



A Celebration of the Life of
Edna Juanita Stewart Scott
December 30, 1918 – August 31, 2013



Saturday, September 14, 2013
2 p.m.

Tickfaw Baptist Church
Magnolia, MS 39652

Reverend E. Moyese Boss - Pastor
Minister Willie Jones - Eulogy

EDNA JUANITA STEWARD SCOTT departed this life on Sat. Aug. 31, 2013 at about 5:45 p.m., at the Liberty Community Living Center, Liberty, Mississippi. She was born on Dec. 30, 1918 to Willie and Minerva Bates Stewart in a loving, faithful home in Amite County, Mississippi.

She understood the legacy of her forefathers in stressing the importance of education. "Ms. Edna" as she was often referred to with endearment by others received her formal education at Europe Bates School in Amite County, MS.

When the time was right Ms. Edna met and married Obie Diah Scott on Feb. 14, 1939. Their marriage was one to be admired as they loved one another dearly and were often seen always together in public and private life. In addition, they both served faithfully in church and exemplified a living example of a couple who honored and worshipped God together.

Ms. Edna was a pioneer in her own right. She was a hard worker and understood the importance of learning a trade to attain goals in life. She attended Wooten Beauty School in Hammond, LA. The skills she learned afforded Ms. Edna the opportunity to own a beauty salon. Many of her clients today can testify that Ms. Edna worked long hours as needed in her salon to accommodate her clients, often accepting very little pay or no pay when they were unable to pay for her services.

Ms. Edna didn't stop at being a local business woman. She also served as president of the Tickfaw Head Start Parent group when it was first organized. In addition, she served as a social worker with the Sherman Headstart program. In this capacity, she visited many families and assisted with providing for the needs of these families. After many years she retired from her position as a community worker with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension. She would often travel in this position to Alcorn University to train and represent the needs of Amite County residents in order that they would be better served.

Ms. Edna professed her faith at an early age at Tickfaw Missionary Baptist Church in Magnolia and dedicated her life to being a servant to the people of God. Ms. Edna loved being a member of the usher board, where she served as president for many years. She treated members and visitors alike with a sense of joy and respect. For at least 50 years "Miss Edna" made everyone feel "at home" in God's house. A lifelong member of Tickfaw Church, Ms. Edna was also a member of the Women's Missionary Society and the Heroines' of Jericho.

Ms. Edna was known for her work in the church and community. But she was best known for the love she gave to her family. They looked forward to "Mother Edna" always serving good food and "food for thought".

Ms. Edna was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Minerva Stewart, husband Obie Scott, twin sister, Etta Lee, as well as brothers Herbert Stewart, Charles Stewart, Willie Howard, Garrett Stewart, Leroy Stewart, and sisters Mary Robins, Laura Thompson, Callie Mae Patterson, and Helen Haygood.

She is survived by her loving sister Wilhelmina Holden of Chicago.

Mother Edna will always be loved by her twin daughter and son, Melva Claudette Dillon, (Magnolia); and Melvin Burnett Scott (Claretha), El Cajon, California. She will always be cherished by grandchildren that are blessed to be raised in the household of Ms. Edna and Mr. Obie. They are Gwendolyn G. Varnado, Houston, TX; Norris Wayne Dillon, (Jackie), Magnolia, Ms; Sharon D. Dillon, Houston, TX.; Bridget Hilson, Baton Rouge, La.; and Aundra Scott (Norah), Brandon, Ms. In addition, she was often visited and loved by her eleven additional grandchildren: Everett Scott (Portland, Oregon; Valerie Freow, (Ramon) El Cajon, California; Burnett Scott, (Corona, California); Tony Dillon Chula Vista, California, Kim Latonjia Bates, (Larry) Summit, Ms., Sedrick Barnes, McComb, Ms., Yvette Barnes, McComb, Ms., Renard Barnes, Atlanta, Ga., Nicole Barnes, McComb, Ms., and four great-grandchildren, Norris Wayne Dillon, Jr., Liberty, Ms., Cardarris Addison, (Tiffany) McComb, Ms., and Kierra Addison, Jackson, Ms., James E. Varnado, (Houston, TX) & Madisa D. Jefferson (Baton Rouge, LA).

Mother Edna will never be forgotten by her 20 great-grandchildren, 28 great-great grandchildren, her nieces and nephews in Mississippi, Illinois, Texas and other states, as well as a host of other relatives, and countless numbers of friends, and coworkers.

Order of Service

Prelude
(processional)

Selection

Prayer
(prayer chant)

Old Testament

New Testament

Hymn of Praise

Mistress of Ceremony

Soft Music

Choir

Choir

Psalms 90:1-10

Romans 8:38-39

Choir

Ms. Vera Daniels

Expressions (please keep to 5 mins.)

As a Church Member
As a Lead Usher
As I Knew Her

Helen Cannon
Betty McClendon
Hillary Baker

Solo

Mrs. Johnnie Powell
(accompanist Sarah Carroll)

Tributes from Family (please keep to 3 mins.)

Solo

Mrs. Doris Augustus

Obituary (acknowledgements)

Ms. Vera Daniels

Recognition of Clergy

Pastor Boss (officiating clergy)

Words of Comfort
Choir Selection

Hymn of Praise

Eulogy

Rev. Willie Jones

Acknowledgement of Kindness

Melvin Scott

Viewing of Our Dear Mother
(When the Saints go Marching In)

Funeral Director in Charge

Recessional



*With all our Love
Melvin, Claudette, Gail Norris,
Sharron, Bridget and Andre'*

It's Hard To Say Good-Bye

Mother, we love you and miss you terribly! Life is just not the same without you! We will try to find comfort in knowing you are finally happy and free of pain. Thank you for a lifetime of precious memories and all the good times we had together during the holidays. Your spirit will live on in our hearts forever. You brought so much joy to this family, more than you'll ever know. Thank you for giving us a wonderful mother and being a great ~~father~~

~~and~~ mentor. You gave your family the best. There is no doubt in our mind, we're your pride and joy. You lead by example and did not take no for an answer. You taught us how to believe in ourselves. Whatever is good in us today, we owe to your wisdom, your patience, your strength, and your love. We are so thankful we were blessed to have you for all these wonderful years, and even though you are not here in body, you will forever be with us in spirit.

**God looked around his garden and found an empty space
Then he looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face
He put his arms around you and lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful...He only takes the best**





To Those I Loved and Those Who Loved Me

When I am gone, release me, and let me go;
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with your tears;
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love
that you each have shown,
But now it's time I travel on alone.
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must;
then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come;
though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near,
All my love around you soft and dear.
And then, when you must
come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile,
And say, "Welcome Home!"





In Loving Memory of our
Grandmother Edna and Grandfather Obie

We will miss you dearly

With Love,
Your Grandchildren.



ACTIVE PALL BEARERS

Cedric Barnes	Reynard Dillon	Larry Bates Jr.	Kadariss Dillon
Jeremy S. Tanner,	James Varnado Jr.	Everett Scott	Burnett Scott

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Norris Dillon	Andre Scott	Melvin Scott	Thomas Lee	Kenneth Holden
Alious Lee	Willie Bates	Jasper Bates	George Stewart	

ARRANGEMENTS

People's Funeral Home
607 Elmwood St.
McComb, MS 39648
Erica Leonard, Funeral Director



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