



Mrs. Frances Almeta Battle

May 16, 1913 - November 19, 2010

Frances Almeta Battle was born May 16, 1913 in Kalamazoo, MI to Maxwell Simpson Birch and the former Flora Nathan Doughtit. She had a very happy childhood. While visiting a family relative in Chicago, she met and fell in love with her future husband, Daniel Battle. Daniel spent his early years in Kentucky working as a mining engineer. Later, after moving to Chicago, he accepted the Lord's call and began training for the ministry. Frances and Rev. Battle were married on December 23, 1940 and were very happy together. They later moved to Kalamazoo, MI where Rev. Battle worked as a master mechanic. Upon arriving in Kalamazoo, Frances joined Allen Chapel AME Church, where she served faithfully for over 60 years until her health began to fail. She was a very active member in the Etta B. King Women's Missionary Society, using her creative art skills knitting lap blankets, mittens, hats and scarves, giving them to whomever had a need. The couple had one child, a son named Donald, who later married Shelley, who was soon to be a beloved member of the family. Rev. Battle and Frances were married 62 years. Sadly, Rev. Battle passed away on March 14, 2003 at the age of 100 years.

It was Frances desire to become a nurse. She enrolled in Bronson Hospital School of Nursing, passed her boards and became a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), in the state of Michigan in November 1954. She enjoyed her work immensely and was a wonderful, caring nurse. She worked at the Kalamazoo State Hospital for many years and also volunteered with the Red Cross. She provided personal private care to any friend who was ill. She also

helped anyone who was in need and gave generously of her time, skilled care, supplies and medications. Frances was always a motivated, affectionate and optimistic person. She loved dogs, especially German Shepherds and Dobermans. Three of her favorite canine companions were Barron, Thor and Princess. She always loved a good cup of coffee with cream and sugar. Some of her hobbies included gardening, fishing, knitting and crocheting. She also had a vegetable garden with pole beans and tomatoes and beautiful flowers growing in the yard-beautiful hosta plants surrounded the driveway and lovely rose bushes in the backyard. She was very talented at knitting and crocheting and has made many items over the years including afghans, blankets, sweaters, vests, hats and let's not forget sweaters for her "grand doggies" that are still in use today. Macramé was something else she loved; she made some beautiful Christmas ornaments and wreaths. Frances was quite the fisherwoman and once caught a Northern Pike that weighed about 13 lbs. and measured almost three feet long. She was the winner of the "biggest fish" contest in Canada with that Northern Pike catch about 20 years ago. She was awarded a trophy for catching the largest fish that summer at Rondeau Bay! Frances was truly a generous, caring and compassionate lady who gave all she had to helping others. She will be remembered as being a kindhearted person who devoted her life to helping others and make the world a better place. Frances Almeta Battle peacefully entered into eternal rest at Upjohn Community Care Center Home, on Friday, November 19, 2010 at the age of 97 years. She leaves to cherish her memory: her son Don and his wife Shelley of Mitchellville, MD; a sister-in-law, Barbara Birch of Southfield, MI; a niece Rev. Ida Young and family of Chicago, IL; special friends Marvin & Julie Thompson, the BeDell/Clarke families, Marie Beamon, John & Alice Buchanan and a great host of many, many other special friends.

Previous Events

Service

NOV **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Frances Almeta Battle



Harper Funeral Home - November 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Frances Almeta Battle

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



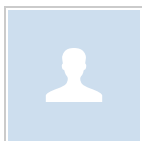
“ Mrs. Frances Almeta Battle

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ To Donald and family: Our prayers are with you in the loss of your mother. She was a rose in the bouquet God needed for his garden. Love Jerry, Modean, Mrs Tubbs and families.##imported-begin##Modean Tubbs -Reeves##imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 06:31 PM



“ Frances will be missed. Prayers and thoughts with you always.##imported-begin##Darkisha McPherson##imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 01:07 PM



“ I have only fond memories of Frances volunteering for the American Red Cross.
I am glad she lived a long life and want the family to know that my thoughts are with you during this time.
Karen Ford###imported-begin##Karen Ford###imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 10:52 AM



“ I will never forget the warmth and love every time I would feel when visiting Aunt Frances. You have touched so many people and I am grateful to one. eeeeeeeeeeee###imported-begin##Christina BeDell###imported-end##

November 29, 2010 at 12:18 AM



“ Dear Donnie, I was Roy Merricks' friend Sue and the mother of his child, Michelle. Your mother was a truly lovely lady and your folks raised a fine son. Last I knew you were in the USAF. Am going to try to touch base with you tomorrow but am sending my deepest sympathies. Would love to catch up on years gone by.

Susan Rollier 269 567-4486###imported-begin##Susan Rollier###imported-end##

November 28, 2010 at 10:41 PM



“ I worked with Frances years ago at the Northwest Unit. She was a wonderful person and a joy to work with. Her family is in my prayers.###imported-begin##Jim Short###imported-end##

November 28, 2010 at 02:42 PM



“ *Donnie and Shelley,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Aunt Frances will be in my
heart forever.*

*Love,
Tracy##imported-begin##Tracy Clark##imported-end##*

November 27, 2010 at 11:17 PM



“ *You have taught me so much about life. I miss your humor and our
talks. All of your Fort family love you.##imported-begin##Judith
BeDell##imported-end##*

November 26, 2010 at 01:55 PM