



## Ethel Mae Florence

March 10, 1929 - December 26, 2018

Ethel Mae Florence was born on March 10, 1929 in Butler County, Alabama to Mary Louise Porter and Riley Crittenden. Ethel was baptized at the age of nine (9) at Persimmon Creek. She attended schools in Georgiana, Alabama completing the 9th grade. In 1944, while attending Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church, where she met Robert L. Florence. The two became the altruistic couple. On May 24, 1947, Robert and Ethel were united in Holy Matrimony by the Honorable Judge Beamon at the Greenville County Courthouse in Greenville, Alabama.

Ethel was very understanding, a non-judgmental and caring person. Anyone who entered into her home was considered family. Her favorite pastimes were listening to spirituals, eating a home cooked southern meal and being surrounded by her family/friends, exuding love in any way that she could. She was an avid sports enthusiast who enjoyed watching Florida State Seminoles.

Her legacy of compassion and generosity will remain forever in the hearts of those she touched.

On Wednesday, December 26, 2018, "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!' Matthew 25:21. This is the day that Ethel Mae Florence

transitioned from her life of earthly labor to be with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Mary Porter and Riley Crittenden. Husband Robert L. Florence Sr. Sisters: Annie Ruth Brockman; Flora Feagin; Pastella Florence; Imer Jean Williams. Children: Gerald L. Florence; Linda D. Allen; Shirley Busby.

She leaves cherished memories with: Daughter: Valarie Ford (Vernon), Altamonte Springs, FL; Sons: Arthur L. Florence (Libbie) , Eustis, FL; Robert Florence Jr & Louis Clay, Altamonte Springs, FL; Eric Florence, Orlando, FL; Philip Florence (Michelle), Apopka, FL; Special great-grandson: Adam Shuler; Special great-great grandson: Elijah Florence (aka Hunk-A-Meat); and a very special extended family: E.G., Patricia, Jerry, Mary Jane, Karen, Larry and Danny Banks; A host of grands, great-grands, great-great grands, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery ~ Casselberry

150 S. Cypress Way  
Casselberry, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church  
311 Marker Street  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

## Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church  
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Eatonville, FL 32751

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Mae Florence*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Where do I begin, this woman left me with a lifetime of wonderful memories...I miss you so much grandma* 😞😞😞😞😞

**Terica clark** - April 03, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



January 04, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



January 04, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



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January 04, 2019 at 09:55 AM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



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January 03, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *Our prayers are with the Florence family during this time. We love you and are here for you all. May peace and strength reside with you...*

*Bishop Larry Chester & your Citadel of Life Cathedral Family*

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**Larry Chester** - January 03, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Bishop Larry Chester/Citadel of Life Cathedral purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



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**Bishop Larry Chester/Citadel of Life Cathedral** - January 03, 2019 at 02:15 PM

SM

“ Sherry Williams Martin purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.



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**Sherry Williams Martin** - January 02, 2019 at 09:56 PM

ZF

“ Zola Smith and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.



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**Zola Smith and Family** - January 02, 2019 at 09:43 PM

CB

“ Cheryl Britton lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Florence



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**Cheryl Britton** - January 02, 2019 at 02:38 PM

EH

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**estella henson** - January 01, 2019 at 11:42 PM

RH

“ *Ronda Harris lit a candle in memory of Ethel Mae Florence*



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**Ronda Harris** - January 01, 2019 at 06:36 PM

CH

*In loving memories*

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**Christine Harris** - January 03, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ethel Mae Florence.*



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December 30, 2018 at 01:45 PM