



Mrs. Ella Goodwin

October 3, 1928 - September 3, 2015

Ella Louise Jackson Goodwin

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“To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:...”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Ella was born Wednesday, October 3, 1928, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She was the older of two children born to the late Stonewall and Agnes Jackson of Steelton, Pennsylvania.

As a ‘Steeltonian,’ Ella attended Hygienic Elementary School and graduated from Steelton High School. Shortly after graduation, Ella began a thirty-five year career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania working for the Department of Labor and Industry.

From Adams Street to South Nineteenth Street, Ella was a lifelong member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton. As a young member, she attended Sunday School, BYPU and Sunday Worship Services. As a young adult, she taught Sunday School and played the piano for the Junior Choir under the directorship of Brother Harry Woodward. Years later, she became a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Trustees Ministry. Ella was a dedicated member

of First Baptist until she moved to New Jersey with her daughter Marsha and her family.

Along with her late husband, Kenneth E. Goodwin, Ella enjoyed entertaining, dining out and taking vacations. They were regular travelers with the Senior Citizens Guild as they trekked throughout popular East Coast and Gulf Coast destinations. She fondly spoke of the cross-country drive she and Kenneth took to Nevada and California.

Ella peacefully departed this life on Thursday, September 3, 2015, from Columbus Hospital, LTACH in Newark, New Jersey. She was surrounded by her daughter, son-in-law and a family friend. Along with her parents and her husband, Ella was also preceded in death by her younger sister, Marlene Jackson Proctor.

Ella's legacy is one of grace, strength, generosity, devotion to family and devout faith. Everyone who has come to know Ella knows of her sweet and kind demeanor. Priceless memories will forever be cherished by her devoted daughter, Marsha L. Dennard; her loving son-in-law, Larry Dennard; her one and only grandson, Derek M. Dennard; her four caring nieces, Ronda M. Stewart, Paula M. Baker, Anita M. Williams, Donna L. Proctor and their families; friends and special friends, Jane Phillips, Bertha Nickens and Vinona Daniels; and a Dennard family friend, Betty Meeks-Manning.

The Lord has granted you peace, Dear Ella.

You have joined the angels in heaven.

Giving God all Glory, Honor and Praise,

Submitted by Ella's Loving Family

Mrs. Goodwin's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Friday, September 11th, at her church, The First Baptist Church of Steelton, 1850 S. 19th Street,

Harrisburg, with viewing 10-11 a.m. Interment will be at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens.