



Celebrating the life of

Ora Lee

Winston Stanton

SUNRISE – SUNSET

FEBRUARY 14, 1935 – NOVEMBER 29, 2017

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

IN LOVING MEMORY *of*

ORA LEE WINSTON STANTON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2018 | 2:00PM

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HOUSE OF PEOPLES FUNERAL HOME

446 Monticello Street

Hazlehurst, Mississippi 39083

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ROSIE PEARL FATHEREE

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Welcome Rosie Pearl Fatheree
Mistress of Ceremony

Opening Remarks Reverend Charles Bryant
Mt. Sinai United Methodist Church

Reading of the Obituary Michelle Stanton

Remembrances Friends
House of Peoples Family

Reflections Family

Celebration of Life Prayer Elder Clifton Goodloe, Jr.

Words of Blessing and Inspiration Arthur Pendleton
Benediction

Ora Lee Winston Stanton

who dedicated her life to family, community and profession, moved on to her heavenly home on November 29th, 2017 at the age of eighty-two. She was born in Hazlehurst, Mississippi on February 14th, 1935, to Erna Bernice and Timothy Ora Winston.

Ora Lee accepted God at an early age and was baptized in the Church of Christ Holiness in Hazlehurst, Mississippi. She attended Parrish High School and graduated valedictorian of her class in May of 1952. Ora subsequently attended Tougaloo College in Jackson Mississippi where she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority in the spring of 1954. She finished Tougaloo in May of 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Science.

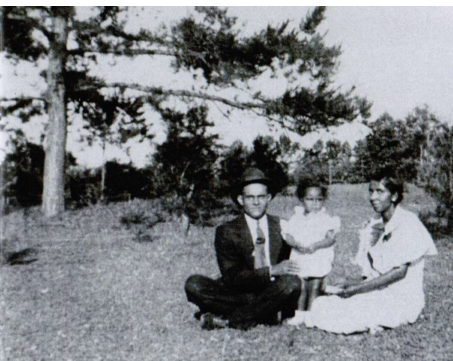
Ms. Winston married James Stanton, a Tougaloo classmate, in late 1956 in Chicago, Illinois, and to that union, three children were born; Reginald, Sharon, and Ronald. She earned her Master of Social Work degree from Indiana University in 1967 before beginning as a counselor at the Veterans Administration in Danville, Illinois in 1968. From 1974-1975, Ms. Stanton taught social work at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1975, she was also a graduate Social Worker at the Brookhaven Mental Health Complex in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Ora Lee taught at the

University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Graduate School of Social Work from 1975 to 1984 and earned her Doctorate of Social Work from the University of Utah in 1977. She was a social worker at the Mississippi Rural Center during her tenure at USM.

Dr. Stanton was an active member of the League of Women Voters, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, the Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare, and the National Association of Social Workers.

Ora moved back to Hazlehurst in 1984 where she worked at the House of Peoples, Inc. as Vice President and funeral director until 2016. During that time she was also a member of the Hinds County Community College Board of Trustees, the Copiah County Citizens for Progress, the and Gourmet Cooking Club. Dr. Stanton had a radio show, Studying God's Way, on WMDC and was a regular contributor to the Copiah Courier's Say So column. She attended Galilee Church of Christ Holiness and Mount Sinai United Methodist Church. Her favorite pastimes were reading about philosophy, cooking, and much later on, Freecell.

Ora Lee was preceded in death by her older sister, Beulah Winston, mother, Bernice Winston, and father, Timothy Winston. She is survived by her children, Reginald Stanton (and his wife Michelle), Sharon L. Stanton Robertson (and her husband Clarence Robertson Jr), and Ronald Stanton; grandchildren, Justin Winston Stanton, India Stanton, Kevon Stanton, and Jonathan Preston; great grandchild, Akievon Stanton; and first cousins, Alvin Carter, Shirley Cross, Emma Jean Cotton, Percy Fields, Patricia Adams, and Helen Ann King; and a host of family and friends.



Tributes

FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

“G-MAMA”

Words can't express the feelings I have now, you have been there for me since I was fifteen years old until now. You were my mentor. I will always remember the times that we shared together. So go on G-Mama and take your rest. We will see each other again.

~Brenda Douglas

MS. ORA

My heart was saddened when I heard you were gone. But then I realized that you are at peace and that brought me peace. I will always cherish the many memories that we shared. You were a mother to me, and a grandmother to my son, but most of all, you were my friend, and for that I will always be grateful.

