



Mrs. Thelma Elizabeth Dunn

August 12, 1930 - March 4, 2016

Mrs. Thelma Elizabeth Johns Dunn, a member of the Ninth Missionary Baptist Church, is a native of Ville Platte, Louisiana. She was born to Zeno Johns and Doffus Fields of Ville Platte on August 12, 1930. She transitioned into glory on Friday, March 4, 2016 in Montgomery, MD.

Mrs. Dunn was baptized at an early age at Ninth Baptist Church, which was then under the leadership of the late Reverend W. C. Frank and is currently under the leadership of Rev. Darwan T. Lazard, where she has remained a member.

She graduated from Ville Platte Negro High School in 1947, and later attended Grambling College, from which she graduated with a BS Degree in elementary education in 1951. After graduation, Mrs. Dunn taught in Rayne, LA for one year. Mrs. Dunn united in holy matrimony to the love of her life, the late Mr. Freddie L. Dunn, Sr. (her brown bomber) on March 17, 1952. To this union was born two sons. She earned her Masters' Degree in 1969 and 30+ from Southern University in education.

For several years, Mrs. Dunn served as a teacher and librarian at Carver Elementary School in Chataignier, LA as well as an elementary school teacher at James Stephens Elementary School in Ville Platte, LA. She was the supervising teacher for many students completing their student teaching in Evangeline Parish. She retired from Evangeline Parish School System in 1985. She was a member of Evangeline Parish Retired Teachers Association, Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, and the Herman McCall Alumni

Chapter of Grambling State University. Mrs. Dunn served on the Police Jury and completed Mr. Dunn's term from 1994 – 1995.

Mrs. Dunn (Momma D) leaves to cherish her memory, her two sons, Freddie Lee (Deborah) Dunn, Jr. of Atlanta, Georgia, and Carl Dexter (Rosa) Dunn of Gaithersburg, Maryland; five grandchildren, Freddie Lee (Delilah) Dunn III, Desirae Thelet Dunn, Kevin Prescott (Lindsey) Dunn, Gregory Michael (Katondra) Dunn, Carl D. Dunn; two great grandchildren, Owen Prescott Dunn and Maya Michelle Rose Dunn; one sister, Della M. Thomas, Lake Charles, LA; one brother, Bervic B. (Verdie) Johns, Sr., Chicago, IL; three godchildren, Brenda Arvie, Darryl Davis, and Sharon Stephens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Freddie L. Dunn, Sr.; her mother, Doffus Fields; her father, Zeno Johns; and three sisters: Bertha Jo Johns Davis, Helen Grace Frank, and Gladys Deshotel.

Mrs. Dunn's life was dedicated to education, community service, and working with children and aspiring educators in Evangeline Parish.

“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.”

Proverbs 31:31

Cemetery Details

Ninth Baptist Cemetery

Ville Platte, LA 70586

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ninth Baptist Church
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Ninth Baptist Church
Ville Platte, LA 70586

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Thelma Elizabeth Dunn*

January 28, 2023 at 08:52 AM

LJ

“ To the entire Johns, Dunn, and other family members. It is with deepest regret that I share in the loss of a beautiful, humorous, and dedicated lady, your mother. I had the pleasure of knowing her as a student, student teacher,, friend, and Grambling Alumnus. We traveled to our monthly meetings in your fathers camper, enjoyed the time we had together, and though she didn't visit much, if one happened to drop by to bring her something, we found ourselves staying far longer than we intended to.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but she is now with, "her best friend, true love, and all that he meant to her, your dad." I can envision those twos sets of eyes lighting up Heaven just a little brighter than it already is, when they looked into each others eyes.?

She was especially proud of her sons, their wives, and of course the grand children and great-grand children, as well as her nieces and nephews. Although I had not had the pleasure of visiting with her in a very long while, I often thought of her and could always see that same sweet smile. Hold your heads up high and know that she is in a far better place than here on earth.

This tribute is being sent from the daughter of the late Reverend and Mrs C.J (Florence) Jones, Linda Marie Jones Kemp-Porter. My mother taught with your mom when she moved from Chataigner to James Stephens, and your dad, along with Coach Dossman, always saw to it that she had far more baby perch fish than she could ever eat or needed.

I won't tell you not to shed a tear or two, but remember you will see her again when we all get to Heaven. "Weeping may endure for a night, but JOY comes in the morning light."

*With fondest memories, and deepest sympathy,
Linda (Jones) Kemp-Porter*

Linda Jones-Porter - March 19, 2016 at 07:34 PM

JH

“ *Mrs. Themla Dunn was such a nice and caring lady. She will be missed. My prayers goes out to the Dunn Family.*

Juanita Malbrew Hampton - March 19, 2016 at 11:12 AM

CF

“ *What a wonderful lady and outstanding community member. I treasure the memories.*

Cornelius Fontenot and son Anthony J Fontenot

Cornelius Fontenot - March 16, 2016 at 11:31 PM