



Eva Frances Walters Stewart

December 17, 1923 - October 17, 2015

Eva Frances Walters Stewart was born on December 17, 1923 in the Glade Community of Jones County Mississippi to Susie Frances Griffin and Lee Roy Walters. She lived a wonderfully fulfilling life until she went home to the Lord on Saturday, October 17, 2015, exactly 2 months before her 92nd birthday while residing at O'Sullivan's Residential and Adult Day Care in Ellisville, Mississippi. Eva and Thomas Edison Stewart married on June 10, 1939 in Laurel, Mississippi and within the next 3 years, she became the mother of 3 great boys, Paul, Jimmy, and Jerry. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, 2 brothers- Buddy and Charlie, and 1 sister- Margaret. She leaves behind her 5 sisters Ora Lee, Elizabeth, Linda Sue, Joyce Ann, and Jackie, 3 sons and their wife's, 6 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

- Eldest son Paul and wife Teri. Granddaughter Yvonne Deason, husband Mike, and their 3 children Phillip Stewart Deason, Ross Hagler Deason, and Jeanette Elaine Deason. Grandson Clay Stewart. Granddaughter Sabrina Sanders.

- Middle son Jimmy and wife Pat. Grandson Blake Stewart ,wife Jane, and their 5 children Maegan Marie Stewart, Courtney Dawn Stewart, Spencer Blake Stewart, Emily Jane Stewart, and Delaney Elizabeth Stewart.

Granddaughter Dawn Snyder, husband Eric, and their 3 children Trevor Dean Snyder, Zoe Francesca Snyder. and Mikayla Dawn Snyder.

- Youngest son Jerry and wife Sandra. Grandson Dennis Stewart, wife

Debbie, and their 3 children Kaley Overbaugh, James Overbaugh, and Morgan Raven Wyndsong Cleveland and her daughters Aiyannah Marie and Nevaeh Rose Cleveland. Granddaughter Sheri Stewart and her daughter Piper Renee Stewart.

As the eldest of 9 children, Eva helped raise her 8 siblings. While caring for her family, in the early 1950s, she went through Nurse training in Laurel, Mississippi. She was a Nurse in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Ohio during her career. She continued nursing until she hurt her hand in the late 1970s. Through the years, Eva answered to 'Eva' and 'Mother', but when she became a grandmother and then great grandmother she accrued some new names. These names were 'Mommie', 'Grandmommy', 'Grandma', and then Piper named her 'Miss Sippi' because family always talked about going to Mississippi and that's where Eva was. Eva enjoyed the many summers the older grandchildren spent with her and Thomas. For many years, the stories of trips to Ohio have been told, including stories about the grandchildren doing their chores, eating jelly and bread all night long, and Eva and the older grandchildren catching lightning bugs to use to light the back porch. Eva had many things she loved to do. She loved to read, so on many trips to Mississippi, Sandra would take bags of books to her. Floral arranging was also a hobby. She made the bouquet for granddaughter Dawns' wedding. Eva loved to quilt and crochet. She made so many quilts that everyone in the family got one. All of her children and grandchildren have received crocheted afghans that she made. Christmas was another love of Evas'. Anyone that went to her house during the Christmas holidays could easily see this, as she decorated her house with more than 250 Santa Clauses. She helped Thomas with the large vegetable garden by picking, canning, and freezing the vegetables harvested. Also, she enjoyed planting a wide variety of plants and flowers around their property. She will always be remembered for her wonderful food. Some things that were common for her to cook that everyone enjoyed include homemade biscuits, white cornbread, tamales, fruitcake, dumplings, lime sherbet punch, and jelly.

She was also active in the church community at Antioch United Methodist Church. She enjoyed preparing many meals for church functions as well as its members, taught Sunday school classes, helped with social events, as well as any other contribution she felt she needed to provide. As the church changed preachers, they welcomed them into their home and became lifelong friends. Over her lifetime she lived in many places. Eva lived in Mississippi from birth until 1943 when Eva and her family moved to Georgia. They resided there until 1945 when they moved back to their homestead near Laurel, Mississippi. During the summers, Eva would take her boys to Lake Bounds for fun. Then in 1957, they went to New Orleans, Louisiana. Dayton, Ohio became her home in 1969 when she and Thomas moved north. When Thomas was ready to retire in 1978, they moved back to Laurel, Mississippi and built a home on family property. As it became harder for Thomas and Eva to care for themselves, in February 2012, they moved to their Baby's home in Katy, Texas for 1 ½ years. Wanting to be in Mississippi, they moved to Ellisville, Mississippi in July 2013.

Eva was married to Thomas for 3 months shy of 75 years when Thomas went to prepare their new home in heaven. Now she joins him, so they can start the rest of their lives together.

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 Memory Chapel –Viewing 5-8 pm

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 Antioch United Methodist Church --Viewing 9:30-10:30 am, Funeral 10:30 am

Tribute Wall

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“ *The times I spent with you, I was rolled over in tears. Aunt Eva could tell some great stories!! She told me, "I am a Walters and a double Walters at that"! Uncle Thomas was there waiting to great you!*

Terri Hamilton - October 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM

DB

“ *Eva Frances Walters Stewart*

Diane Bates Polson (Henry Bates) - October 19, 2015 at 01:19 PM

MY

“ *My prayers are with you during this time.*

Marsha Yarbrough - October 19, 2015 at 12:39 AM

BR

“ *My prayers are with all the family. I will surely miss that sweet lady. Was blessed to have known her .*

Brenda - October 18, 2015 at 10:20 PM

KP

“ *Im so sorry mrs eva and me have so many good memories together i will miss her dearly i love u all i will be praying for yall*

kayla prine - October 17, 2015 at 09:17 PM