



Frances Torry Craft

April 21, 2020

Frances Torry Craft passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at the age of 95. She was born May 26, 1924 in Utica, Mississippi to the late Perry and Mary Torry. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Lee Dell Craft Sr., her late father and mother-in-law, Johnnie and Nellie Craft and her 14 siblings. Frances loving memories will be forever cherished by her children Katherine (John) Anderson, Laquita C. Spurlock, Delores (Terry) Lewis, Lee Roy (Malinda) Craft, Jerome Craft, Kenneth (Fanette) Craft and Lee Dell (Kim) Craft Jr. Frances was a devoted and loving grandmother of 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Frances attended Ginn Line Elementary School in Utica Mississippi. After graduating from Utica Normal and Industrial High School she attended Jackson State University for two years. After leaving Jackson State University she taught grades four through eight at a small elementary school in Utica. She moved to Louisiana and worked as a substitute teacher in Jefferson Parish Schools for several years. Frances spent her time as a homemaker taking excellent care of her family. In between taking care of her family and her church activities she was an excellent seamstress in her earlier years. She made suits, wedding dresses, and other clothes for her family and people in the community. She was a faithful, dedicated and active member of New Salem Church of Christ Holiness. She was one of the charter members. Frances became the first church secretary and served in that position for 25 years. She was one of the original members of the senior choir and was still

singing at 95 years old. She was a Sunday school teacher, Deaconess Board President, Prayer Band member, faithful prayer and bible study attendee, Trustee Board Member, United Christian Women Ministry member, Volunteer Kitchen Committee Member and past Vacation Bible School director and teacher. She also held several positions at the 3rd and 5th District Churches of Christ Holiness U.S.A. She will be greatly missed by her pastor, Eld. George Taylor, the New Salem Church family and the Churches of Christ Holiness U.S.A. Frances favorite songs were Blessed Assurance, All I Need, Tis Christ Has Chosen Me and I Won't Complain. She loved to read the bible. Her favorite scriptures were John 3:16, the 23 Psalms and Matthew 5:3-12. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path," (Proverbs 3: 5&6) was her motto. These scriptures guided her life and she also instilled them in the lives of her children and grandchildren. In the community she was a watchman for the neighborhood children getting on and off the school bus. She liked sitting on the porch enjoying the sunshine, talking to neighbors, visiting the sick and shut-in, offering prayers, scriptures and encouragement. She also enjoyed feeding her family and others. She had her own little food ministry. Frances was known for her delicious cakes, sweet potatoes pies and especially her Tea Cakes. Frances was a historian with an excellent memory, a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and insight. Everyone who crossed her path was fond of her kind and loving spirit. To God be the glory for the life she lived! The family greatly appreciates all the prayers and condolences bestowed upon them. Due to current health concerns, a private graveside service will be held. A special thanks to her grandson, Kodi Craft. We also would like to thank the staff at West Jefferson Hospital for the kindness and care they gave to our mother during her time with them. A memorial service will be held in her honor at a later date. Arrangements by D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125.

Tribute Wall

DN

“ *Her smile is unforgettable; from the moment I met her, she always had a smile on her face!*

Dora Neal - April 30, 2020 at 12:05 PM

JG

“ *My condolences, hoping that the comforting thoughts of friends and family will surround you at this difficult time. Your mother lived a full life. I was surprised to see her still voting during early voting last year . She was an amazing person. You will always have the memories you've shared with her.*

JoAnn Gisclair

JoAnn Gisclair - April 26, 2020 at 10:03 PM



MG

“ *Mary Green-Boddie lit a candle in memory of Frances Torry Craft*

Mary Green-Boddie - April 26, 2020 at 09:54 PM



JC

“ *Joyce Craft lit a candle in memory of Frances Torry Craft*

Joyce Craft - April 26, 2020 at 02:30 AM



SH

Sending my love and heartfelt sympathy to the Craft and Anderson Families. Praying for strength and comfort in this hour of pain. Love Sharon and Rick Tennyson ..Louisville,Ky

sharon - April 29, 2020 at 10:27 PM

BA

“ Condolences and prayers to the Craft family . Mrs Francis a beautiful soul gone home to rest. I always loved and enjoyed our conversations together, she will truly be missed. Betty Jo Washington Addison.

Betty Jo Washington Addison - April 25, 2020 at 07:59 PM

JS

“ Praying for the family as the band of Saints from Utica, Mississippi that planted churches as they travel. Leaving a legacy for us. From Utica, Mississippi, Elder James E. Turner, Sr. and Family God bless

James E. Turner, Sr. - April 25, 2020 at 03:36 PM

SC

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your Mother. She will definitely be miss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! Love Sylvia Chapman and family!

Sylvia Chapman - April 24, 2020 at 08:37 PM