



MS. MARY BELL EMANUEL

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Mary Bell Emanuel

Born in Clayton, Alabama to Ozzie and Ezell Casterlow. She attended Blaine Elementary School, Garfield Middle School, and graduated from North Eastern High School in Detroit, in January 1962.

On August 17, 1963, she married Dennis Emanuel and shortly thereafter, relocated to Boston, Massachusetts to find work. They lived at 110 Dartmouth Street, during which time she gave birth to her firstborn, Andre Denard on June 14, 1964, who preceded her in death.

After not finding sufficient work, they returned to Detroit, where Dennis found a job working for Ford Motor Company in December 1964. They rented a home at 7020 Lothrop on Detroit's west side. In December of 1967, Mary gave birth to her second son, Derek Dante. In 1970, they moved to 13983 Ardmore, where they raised their two sons.

In September 1987, she and Dennis divorced after 24 years of marriage. Shortly thereafter, she was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness and participated in her faith with her sister Fannie and husband Alvin for several years, even spending time with her younger sister Eddridge (Jean), traveling between Michigan and Georgia.

During her final years, she stayed with Derek and his wife Latonya, due to Mary's diminishing health and cognitive decline. In 2020, Mary was diagnosed and treated for uterine cancer. In 2023, the cancer returned and rapidly metastasized to various parts of her body. On July 19, 2024 at 10:48 AM, Mary lost her fight with cancer and went the way of her ancestors to await her Messiah's voice, calling her from the grave. Mary leaves behind her son Derek (Latonya), grand-son D'Andre, sisters Fannie and Jean, brother Ozzie, step-grandchildren LaToya and Christopher, and a host of step-great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.




Events


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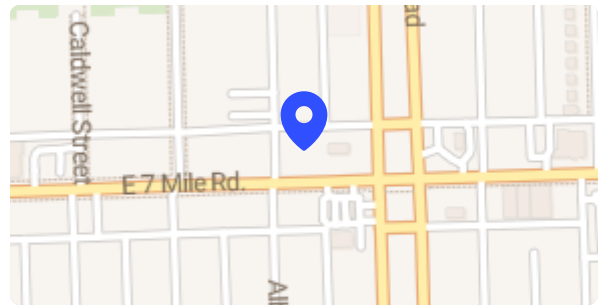
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MEMORIAL SERVICE


 **Saturday**, August 3, 2024

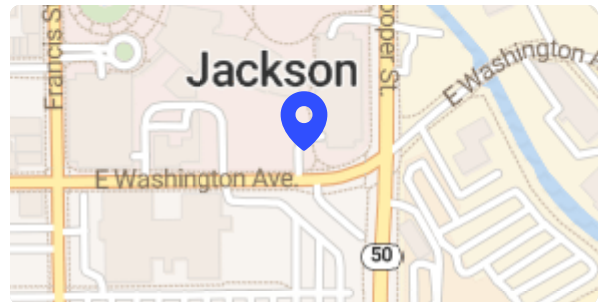
 3:30 PM ET

 **Clora Funeral Home (Detroit East)**
5801 East Seven Mile Road, Detroit MI 48234



Cemetery Details

 **JACKSON CREMATION SERVICES**
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Tribute Wall

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Clora Funeral Home shared 8 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



August 2 at 7:46 AM



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family posted:

With heartfelt sympathy to Ms. Emanuel's family.

July 30 at 11:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the EMANUEL family.



July 30 at 11:02 AM



Josephine Doss-Smith & Family lit a candle in honor of MARY.

With heartfelt sympathy to Mary Lee's family during this difficult time. May God continue to bless and keep the Fletcher family.



July 30 at 10:56 AM

JF Josephine Doss-Smith & Family July 30 at 11:06 AM
Correction: to Ms. Mary Bell's family.



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Memorial Schedule

Opening Prayer - Derrick Brinkley
Scripture Reading - D'Andre Emanuel
Greetings and Instructions - LaToya Scott
Song - Derrick Brinkley
Reading of the Obituary, Cards, and Thoughts and Memories - Latoya Emanuel
Remarks (2 minutes please)
Eulogy and Closing Prayer - Alex Marshall

"Trust in Jehovah, and do good,
Dwell in the land, and feed on his faithfulness.
Commit thy way unto Jehovah;
Trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass.
For evil-doers shall be cut off,
But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land.
Behold, Elohim is my salvation, I will trust, and will not be afraid: for Jehovah, even
Jehovah, is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation."
Psalms 37 & Isaiah 12

Photos





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Thoughts & Memories

A Thought to Remember!
 I remember my dad taking us to the Ford Wyoming Drive-In theater to watch Bruce Lee movies and when we got back home, even though it was late, we still practice our moves on mats! She kicked our butts all over the place! No matter what technique we employed, we were no match for that "Bad Mamma Jima"! I miss those good days, they'll forever be a part of the fond memories we had as a family -- Derek Chavez

A Thought to Remember!
 While my heart is extremely heavy, I only remember Aunt Mary as the beautiful woman who always had this carefree smile as she wanted to play. And I know that when I was an infant, she was almost obsessed to nurse and take care of me. Mom told me to the occasion, but Aunt Mary was ready and willing. And when I was "away" for a while, she wrote to me and sent me \$1.00. She said "It's not much, but I hope you can use this." I have nothing but love and happy memories about Aunt Mary. My love for her will remain -- Sharon Parker

A Thought to Remember!
 I'm not very good with words, but I know that I love my beautiful Niece. I know that when it's her time to go, she will go straight into the arms of the Lord. Bless you Derek and all of the family -- Edward Casterlow Jr.

A Thought to Remember!
 I only have limited memories of our time in Detroit, but I always remember how beautiful and kind she was towards me and my brothers. It can't be easy watching the slow process of [Mary] fading. I pray she's not as too much pain as she transitions from this earthly home. -- Garle Casterlow

A Thought to Remember!
 When I think of my cousin Mary, I always think of her and Fannie. It's impossible for me to think of one without the other. In my world, they have always been together, the three of them, Uncle Ollie's three beautiful daughters. When I see Mary, I see her bright, beautiful smile just like her mom, Aunt Enid. I think about how sometimes Mary would make me laugh because one of her friends, she would comment on me the strangest & unexpected questions. I would laugh nervously, trying to figure out the best way to answer her. She had no idea, but she always laughed, something the Casterlow family does well. I think I had some sense of her, I cannot say goodbye. I will think of her, see her smile, and love her forever -- Debra Knight

A Thought to Remember!
 I'm Mary's first cousin Dorothy. I love Fannie, Mary and Jean and my memories are from where we lived in Muncie, Indiana. My thoughts are to you and your family -- Dorothy

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Friends & Family

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

Clois Funeral Home (Detroit East)
5801 East Seven Mile Road
Detroit, Michigan 48234

INTERMENT

Cremation & Decorative Urn

REPASS

River Park Place, Community Room
24000 Civic Center Drive
Southfield, Michigan 48033

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The family of Mary Bell Emanuel deeply appreciate your attendance, warm words, cards, prayers and comfort during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for the family, that our Mourners and Survivor will grant them the peace that surpasses all understanding. May our love and well wishes go with you as you leave this place!





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring MARY by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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