Love,
Benita and Kaleb

DR. STANTON

“The memory of the righteous is a blessing.” *Proverbs 10:7*

Dr. Stanton carved memories in my life, my family's life, and the lives of many people which shall remain in our heart forever. She was my advisor, mentor, teacher, and my friend. Her love leaves an indelible imprint in my heart and memory. However, I do find comfort in knowing that my life has been enriched by having known her. “Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same.” I am thankful to Dr. Stanton for coming into my life, and welcoming me in her family. May her soul rest in peace!

~Pearl Fatherree

DR. STANTON

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” - *St. John 14:1-3*

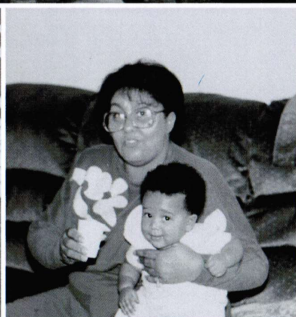
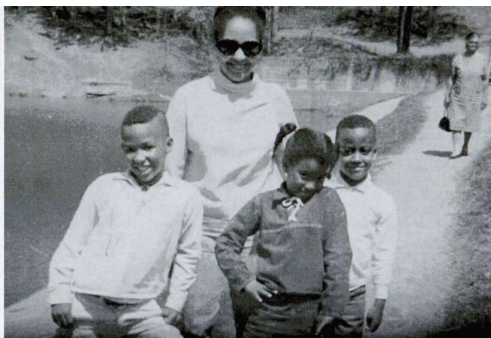
Dr. Stanton touched my life with her kindness and love. I have learned so many, many things from her. Her guidance and friendship was truly a blessing to me. I will never forget the things she shared with me, or the things she taught me. We had our ups and downs, but through it all, the love for each other remained. Her wisdom and memories shall always remain in my heart. Rest in peace.

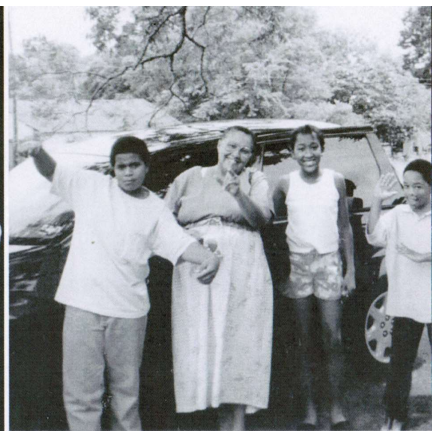
~Arthur Press Pendleton

MS. ORA, DR. STANTON

As we journey through life, we come in contact with many people, and you are one of the few who left an impression on us. Thank you for the many, many things you have taught us. We have had good and bad times, but the good always outweighed the bad. You were special to each of us in your own special way. Thank you for the years we worked together and thank you for who you were to each of us. Rest in peace.

~The House of Peoples Funeral Home Staff





TRIBUTES





THERE'S MAGIC IN A GRANDMOTHER'S TOUCH,

and sunshine in her smile.
There's love in everything she does to make
our lives worthwhile.

We can find both hope and courage just by
looking in her eyes.

Her laughter is a source of joy, her works are
warm and wise.

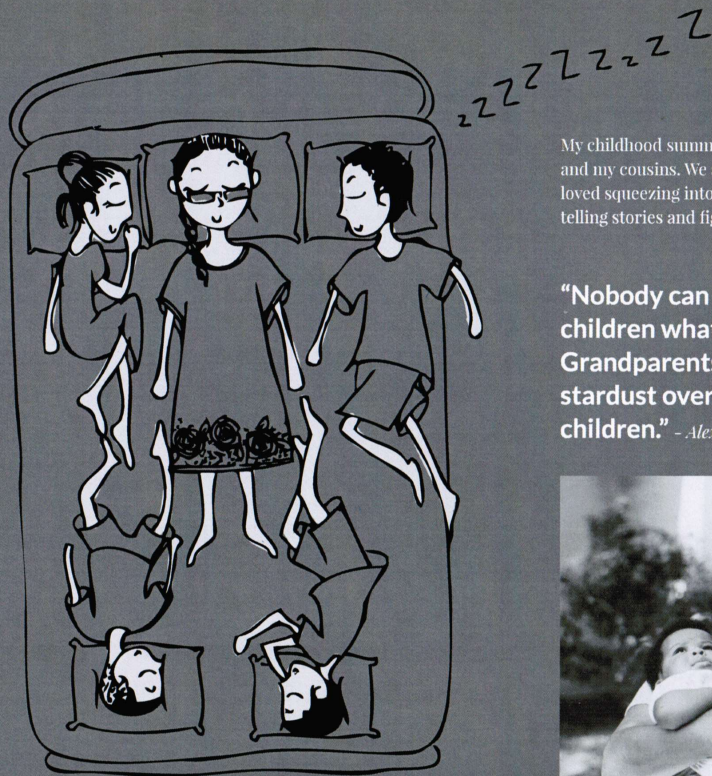
There is a kindness and compassion to be
found in her embrace,
and we see the light of heaven shining from a
Grandmother's face.

