



## Della Marie Pleasant

July 12, 1929 - December 15, 2021

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Mrs. Della Marie Pleasant was born the eldest of 6 children to Vivian and A. Van Smith on July 12, 1929, in Austin Texas. She departed this life on December 15, 2021. She is preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Barbara Nell White, and Vivian Evans, and three brothers, Arthur Van, Jr., Carroll Eugene, and Willie Dean Smith.

Della was one of the first children to open the historic East Austin Lee Lewis Campbell Elementary School. She also attended the original L. C. Anderson High School, graduating in 1947. Della attended the Crescent School of Beauticians and received her license from the State Board of Cosmetology in 1947. She graduated at the top of her class.

She never lost her love for hair care and enjoyed finding ways to promote healthy hair. Della was united in holy matrimony to Sylvester Pleasant Jr. on May 1, 1948. They were married for 46 years until his death on July 8, 1994. To this union three children were born.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, and cousin who cared deeply for and enjoyed taking care of her family. She was the family historian and loved sharing stories of days gone by with younger members of her family. Della was proud of the fact that God kept her and bought her through the Great Depression and World War II. She had a warm heart of love for people and

enjoyed stimulating conversations and sharing words of godly wisdom. Della accepted Christ at the early age of 5. Over the years, starting as a young child, she was instrumental in leading several family members to the Lord. She was passionate about reading and studying the word of God. For fifty-four years she enjoyed teaching her Sunday School students who later became teachers, preachers, and church leaders. She was also a faithful member of the Chapel Choir, Deaconess Auxiliary, and Mission II Auxiliary. She was a faithful and active member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Austin Texas since 1962.

She leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Janice Marie Templeton and Barbara Pleasant Blackwell (William); one son, Anthony Trigg Pleasant (Pam); eight grandchildren; William Templeton Jr. (Hazuki), Cranston Alkebulan (Christie), Mia Rogers (Louis), Alvin Jamar Jones (Cora), Tranise Pleasant, Jania Pleasant, Nicole Blackwell, and Michelle Blackwell; 11 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

3304 E12th & Airport Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

# Previous Events

## Public View with CDC GUIDELINES

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Baptist Church  
1800 East 11th Street  
Austin, TX 78702

## Celebration Service

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1800 East 11th Street  
Austin,, TX 78702

# Tribute Wall



“ *Della Marie Pleasant*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Natalie Robinson lit a candle in memory of Della Marie Pleasant*



**Natalie Robinson** - December 30, 2021 at 11:40 AM



“ *My Aunt Della was a beautiful person. She help me to understand the importance of grooming and maintaining my hair. She cared so much for her family and friends. She would make us laugh so much with her sense of humor and wit. She loved to laugh and have fun! She will be missed by our family.*

*Her family took good care of her when she could not care for herself. God bless them as well. Aunt Della you were truly loved! We will miss you.*

*-Della Evans Guidry, (niece)*

**Della Guidry** - December 30, 2021 at 09:39 AM

HW

“ I extend my Condolences to the family. She had a great smile and was a woman of God. I am so glad I met her & family, while at Mt Olive Baptist Church. She knew the Word & lived The Word. Rest In Peace Sis. Pleasant. Hazel Johns Wilson

Hazel Johns Wilson - December 30, 2021 at 12:36 AM

RW

“ I will always remember every summer Ms Della would ask my Mom if I could go to the San Antonio Zoo with Barbie. I'm so glad my Mom said yes. I had never gone camping before. It was so fun! Ms Della always showed love to all and was very inviting. She had such a big heart of love. May she Rest In Peace knowing she did what Jesus said, "Love one another!" That's exactly what she did 🌹 🙏 ❤️  
Rose Mary Watson

Rose Watson - December 19, 2021 at 09:44 PM

HW

Sis. Della Pleasant was a Godly Women. I enjoyed knowing her & interacting with her when I was at Mt. Olive, as a young lady. A Beautiful Spirit-filled lady. May she rest in peace & hear Jesus say, "Well Done" Servant. Hazel J. Wilson

Hazel J. Wilson - December 28, 2021 at 09:23 PM

EH

My thoughts and prayers are with the Pleasant family as our life history goes back over 60 years. To God be the glory.

Evelyn Faye (Hunter) Howard - January 12, 2022 at 01:22 AM