



## Ella Petty Sr

August 4, 1926 - September 29, 2020

### Obituary

Loving, respectful, kindhearted, understanding, soft spoken, and graceful are just a few words that are expressed by those who have come to know Ella Mae Petty Sr.

Ella Petty Sr. passed away on September 29, 2020 at Ashton Court Care and Rehabilitation Centre in Liberty Missouri at the age of ninety-four.

On August 4, 1926, Ella was born in Tickfaw, Louisiana, to the parents of Walter and Carrie Lloyd. Of the six children born to Walter and Carrie, Ella was number three (Bessie, Wille, Ella, Walter Jr., Solomon, and David), and an adopted brother, Edward. Her parents and all but one sibling preceded her in death. Her brother Solomon was a birthday gift to Ella at the age of ten, they share the same birthday. Solomon still lives in their childhood city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She truly loved her parents, her siblings, and her childhood city. When Ella married Marion and became a mother with her own children, they would travel back to Baton Rouge (down home) every year to visit her family and show her children their heritage.

As a teenager, Ella graduated high school and attended Southern University. Proud of her university training, she would always say, "when you go to Southern University, you will receive the knowledge to hold an intelligent

conversation with anyone on any topic". Southern University is also where Ella met the man of her dreams. Ella caught the eyes of Marion Petty, a good-looking, muscle strapped man from Kansas City at the university pursuing a medical career. Marion and Ella stood by one another for fifty-four years of marriage. Their union birthed eight children, (Carolyn, Bonita, Ella Jr., Marion Jr., Brenda, Nathaniel, Emmanuel, and Tawnya).

Growing into adulthood was difficult for African Americans in the south during that time. After marriage, Ella and Marion moved out of state, but they were not alone. Ella and her big sister Bessie were like two peas in a pod, wherever one went the other would follow. The two married couples moved to Detroit Michigan, where the men found work and they started their families. After a few years in Detroit, both young families, now with children, moved to Kansas City, Missouri.

Ella believed in the community and became active with neighborhood initiatives. She also served on the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of her children's schools. After her youngest child started school, Ella began working outside of the home to help support the family.

With an aptitude for numbers, Ella held various positions at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). There, she developed a friendship of a lifetime with Delores Drew. Ella and Delores helped one another in many ways. One way in particular was with their eyesight. With one of the ladies being nearsighted and the other farsighted, they would help the other by reading signage that was far away and the other would read the small print when they were together.

Ella loves the Lord; her faith and prayers brought the family through some hard times. She held the position of Grand Matron with the Missouri Order of the Eastern Star. Ella enjoyed the church fellowship, attending Galilee Baptist

Church, Park Avenue Baptist Church, and her last church home was with Rescue Baptist Church – Pastor W. T. Bland. While worshiping and partaking of the word of God, Mother Petty’s fondest position was as Mission Board President. Throughout her years at Rescue, she would coordinate fund raising trips to The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs Arkansas, as well as coordinating fund raising dinners at the church, Ella loved her church and Pastor and Sister Bland.

She was gifted with the spoken word and the gift of song. She is now singing for the Lord in person. She leaves to mourn her passing: three daughters, Carolyn of Kansas City KS, Ella Jr. of Kansas City MO, Tawnya of Kansas City MO; her three sons, Marion Jr. of Kansas City MO, Nathaniel (Lois) of Grandview MO, Emmanuel (Benita) of Raytown MO; one brother, Solomon of Baton Rouge LA; two brother in-laws, Arthur of San Diego CA, William (Jeannette) of Rock Island IL; grandchildren including: Carmen, Andre, Kenneth Sr. (Rachelle), Melissa, Jenee, Marion III (Stephanie), Sierra, Taneesha, Shawntee, Taylor, LaTasha, Miesha (Kevin), Simone, Sydnie, Monique (Randy), Chevelle, Robert II, Terrell and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, extended family and friends.

Ella Petty Sr. is a treasured woman, and we believe her life has demonstrated what a helpful daughter, supportive sister, loving wife, caring mother, graceful mother in-law and grandmother is to be. We are honored and proud to have called her “momma”, “grandma”.

