

A
Celebration
OF *Life* FOR



Sister Mary Etta King

Sunrise

August 26, 1934

Sunset

July 21, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024

11:00 AM

Williams Memorial Chapel

At

Elgin Funeral Home

Under the Auspices of

Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist Church

Reverend Don G. Cyphers,

Pastor / Eulogist

Obituary

Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has chosen to relieve Sister Mary Etta Simmons King from this temporal body on July 21, 2024. As we humbly bow in prayer and submission to the sovereignty of our loving and compassionate God, we come together to celebrate this awesome woman of God.

Mary Etta Simmons was born in Lee County, Texas, on August 26th, 1934. She was the second oldest of ten children born to Hester and Joseph Simmons. Mary Etta was, affectionately called "Douchie" had a strong Christian foundation, which led her to accept Christ at an early age.

Mary Etta was united in Holy Matrimony to Jesse King, and God entrusted in their care three boys, Jesse Jr., Charles, and Joe.

Mary Etta pronounced "Mayretta", loved the Lord, her family, her church, and the community. She witnessed many changes to the county as Elgin has grown. She had a great sister bonding with Hester. The two of them became best of friends as they aged gracefully together. Mary loved the Lord and devoted her life to being a disciple of Christ. On any given Sunday, you could catch her in service praising the Lord either in the choir or on the Mission Board. She was known to be a sharp dresser. She loved suits with "bling", high-fashion hats, and her "Mr. Seymour" shoes. Sister King poured her energy into Pleasant Bethany Baptist Church for many years. Later, she continued her kingdom assignment with the Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Don Cyphers, where she was a Charter Member.

Mary was a State of Texas retiree, having served at Travis State School for twenty-seven years. She loved to exercise and could be seen walking the streets of Elgin, swinging her stick, and singing one of those 'old 100 hymns'. She walked so steadily that few walked with her. As her granddaughter became a young lady, Lakeisha would stretch those legs and keep pace with her. Mary volunteered at the Lion's Club and was a regular visitor at the Elgin Nursing Home.

As the Gates of Heaven opens, Mary Etta will join her husband, Jesse King Sr., and her sons, Charles and Jesse, Jr. Mary Etta leaves to share and to celebrate her homecoming her son, Joe King; daughter-in-law, Barbara King; two grandchildren, LaKeisha King-James and her husband, Glynn James, and Bryan King; and great-grandchildren Kyrrah, Braylon, Raeden, and Cadence; her best friend and sister, Hester Reese, and brother, Reverend Willie Moses Simmons and his wife, Florence Simmons. She also leaves behind four generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins, including the Strait Gate Church family.

Safely Home

I am home in heaven,
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and
beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed;
We are now at peace forever.
Safely home in heaven at last...



At A Glance...



Celebration Order of Service

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Blessed indeed,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them!’

Revelation 14:13

Processional

“Walk Around Heaven” Patti LaBelle

Sealing of the Casket

“Let The Work I’ve Done Speak For Me”
Elgin Funeral Staff and Mrs. King’s Children

Greetings

Reading of the Holy Word

Old Testament Reverend L. H. Wilson, Sr.
New Testament Reverend L. H. Wilson, Sr.

Prayer

Reverend L. H. McShan

Song of Celebration

“It’s Important To Me That I’m Saved”
The Jackson Southernaires

Resolutions

Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist Church

Expressions of Love

2 minutes, Please

Inspirational Song

Bobbie Peoples & the People’s Choice Chorales
“Get Your House In Order”

Eulogy

Pastor Don G. Cyphers

Parting View

Lee Williams

“Cooling Water”

Recessional

Clergy, Pallbearers, and Family

Casket Bearers

Son Grandson in Law
Great Grand Children
Nephews and Great Nephews

Acknowledgments

The family wishes to express our gratitude and sincerest appreciation for all expressions of kind words, calls, texts, and visits.

Thank you for your continued prayers during our bereavement. May God Bless...

The King Family

Final Resting Place

Littig Cemetery
11081 Bitting School
Manor, Texas 78653

Repast

Immediately following the service for the family at
Strait Gate Fellowship Baptist Church
209 N. Ave C
Elgin, Texas 78621



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Service and Compassion from a Family that Generously Cares

We are deeply mindful of the confidence you have placed in us and we sincerely hope that our services have been satisfactory and comforting to you.

Most Respectfully,

Josh and Jamie Hausladen and Staff

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