kindest people that I have met. She was the type of person that you always felt at ease in her presence. I will always remember her style and beauty.
Carolyn Williams, Mobile al.

Carolyn Williams - February 04, 2021 at 09:34 PM

AH

“ Precious memories of my Aunt Ethel. God bless our family. Angela Hardison and family.

Angela Hardison - February 04, 2021 at 04:53 PM

LO

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A mother's love is so special, it's something you can't describe. It's one of a kind, it stays with you.

I love you mama, I miss you already mama and I will see you on the other side. Give my love to all holding your place with the Lord: daddy, JK, Shakurah, Raheem, Squire, the grandparents, etc., and the ancestors.



Lois - February 04, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DH

Two beautiful ladies

Debra A Hall - February 05, 2021 at 06:01 AM

PC

In Loving ❤️ memory of my Aunt Ethel Woods. My Aunt was Jazzy, kind hearted and caring. I remember when I was visiting Milwaukee before I moved up here and my sister JoAnn took me by there and she had made a pot of Chili. I had never had Chili before she stole my heart. Lol! The last time I saw her she gave me a bookmark that she had made, its in my Bible to-date. To be absent from the body is to be present with The Lord. My Aunt is rejoicing with the Lord right now. I'll forever remember you in my heart ❤️. Until we meet again Auntie I Love you!

Patsy Crawford & Family ~ Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Patsy Crawford - February 05, 2021 at 01:47 PM

PS

“ *I never had the opportunity to meet Mother Woods unfortunately, but her daughter, Lois Jones is my aunt through her marriage to my uncle Herbert Jones. My aunt is a extremely kind and caring person and I know it's because of her loving upbringing by her parents. I would like to express my deep sorrow for your loss, please know that while I can't physically be there with you, you are in my thoughts and prayers! I love you all deeply and if I could be there for you, God in heaven knows if I could be there for you, I would! May God bless each of you, and provide you with the Grace you need for this trying and difficult time! Love, your neice Phyllis in Galveston Texas*



Phyllis Southern - February 04, 2021 at 11:25 AM

WH

*My deepest condolences to the entire family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God keep you all strong through this tough time. Ethel was one of my really good friends, we've known each other for 60 years. I will miss her deeply.
From Lottie Hopgood and Family*

Willie Hopgood - February 04, 2021 at 06:53 PM

DC

“ From SIS: I just wanted to take the time to recognize a man that became very important to my "MOM"& me as she spent her final days on this earth. My nephew's uncle "Mr Glenn Hilliard". Thank you Glenn for all your help. For example for helping her up&down the stairs (with such kindness; patience &tender loving care.) For doing her grocery shopping; cleaning her steps; & cleaning leaves& getting mail. Taking time out to tell her how "beautiful" she still was. We both "love" YOU so much. God bless you so much. May you always soar with "eagles". May "your light" continue to always shine bright. YOU are the "Greatest"!!!



Della Louise Calloway-Woods - February 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

RI

My sister Ethel was a amazing lady. Soft spoken like our father, loving and caring for her family. She set examples for me all of my life. Always giving to her family. She was my last sister. I knew she loved me. I know I love her and always will. She was the only sibling that did not refer to me as " my baby sister " lol. I will miss her as I do all of my sisters. Our mother held a special place in her heart for her. As well as our father. It gives me some peace in my heart to know they are having a family reunion in heaven with everyone that has transitioned from earth to heaven. She has taken on her angle wings. Rest In Peace big sister. I will always love you. Your sister Shorty (Term of love.) Rose

rose ingraham - February 04, 2021 at 10:55 AM

DC

“ Della Louise Calloway-Woods lit a candle in memory of Ms. Ethel Louise Woods



Della Louise Calloway-Woods - February 03, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DC

“ I am Della Louise Calloway-Woods. My Mother's oldest daughter. I took very good care of her & her 🐕 dog "Rascal" during their final days/hrs here on earth. I loved her dearly & I always will. She may be gone from this earth, but she will never be forgotten. She was a "GREAT" Mom. "The Best"!..



Della Louise Calloway-Woods - February 02, 2021 at 07:27 PM