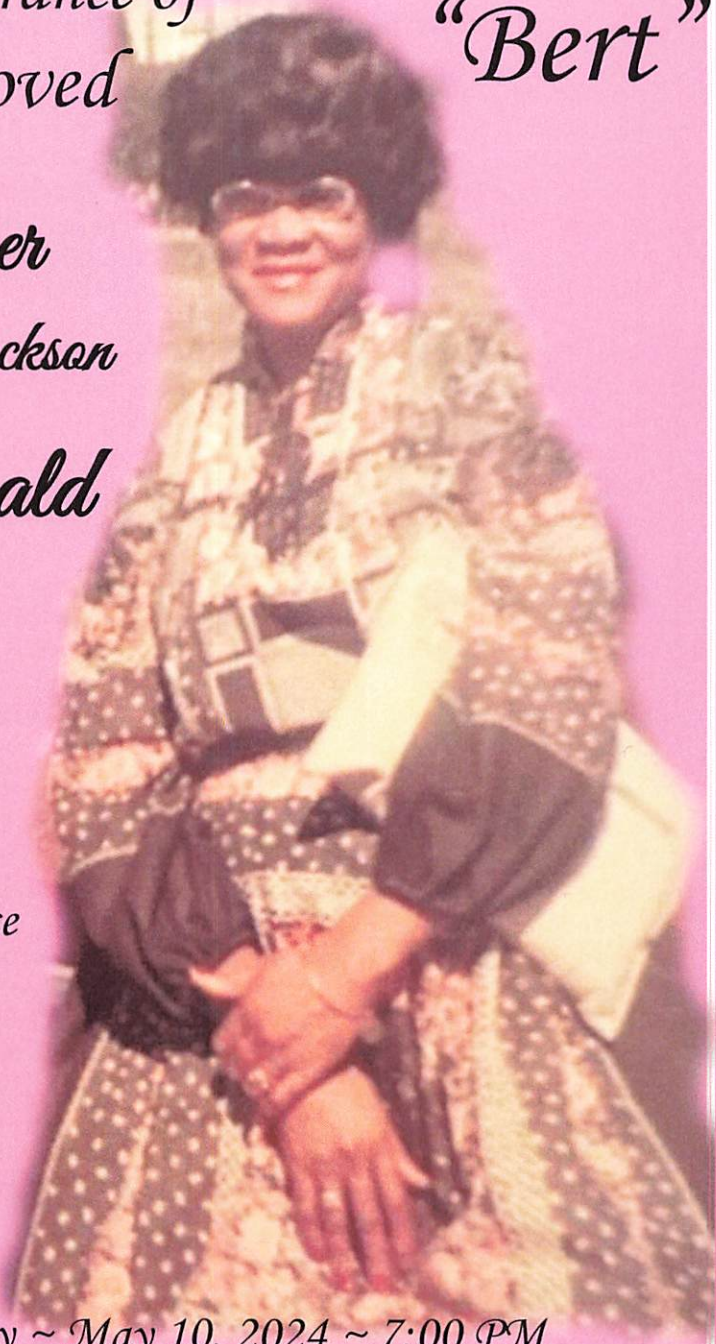


In Remembrance of
Our Beloved

“Bert”

Mother
Bethel Jackson
Fitzgerald



Life Of A Rose

July 7, 1937

May 5, 2024

Friday ~ May 10, 2024 ~ 7:00 PM
Celebration Service

William Memorial Chapel

712 North Avenue C
Elgin, Texas 78621

Under the Auspices of

Allen Chapel AME of Taylor, Texas

Reverend Rosa Simpson – Pastor and Officiant

Reverend Kathleen Amboree, Eulogist

The Imperfect Church

Reverend Bunnie L. Stark, Eulogist

Grant AME Worship Center, Austin, Texas

A Rose's Journey

The Life of **Bethal Jackson Fitzgerald**, sweetly known as “Bert,” began on July 7, 1937, in Bastrop, Texas. She was born to Lanus and Mae Ollie Jackson. Bert attended the public schools of Texas; Coupland Public School and Blackshear School, during her education. She welcomed God into her life at an early age. She has always had a strong Christian foundation throughout her entire life. Bert loved and trusted in God. She grew up in Zion Chapel Baptist Church in Taylor, Texas, and later in life, she joined, supported, and worked in Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in Taylor, Texas. There, she maintained her faithful services until her health failed. Bert had dual membership when her daughter, Reverend Kathleen, accepted her calling to the ministry and organized today's church, the Imperfect Church of Taylor. She supported and worked hard with her daughter's church. She held the position of “Mother of the Church.”

Berthel has always been a hard worker, starting at an early age. She worked for Sweet Briar Nursing Home, Sun Side Nursing Home, and Life Drive Nursing Home in Taylor, Texas, mostly as a nursing aid. With much experience in the medical field, holding true to the motto: ‘see one, do one, show one,’ Bert did Home Health Care, helping many families to take care of their loved ones. She had many hobbies that she enjoyed, including but not limited to sewing, fishing, hunting, and shooting pool. Her family praised her as the best cook in the World. She loved her children and grandchildren very much, and there were no boundaries for them. She was loved by her family and friends, holding a special place for each of them in her heart at all times.

