



Ms. Frances H. Shoats

February 3, 1926 - July 9, 2021

Obituary

Frances Henrietta Eudell Shoats passed away on July 9, 2021 of natural causes at the age of 95. She was born in Van Buren, Arkansas to Mary Margaret Magdelene Mulwee and Henry Mayes. She was affectionately referred to as "Metha Momma" by her family and friends. She married at an early age to Hillard Shoats and later divorced. Frances was preceded in death by her mother and father, sister Katie Mae Alexander, two sons: James and Michael Shoats, and four daughters: Betty Jean Kindred, Grace Elaine McAnderson, Teresa Shoats and Juanita Shoats.

Frances accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of the Glad Tidings Assembly of God (AOG) Church located in Kansas City, Missouri until her health failed.

Frances attended R.T. Coles High School located in Kansas City, Missouri. In later years, she was employed by the Kansas City School District. She worked for the District for 25 years and retired as the Head Pastry Cook in 1991. She was also employed as a cook at Glad Tidings AOG Christian Academy. Frances enjoyed cooking her famous cinnamon rolls, writing, shopping at thrift stores and spending time with family.

Frances was a well-loved mother who not only loved her children, grandchildren, great, great-great, and great-great-great grandchildren, but was a sort of "mother" to many children who visited her home at 4125 Montgall Avenue. She would offer anyone who entered the home something to eat or drink. Sometimes she even offered them a place to lay their head. She turned 4125 Montgall into somewhat of a "shelter" to anyone who was in need of a place to stay. She was the mother of all mothers.

Frances had a very kind, gentle spirit but would not hesitate to get you straight about something she felt very strong about. Metha Momma loved music. From the time her children were small, she would sing songs from "way back when" and dance with her children all the time. Some of her favorite songs at that time were performed by Nancy Wilson and Jackie Wilson.

During her early years as a mother, Metha Momma would get down on the floor and play several games of "jacks" with her children and never had mercy on them to let them win. She was always the winner and would end the game by throwing the ball up to what seemed the ceiling, hit the floor with her fist (about 3 or 4 times), after which she would catch the ball as it was on its way down from the ceiling, and declare she was the winner. We all tried to duplicate her skill in playing jacks, but never mastered it the way she did.

Metha Momma was the best baker on the block. Her baking skills eventually earned her the title of Head Pastry Cook at Lincoln High School cafeteria, where she worked for more than 25 years. She also loved to write and draw. Anyone that visited her at the nursing home would either bring her writing paper and/or pencils.

Fortunately, her illness accomplished one important thing- it brought family together often visiting at all times of the day at the Nursing Home including numerous birthday party gatherings and Mother's Day celebrations. Here younger daughters, Sheila and Carla, would always give her facial makeups to cheer her up, and oftentimes would conduct photo shoots.

Metha Momma is sadly missed by her daughters, Margaret Brown (Ronald), Alfreda Lewis, Sheila Urum-Eke (Joseph), Carla Middlebrooks (Torrence), grandchildren, great, great-great and great, great--great grandchildren, and other family members.

Funeral Service will be held Saturday, July 24, 2021, 2:00pm at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment Brooking Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1pm-2pm at the church. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website. This facility requires social distancing and face coverings indoors

Service can be viewed online at www.MSTCsunset.com

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“ *Prayers to the Shoats Family. Maurice P,*

Maurice P. - July 24, 2021 at 08:05 AM

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“ *Our condolences on the lost of your mom! We will keep the family in prayer.*

Michael Craig and family - July 19, 2021 at 08:59 PM