Johnathan Winston Preston,
or as Grannaboo would say,
my number 3 grandson

TO GRANDMA *from Justin*

Is a smile I still wear at the sound of your dear name.
The precious word is 'GRANDMOTHER', she was my world you see,
But now my heart is breaking cause she's no longer here with me.
God chose her for His angel to watch me from above,
To guide me and advise me and know that I'm still loved.
The day she had to leave me when her life on earth was through,
God had better plans for her, for this, I surely knew.
When I think of her kind heart and all those loving years,
My memories surround me and I can't hold back the tears.
She truly was my best friend, someone I could confide in,
She always had a tender touch and a warm and gentle grin.
I want to thank you Grandmother for teaching me so well,
And though the time has come that I must bid you this farewell.
I'll remember all you've taught me and make you proud you'll see.
Thank you my Dear Grandmother for all the love you showed me.
Although you've left this earth and now you've taken flight,
I know that you are here with me each morning, noon and night.





SUMMERS WITH GRANDMA.

My childhood summers were spent with Grandma and my cousins. We all had our own rooms but still loved squeezing into Grandma's bed for the night, telling stories and fighting sleep.

"Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children." - Alex Haley



~India Stanton



IF TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME

Sharon, if tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see, if the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; but when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, and said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye, for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do, it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all that we shared, and all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss some tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, *"I'm right here, in your heart."*



Mom, my angel on earth...the extraordinary way you loved me is engraved indelibly on my heart and soul. You will forever remain my MOTHER! Love you always and forever.

Your Princess (Sharon Lynne' Stanton Robertson)



MY OTHER MOTHER (DR. MOM)

Though I've never called you "Mother", in my heart I hope you know, that you'll always be remembered for the seeds of love you sowed.

You'll forever be regarded for your kind and gentle way, for your words of love and guidance, things that only Mothers say.

And though I've never said it, still, I pray that you can see, you have been my "Other Mother", and forever shall you be!

I Love You,
Michelle Stanton

poem by Genie Graveline

**Papa's faith is people, momma she believes in cleaning
Papa's faith is in people, momma she's always cleaning
Papa brought home the sugar, momma taught me the deeper meaning**

- 1972, Joni Mitchell



One of the main words I associate with momma is PRIORITIES. A sense of priority was one of the most important things she impressed upon me, because Lord knows, it didn't come naturally. Without it, I would not be who I became.

At some of the lowest times of my life, my mother first encouraged, then implored, and finally, insisted that I handle my affairs. Her father gave that to her, and she certainly gave it to me. I understand, she also impressed this upon people around her. :-)

She was a single mother at a very difficult time, but her sense of duty, ability to prioritize, and family, put all of her children in a position to succeed.

Momma loved her family.
She was accomplished and recognized in her field.
She loved being a Christian and discussing Christianity.
She was no-nonsense and professional.

I can't be thankful enough for the mother I had!
I'm sure she was done with her work on earth, and has, as she was recently fond of saying, "gone on to see Tim & Bernice".

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~Reginald Stanton



GRANDMA

Watch over us and guide me and my loved ones
to the proper path in life.

~Kevon Stanton





Ed & Ora Winston

Jim & Ahna Miller



Tim & Bernice Winston



Ora Lee Winston Stanton

FAMILY GRATITUDE

The family acknowledges, with genuine appreciation, all of the heart-felt condolences, expressions of kindness, and prayers for the loss of our mother. Every expression of love and concern will forever be remembered. Pray with us that the happy memories will bring a measure of comfort and peace to our hearts in the coming days.

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