



## Mrs. Bessie Powell Fleming

March 28, 1941 - September 7, 2023

God-fearing, beautiful, caring, humble, loving, patient, precious, supportive but most importantly a gentle giant.... these are just a few words to describe Bessie Lee Powell-Fleming.

Bessie was born on March 28, 1941 in Liberty, Mississippi. Bessie was the 6th of 9 children born to the union of Charlie Lee and Ida Elizabeth Powell. She accepted Christ at any early age at the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Liberty, Mississippi. Bessie attended school in Magnolia, Mississippi. She graduated from Europe-Bates School in 1958.

Her love for cooking led her to Metairie, Louisiana where she attended trade school to learn Louisiana style cooking. She continued her career in culinary at Pete's Restaurant, Messina's Catering and Events, and delivered meals to schools in Jefferson Parish for the summer free lunch program. Later in life, she also worked for Rhodes Funeral Home selling insurance.

On a Sunday evening in 1960 while leaving worship, Bessie needed help crossing the ditch by Pilgrim Baptist Church in Kenner, Louisiana where (as she would say) the very handsome Earnest Fleming, held her hand and assisted her to the other side. From that day on, he held her hand and she never told him to let go. Earnest and Bessie continued to worship together at Nineveh Baptist Church. This beautiful romance led to the union of Bessie and

Earnest on October 20, 1962. They were united in holy matrimony by the (late) Dr. Rev. Wilker Neal and from this union 5 children were born.

Her legacy of love and selflessness lives on through her loving husband, Earnest Fleming, 5 children: Vanessa (Anthony), Craig (Tamira), Katrina (Roderick), Tiffany, Earnest Jr. (Cabrina), grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, and countless loved ones.

A woman of great compassion, Bessie regularly volunteered with her church. She worked building and singing in God's kingdom until she could not work anymore. The world is a better place because Bessie lived in it.

# Cemetery Details

## Step toe Cemetery

4676 Bean Rd  
Liberty, MS 39645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **15**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Nineveh Baptist Church  
1009 Wilker Neal Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70003  
nineveh@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.ninevehbaptistchurch.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 6:30 PM (CT)

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1009 Wilker Neal Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70003  
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## Funeral Service

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SEP **16.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church  
4676 Bean Rd  
Liberty, MS 39645

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bessie Powell Fleming*

October 09, 2023 at 08:24 AM



“ *Idella, Alma, Barbara and Wilber purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Bessie Powell Fleming.*



**Idella, Alma, Barbara and Wilber** - September 13, 2023 at 07:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bessie Powell Fleming.*



September 13, 2023 at 06:48 PM



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September 11, 2023 at 02:06 PM