



## Ethel Mabry

April 11, 1921 - August 23, 2011

### The Obituary

#### Ethel Mabry

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

II Timothy 4:7

Ethel Mabry was born on April 11, 1921, the youngest child of Lewis and Annie Bell (Jones) Kneece, in Beech Island, South Carolina. She attended schools in Aiken County as well as Rockville, Graniteville and Beech Island, South Carolina. At age nine, she was baptized at The Mount Zion Baptist Church, Jackson, South Carolina.

Ethel married Isaiah (Mance) Mabry on November 16, 1939. In 1942, they relocated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they became members of the Philippian Baptist Church. Ethel and Isaiah raised a host of foster children and adopted Milton Frazier. Two other foster children, Daniel and Chrystal Brunson also maintained their relationships with her for the remainder of her life.

Ethel cared for her husband Isaiah when he became ill until his death on August 4, 1975. In 1983, she moved back to South Carolina to be the

caretaker for her mother, Annie Bell Kneece, until her death on December 23, 1989. At that time, Ethel reinstated her membership with the Mount Zion Baptist Church. In addition to her husband and parents, Ethel was predeceased by her brother, Lewis Kneece, Jr., of New York; two sisters, Bessie Tyson of Pennsylvania, and Idella Patterson of Aiken, South Carolina; and a devoted friend, Philip Watkins of South Carolina.

Ethel was a woman who lived by her daily routine and was upset when her schedule was interrupted. She loved to cook and eat and would open her home to friends and family. She liked to have things the way she wanted them or she would let you know what she expected. When she was called spoiled, she replied, "I am not spoiled, I am just determined to have my way." She insisted on doing things her way to the very end. She decided what medications she would take and what she would or would not eat. She was concerned about living alone in South Carolina, and afraid when she died she might be in the house for days before she was discovered. She was reassured that when she was not able to handle her home, she would be brought to Pennsylvania to live with her niece, Gwendolyn Manning. She waited patiently until she was picked up to travel to Pennsylvania, where she lived until she entered eternal rest on Tuesday morning, August 23, 2011, at home with her niece Gwendolyn and nephew, Kelvin Tyson, Sr. Ethel also leaves to mourn her passing her children, Milton Frazier, Daniel and Chrystal Brunson; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She will be truly missed but never forgotten.

In All Things, We Give Thanks, The Family

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.

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