



Mother Velmon Felton

April 3, 1917 - March 20, 2008

A life of love and service is to be celebrated, never mourned. Such a life began when Mother Velmon Felton was born on April 3, 1917 to Mr. Walter and Mary Smith in Powell, MS. She was the 4th of 14 children. She married Elder Lee Roden in 1936. God blessed them with seven children. She was widowed at age 32. She later married Elder Damon Felton and to this union one son was born. Mother Felton received her primary education in Powell, MS. Mother Felton received Christ at the age of 10 and became a dedicated servant of the Church of God in Christ. Although, she had limited education, Mother paid attention to the reading of the Bible and developed her reading skills by following along while the word of God was being read. She committed to memory many chapters in the Bible and quoted them in her daily devotion. Whenever she counseled someone, there was a scripture to back up what she said. Mother Felton had a 5th grade education, but experience that was equivalent to a PHD. She managed to rear her children in the Church of God in Christ, own her home, and retire from the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Mother Felton served under the late Supt. Levarn Smith, Pastor of the Saint James Church of God in Christ, for almost 30 years. She then served under the leadership of Pastor John Arthur Smith, her dearly beloved son-in-law, until her demise. She served her leaders faithfully, giving of her time and dedicated service to glorify God. As a result of her dedicated service, she served as the local and district Hospitality President for many years and trained young women to work in this ministry. Mother Felton served with the

Mothers Board in Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction and President of the local Mothers Board and Church Mother, The final earthly chapter of her courageous life came to a close as she answered the call from the Master, which came on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:42 a.m., at the home of her daughter, Catherine (Pastor John) Smith, where she resided during the latter part of her life. The rest of the chapters in the life of Mother Velmon Felton are now being continued in eternity. Loved and treasured by her family and friends, Mother will be remembered in the hearts of her 5 sons, John A.L. Roden, Arthur (Dianne) Anderson, Calvin (Florine) Roden, Pastor J. Louis (Priscilla) Felton, all of Kalamazoo, MI and William (Adrienne) Roden, of TX; 2 daughters, Catherine (Pastor John) Smith, of Kalamazoo, Pearline (Norris) Miles, of Louisville, KY.; 2 special daughters, Edith Gardner, of Kalamazoo, MI and Evang. Patricia Lewis, of Memphis, TN; 4 brothers, Josh Smith, Johnnie Smith, Willie Smith, all of Detroit, MI; Louis Smith, of Buffalo, NY; 4 sisters, Sarah Martin, of West Helena, AR, Doris King, Marie Tillman, and Ruby Thompson, all of Detroit, MI; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. James Church Of God Christ
302 E. North Street
Kalamazoo, MI

Service

MAR **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 N. Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Velmon Felton*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mother Velmon Felton*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless you.*

*With our deepest sympathy,
Emma Harris and Family###imported-begin##Emma R
Harris###imported-end##*

March 25, 2008 at 11:25 AM



“ *Knowing the Lord in your heart is the most precious education one can receive. May the comfort of the Holy Spirit be with all of the family.*

*Mother Lillie Mae Lee's Daughter###imported-begin##Shirley Ann
Lee###imported-end##*

March 24, 2008 at 08:03 PM



“ *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints. Ps
116:15*
Our love & prayers
Brother & Sister Bizzell##imported-begin##Joe & Barbara
Bizzell##imported-end##

March 24, 2008 at 03:55 PM



“ To the Felton, Roden & Smith families:

We would like to send our condolences to your family in the Homegoing of your mother.

We were discussing how befitting that God called her home during the Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday, the day Christ instituted the Lord's Supper-right before his crucifixion), during the Jewish Passover and Christian Easter/Resurrection. Then he sent this major snowstorm (during the first week of Spring), with 12" of snow to commemorate her passing away! We will always remember that Mother Felton went home during the Easter/Holy week and that there was a major snowstorm! What a tribute to such a woman of God: God's timing is awesome.

May your family's hearts be strengthened and your burdens lightened by your wonderful memories of Mother Felton, and by the knowledge that she was a soldier in God's army and that she was prepared to go.

Though we did not have the privilege to know her deeply and personally, we see the proof of her faith in the great legacy she has passed on to her children. Her works speak for her, and do follow her!

*Howard & Robyn Robinson
(Faith Temple Church of God)
Kalamazoo, Michigan###imported-begin##Howard & Robyn
Robinson###imported-end##*

March 24, 2008 at 12:53 PM



“ My deepest prayers and sincerest condolences are sent to the family of this great and good lady, particularly to my dear friend Catherine Smith, and to Pastor J. Louis Felton. You were so enriched by her presence and love. May God bless, Bob Cinabro##imported-begin##Robert Cinabro##imported-end##

March 23, 2008 at 09:37 PM



“ Our condolences to Pastor Felton and Family. She was a ray of sunshine each time we saw Mother Felton. Always smiling and full of knowledge of Our Heavenly Fathers Word. She will be truly missed. God Bless and we'll be praying for you.##imported-begin##Sis. Angela Morris and Family##imported-end##

March 23, 2008 at 05:38 PM



“ Dear Felton and Roden Family, Mother Felton was a great inspiration to my life, she was such a gracious and beautiful person. I remember asking her to be the Godmother to my eldest daughter. I knew she was a praying woman and I know the prayers of the righteous availeth much. I know my mom {Mother Luddie Walker} was glad to see Mother Felton. My prayers are with you all. But I do know to live as Christ and to die is gain. It's a wonderful thing to know that she was ready to meet her maker in peace. Love Floradel Walker##imported-begin##Ms Floradel Walker##imported-end##

March 21, 2008 at 04:11 PM