



Obituary

Died: Sunday, February 9, 2020

Irene Smith Fenton was born December 8, 1926, in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the daughter of Jack Smith and Mattie Gasby Smith. As a child, she attended Rockhill School and was always at the top of her class. When she was in third grade, she was promoted three grades ahead.

Irene married George Fenton on a beautiful Spring day in the "front yard" of her parents' home on March 3, 1945. To this blessed union was born nine children. They professed their love and faith in Jesus Christ, were baptized and joined Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi.

Service Summary

Interment following funeral service
Sat Feb 22, 2020

Visitation

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Sat Feb 22,
2020

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Celebration of Life

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Irene with her husband, George Fenton and four younger children relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana in May of 1975 to be nearer to their older children.

Irene retired from the Hyatt Regency in 1987 after ten and one half years of service. There she received several awards, including, "Best Employee of the Year".

In 1977, she joined First Samuel Missionary Baptist Church. At First Samuel, Irene served on the Mothers' Board, the Senior Missionary and as a Telephone Missionary and Evangelist. Some of her special elder friends during her tenure included, Sister Grace Bishop, Emmagene Russell Smith, Sister Evelina Allen, and Sister Eva Brunson. She loved cooking soul food, praying and singing all the while she cooked and doing her puzzles. Irene was very kind-hearted, always sharing what she had with those in need. She had wisdom and strength with a strong sense of family. She believed that prayer is what holds a family together. She had an excellent memory and she often reminded us as she aged into her 90th years, "I am in my right mind." She also enjoyed traveling on various vacations and family reunions with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Irene Fenton departed from this earthy life into eternal rest with God on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, George W.

Fenton Sr.; her son, John L. Fenton; grandson, Charles W. Guin; parents, Jack and Mattie Smith; three sisters, Mary Alexander, Estelle Miller and Mattie Sanders; four brothers, Horace Smith, Elijah Smith, William Smith, and Jack Smith; son-in-law, Robert Dalton, and daughter-in-law, Michele Fenton.

She leaves to cherish her memories five sons, Bishop Peter Fenton (Thelma), Pastor George Fenton, Deacon Jimmy Fenton (Shay), Elder Jerry Fenton (Jackie) and Trustee Stephen Fenton; three daughters, Barbara Davis (Raymond Martin), Loretta Dalton and Susie Fenton, all of Indianapolis, Indiana; twenty-one grandchildren, Michele Fenton (Indianapolis), Jocelyn Fenton (Javier Lopez) (Brooklyn, New York), Monica Fenton (Atlanta, Georgia), Tybarius Davis (Myleea) (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina), Michael Dalton (Shantell) (Indianapolis), Onyemachi Davis (Indianapolis), Samantha