



Idella Herndon

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Idella Herndon Obituary

Idella (Dell) Herndon, affectionately known as Nunck to her beloved siblings. Idella was born on October 6, 1932, in Yazoo County, Mississippi, to the late Allen and Lillie Bell (Newman) Johnson. She was the eldest of seven children: Alberta, Estella, Allen (Bruce), Corine, Bernice, and Daisy.

Idella was raised on a 164-acre farm in Yahoo County, Mississippi, where she learned the values of hard work, family, and faith. She took her role as the eldest very seriously, serving as a guiding force and protector of her family.

At a young age, she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized at Newport Baptist Church in Holmes County, Mississippi. Upon settling in Cleveland, she became a member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church before later joining Affinity Missionary Baptist Church, where her faith continued to be the foundation of her life.

She received her formal education in the Mississippi school system, before making a significant move north in the 1960s to Cleveland, Ohio. She was a firm believer in the importance of education. Often encouraging those around her to strive for knowledge and success.

After the passing of her beloved mother, Lillie Bell, Idella played a pivotal role

in raising her youngest sister, Daisy. Demonstrating her deep sense of love and responsibility toward her family.

Idella had a gift for conversation. She could effortlessly engage with people from all walks of life. She had a hilarious sense of humor and a spicy personality. Idella brought joy and laughter to those who knew her.

She had an exquisite sense of style and fashion. She loved shopping and took pride in her appearance, ensuring she was always polished, dignified and refined. Her favorite perfume was by Este'e Lauder.

Idella worked for many years as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Montefiore Nursing Home, alongside her late sister: Alberta, and late aunt : Mary DeFreeze. She eventually retired from Montefiore, leaving behind a legacy of care and commitment to those she served.

On January 8, 1966, Idella married the love of her life, John Herndon of Troy, Alabama. John preceded her in death February 27, 2012, they were married for 46 years. John, was an exceptional cook and baker, he complemented Idella's strong sense of order and cleanliness. Their home was a place of warmth, love, and hospitality.

Idella Herndon's life was a testament to strength, love, faith, and family. She touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of wisdom, kindness, and resilience. Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory: Allen Bilal, Bernice Jones, Daisy McDaniels and a host of relatives and friends.

Rest in eternal peace, our dear Dell.

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in memory of Idella Herndon, please visit our floral store.

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“ *A Memorial Tree was planted for Idella Herndon
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at E. F. Boyd & Son
Funeral Home, Inc.
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Idella Herndon - April 21, 2025 at 03:14 PM

CH

“ *Dear Family, Our love and prayers are with you at this time. Love
you Jay, Cathy and Aunt Johnnie*

Cathy Harper - January 31, 2025 at 10:26 AM

SB

“ *With deep sympathy and respect to the family of idella. I will always
remember her caring attitude and kindness to everyone. And how
she always helped my aunt Essie. Love , sincerely Sandra Battle*

Sandra Battle - January 30, 2025 at 03:13 PM

VP

“ *VERA PRICE. LOVE YOU TO A WONDERFUL COUSIN.*

VERA Price - January 30, 2025 at 02:13 PM

DF

“ Thank you for the roadmap that you have provided for the family. Thank you for traveling the winding road from the South to the North and never faltering in your journey. Thank you for always lifting us up with your wisdom, guidance and steadfast love for the entire family. Most importantly, I thank you for being a beacon of light that serves to unite the family with grace, kindness and love. Your loving memory will always live on in our hearts. May you rest in peace with all the angels.

Delores Defreeze and Family - January 30, 2025 at 01:29 PM

CD

“ I am so thankful to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His Grace and Mercy in my travels from Alabama to Ohio and from Michigan to Ohio (heading back to AL) to visit Aunt Dell. I had to keep my promise to Uncle John 😊. I will miss calling you to check on you, the hours long talks, and seeing you. You always asked about Kaiyan (my son) and I would show you pics. You would also ask how is the Family doing and tell me...you pray for us All all the time. Thank you for all the fond memories. I will hold them close to my heart. You are now reunited with the love of your life (Uncle John). Take you rest sweet Angel 😊 I love you and I will see you later 🕊️
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Cathy Roberson Dixon - January 30, 2025 at 10:25 AM

AB

“ I will truly miss our Conversation and knowing that you are in a much better place. Thank you for the memories i will keep them close to my heart. Love you Aunt Dell

Alfreda Ballard - January 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM