



Ella Christine Dixon

April 8, 1930 - September 8, 2023

Obituary For Ella Christine Fields Dixon

Ella Christine Fields Dixon, (affectionately known as Midge/Midget), at the age of age 93, went to be with her Lord on Friday, September 8, 2023, at home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Salisbury, MD on April 8, 1930, to her parents, the late Oris G. and Margaret Whaley Fields and was the granddaughter of the late James and Mary Jane Whaley.

Ella graduated from the former Salisbury High School as valedictorian in 1946. She continued her education by receiving Early Childhood Development certificates from Wor-Wic Community College and Salisbury University (formerly, Salisbury State College).

She was a life-long member of St. James A. M. E. Zion Church until her illness. She served as the superintendent of the Buds of Promise, Secretary of the Tither's League, life-member of the Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society, speech and play writer, Women's Day chairperson, a contributor to the scholarship fund, and a servant in many other capacities over the years. Her grandmother, Mary Jane Whaley, co-founder of St. James Mission, now St. James A.M.E. Zion Church, instilled in her the importance of

servanthood. Ella, along with her siblings, Percy, and Hilda, worked diligently to carry on the legacy left by Mary Jane Whaley.

Ella's employment history spanned over many industries including Lady Classics Sewing Factory and SHORE-UP, Inc. MAC Center. She returned to her first love, as the owner/operator of Dixon Day Care Center carrying the theme "We Care for Wee Care." She not only cared for the children, but the entire family.

Ella is survived by: her children, Martin Dixon (Portia), Frances Hopkins, Marcia Douglass (Michael), Deleane DeRamus, Malinda Davis (Elder Ron), and Deanna Hayes (Anthony); sixteen grandchildren, Loanda Carter, Eugene Lawrence (Meghan), Ruth Jones, Eugenia Lawrence, Rhonda Lawrence, Christine Dixon, Tonya Gaines, Amy Haetler, Nathaniel Parker, Jr.), Kenya Senyasu, Patricia Attiwoto (Ayi), Anthony Allen (Jennifer), Patrice Cousins (Nathaniel), Ron Davis, Jr., Byron Davis, and Carrington Hayes. In addition, she had 34 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great grandchildren, a Goddaughter, Renee Smith Davis, a son in-law, Eugene Lawrence, Sr. and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Valarie Lawrence and son-in-law, Joseph Hopkins, three great-granddaughters, Neveah Christine Carter, Godsway Senyasu, and Zion Valarie Lawrence, and her four siblings: Frances McKnight, Charles Fields, Sr., Rev. Oris Percy Fields, Sr., and Hilda Smith.

SUBMITTED WITH LOVE ~ THE FAMILY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James A.M.E. Zion Church
521 Mack Ave
Salisbury, MD 21801

Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

Tribute Wall

DH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Deanna Hayes - April 08 at 02:52 PM

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Deanna Hayes - April 09, 2025 at 01:42 AM

MD

David, Grandma loved you too! I am here for you always! I love you too! Aunt Marcia ❤️

Marcia Douglass - November 27, 2023 at 08:05 PM

DH

“ *Deanna Hayes lit a candle in memory of Ella Christine Dixon*



Deanna Hayes - September 23, 2023 at 01:59 AM

DH

“ *Mom, these past 2 weeks without you have been the hardest of my life. I miss your smile, hearing your voice and just getting to “go home” to see you. I have to remember that you always told us to trust God and lean not to our own understanding. I know that you are resting in His arms and one day, I will see you again.*
I Love Always,
Deanna

Deanna Hayes - September 23, 2023 at 01:52 AM

TE

“ *Sending prayers of comfort and peace to the family. I have great memories of Ms. Ella. Such a kind and sweet lady.*

Love you all.

Teresa (Granddaughter of the late Mary H. Townsend)

Teresa - September 16, 2023 at 08:31 AM

PC

Love you Teresa!
❤️ *Patrice and Aunt Marcia*

Patrice Cousins - September 17, 2023 at 07:27 AM

RG

“ *Rev. Barbara Gordy lit a candle in memory of Ella Christine Dixon*



Rev. Barbara Gordy - September 16, 2023 at 05:30 AM

RG

“ *Mrs. Ella Dixon was one of the sweetest, kindest ladies I've known. When I joined St. James she greeted me with that soft, gentle voice, and a smile that warmed my heart, She always had words of wisdom and loving encouragement. Her well deserved reward has now been received. Rest in Heavenly Peace. With love.*

Rev. Barbara Gordy - September 16, 2023 at 05:29 AM

AF

“ *She was such a beautiful & gentle soul. Sending love & prayers to the family*



Amber L & family - September 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM

RM

“ Ronnet & Kara Mckenzie lit a candle in memory of Ella Christine Dixon



Ronnet & Kara Mckenzie - September 14, 2023 at 08:47 AM

SA

“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Ella Christine Dixon



Sarah - September 13, 2023 at 10:31 AM

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“ National Science Foundation (ARB Team) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ella Christine Dixon.



National Science Foundation (ARB Team) - September 13, 2023 at 06:08 AM

LB

“ Love, Kimberly Brown-McCray purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ella Christine Dixon.



Love, Kimberly Brown-McCray - September 12, 2023 at 06:44 PM