Her Legacy Will Live On

Bert leaves to cherish her precious memories her children and grandchildren, Reverend Kathleen and her husband, David Amboree, and their children: Izelia Davis, Tyrone Davis, Natlee Bethel Eason of Taylor; Vanessa Fitzgerald and her children: Iyshia Bethel Eason, Samontae Douglas; Zykia Gardner of Dallas; Lillian Jackson and her children: Barry Jackson, Larry Jackson, and Jessica Jackson of Taylor; William Wayne Jackson (“Jacky”) and his children: Hardy Jackson, and Felisha Jackson of Taylor; William Lee Collins (“Big Juice”) and his children: Terrance Collins, Tosharia Collins, and Edgar Anderson of Taylor; and the Late Ray Hatch's children: Rayetta Hatch, Donray Hatch and Otis Hatch of Taylor. Bert was the Big Granny to twenty-eight grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Bert's legacy will long be with her best friend and sister, Ms. Johnnie Mae Patterson, of Taylor.

Bert will live on in her beautiful family and friends' hearts.

“Finally Made It”

Bert led an active and fulfilling life for the Love of her family and friends. Her legacy is priceless and will live on forever. Bert is preceded in death by her parents, Lanus, and Mae Oille Jackson; eight sisters – Seymore Bradford, Myrtle Young, Marie Thoams, Ruby Lee Brown, Annie Mae Thomas, and Rosetta Hodge, Ella Smith, and Willie Burleson; four brothers – Harris Jackson, William Jackson, Henry Lee Jackson, Hardy Jackson, and her beloved, son, Ray Hatch.

All are waiting on Burt at the Heavenly Gates.



Tributes

Our Mother, Forever My Mother, My Angel, My Love

When my mother wraps her arms around us
We are encircled by love of God
When she speaks words of wisdom to us
I hear the whisper of the Lord
When she wipes away our tears
We are touched by the hand of God
We know that she is an Angel sent to us
Specially from up above
She is always beside us
Forever our Angel, forever our love
Love Always,
Daughters and Sons

Granny, Big Granny

If Roses Grow in Heaven, Granny,
If Roses grow in heaven, Lord Please pick a bunch for us.
Place them in our Granny's arms and tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss
upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy, we do it every day
But there is an ache within our hearts that will never go away.
We promise to always smell the roses, Remembering the good times.
Our Granny was always so loving and strong.
For her legacy will forever carry on.
Forever Loved,
Grandchildren
Great Grandchildren
Great - Great Grandchildren



*Our Beloved,
Bert*



Order Of Celebration

Now her work is ended, and she is laid to rest...

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Hymn of Celebration

Intercessory Supplication

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Inspirational Solo

Church Tribute (Resolution)

Reflections of Love

Special Remarks

Celebration Hymn

Celebration Message

Remarks

Closing Song and Prayer

Going Up Yonder

*Reverend Rosa Simpson - Pastor
Allen Chapel AME Church
Taylor, Texas*

Reverend Rosa Simpson

*Reverend T. L. Garner, Jr. -Pastor
Pleasant Grove MBC
Austin, Texas*

Reverend T. L. Garner, Jr.

Sister Thomye Hendricks

Two Minutes. Please

*Sister Izelia "Zeek" Davis
Granddaughter*

*Sister Rosemary Hodge
Neice*

*Reverend Bunnie L. Stark
Reverend Kathleen Amboree
Daughter*

*Joshua A. Hausladen
Elgin Funeral Home*

Reverend Rosa Simpson





*Serving with Grace and Honor as
Casket Bearers*

Terrance Collins
Brandon Jackson
Shamon Toliver, Jr.

Alvin Jackson (Pops)
Jacky Jones
Kevin Toliver

Men Of Honor

Larry Jackson
Damien Calico, Jr.
Jakyson Jackson
Isaiah Gray

Barry Jackson
Hardy Jackson
Amir William Gardner
Creed Johnson

Flower Bearers

Izelia Davis
Tosharia Collins
Natlee Bethel Eason
Zykia Gardener

Deanna Calico
Iyshia Bethel Gray
Samontae Douglas
Felisha Jackson

Jessica Jackson

Acknowledgment

At times like these, friendship and love are gifts from God. It is because of your thoughtfulness that we can celebrate and honor the life of Bethel, our Mama and Grandmother, our *Dear Bert*, with peace. Our hearts are bowed in sorrow over her passing, yet during these times, you have lifted many of our burdens, for which we are eternally grateful. Your many kind expressions of sympathy and all other acts of kindness shown shall never be forgotten. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support. We would like to say a special thank you to her daughter, Reverend Kathleen, and her husband, David Amboree, her granddaughter and caregiver, Izelia 'Zeek' Davis, Suncrest Hospice, Baylor Scott & White of Taylor and Pflugerville, Allen Chapel AME of Taylor, The Imperfect Church of Taylor, and the Elgin Funeral Home. May God Bless!!!

- Fitzgerald, Amboree, and Jackson Families

Interment

Clearview Cemetery

Saturday, May 11, 2024 - 11:00 AM



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service and compassion from a family that genuinely 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