Public Visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM on Friday, October 16th at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. A Private Funeral Service. Interment Forest Hill & Calvary Cemetery. Live Streaming can be viewed at [MSTCsuncset.com](http://MSTCsuncset.com)

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“ *The Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States, Imaging Department would like to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire family for your loss. We know that the memory of Ms. Ella Petty, Sr. will remain in your hearts forever. May the family continue to be comforted during this difficult time and may Ms. Ella Petty, Sr. forever rest in paradise.*

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**Kaiser Permanente Imaging Team** - October 14, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Grandmother, Mother, Matriarch, Friend, Confidant and Conduit to Grace, Those are just a few of the words that come to mind when reflecting upon my physical journey with you. You have Nurtured me, disciplined me and love me in a way that only a grandmother could. Thank you .I can only imagine the rejoicing that is taking place in the after life. I can't even imagine the warmth of the embrace you were greeted with from the love ones who transition to be with God before you. I am happy for you Grandma, you did what God sent you to do. You have given us what we need to make it through this. You deserve to bask in your reward, you deserve your rest!Kiss my Mommy for me and I'll see you soon.*

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**Shawntee Petty** - October 13, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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“ Grandma thank you for teaching me how to properly fold a shirt, for showing me the difference between peonies and roses and for reminding me to always take the bay leaf out of the pot of spaghetti before I eat it. These are just a few of thousands of fond memories that I have of you. You have have shown me what it means to be a strong woman, how to care for my family and how to appreciate the beauty of nature. I thank your grandma for your life long contributions, not just to me but to all those that you have loved, inspired, helped and nurtured. You will forever be a part of me Love always Taneesha

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**Taneesha Petty** - October 13, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ Dear Grandma, I may not remember too much as a child but I will never forget these last few years. When I think about how big our family is it astounds me that you were and will always be the Matriarch of this family. Sometimes when I think about that I am in awe. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have my dad, who displays his love for the most important ladies of his life, you, mommy, me and Simone. I always thought how aweome it is to have a dad that takes such good care of the most important ladies of his life and I know it had to start somewhere and it started with you. He is a reflection of your love and care for others. My dad displays such grace and is always so well put together and I got to see who he got it from with being with you these last few years. You display such grace and calmness as if it's just second nature to you and although I did not see it growing up because I don't remember much growing up, your children are a reflection of who you are and my dad is nothing short of well put together and graceful. I am thankful for the journey and for all the lessons that were taught because you made me a better person. God used you to help rebuild and make my family stronger and even more inseperable. Thank you for allowing God to use you and to start a chain reaction of growth and healthy change. And although it's never always easy, it's always needed. So thank you for being the glue that kept my family together. And I pray that the family that you leave here on earth embodies the grace and love you displaced to the world and that you smile upon us in doing so. And I'm also happy that you and Paw Paw are together now and that you got to meet Jesus. That must have been a very exciting moment. I am happy that you are in a better place and I will forever be greatful to you for giving me such a loving dad and for all you have taught me. You are loved and will be greatly missed. Love, Little Sydnie

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Sydnie Petty - October 06, 2020 at 11:34 PM

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“ Dear Grandma, I want to thank you so much for sharing your baby boy, Mann with me. Because of your love, faith in God, love for people, and your graceful manner, you raised a young man that would be the perfect husband for me, and a wonderful father to Simone and Sydnie. I appreciate your genuine love and kindness, you never treated me like a daughter-in-law, you always treated me like your daughter. For as long as I have known you, close to 35 years, you have always displayed a kind of grace that I have always admired. Even in your last years of life, I love how you always made sure your dress was pulled down past your knees. I love how you would always cross your legs and speak with a kind demeanor. Please know in your last years of life, I learned to count it all joy, to help take care of you and assist in any way I could. I just pray that you, Paw Paw, and God were well pleased with what I later learned was my purpose in your last years, which was to care for you. Thank you for all the life lessons you taught me. I pray that you continue to watch over us and that you still feel the love we have for you. Love always, Benita! ❤️

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**Benita Petty** - October 06, 2020 at 12:08 AM

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“ My grandma was the most warm and kind person! From sitting on the porch drinking coffee with her, picking (what I thought) flowers for her on walks, to talking with her about how her day was. I am forever grateful that God chose me to be one of her grandchildren. I will miss hearing her quick witted comebacks to my dad, watching her dance while we are walking somewhere, and hearing her songs. She touched so many lives and I'm thankful she was in mine and I was in hers. Love always, Simone

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**Simone Petty** - October 05, 2020 at 05:51 PM

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“ I know I’m truly blessed by the Lord. He blessed me with a mother who cared for all. Ella Petty gave me the love, the nurture, and the knowledge to become the man that I am today. Being a “momma’s boy”, I stayed as close as possible, watching and learning along the way. Of the multitude of learning examples, I thank momma for embedding “structure/order” in to my upbringing. Mann, as she called me, “without order, all you have is chaos, everything has an order”. Momma cared for me as a child and as I grew into a man. It was my honor and pleasure to care for momma in her senior years and during her last years of life. Rest in peace and in love “ole-girl”. Always in my heart, your youngest son Mann. ❤️

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**Emmanuel Petty** - October 03, 2020 at 02:13 PM