

## *A Mother's Crown*

Heaven lit up with His mighty presence,  
As all the Angels looked down,  
Today the Lord was placing the jewels,  
In all the mother's crowns.  
As He held up a golden crown,  
As all the mother's looked on,  
He said in His gentle voice,  
"I just want to explain each stone".  
He held the first gem in His hand  
But the radiance couldn't match His own.  
For He was the light of Heaven,  
Reflecting off each of the stones.  
"The first gem," He said, "is an emerald,  
And it's for endurance alone,  
For all the nights you waited up.  
For your children to come home.  
For all the nights by their bedside,  
You stayed till the fever went down,  
For nursing every little wound,  
I add this emerald to your crown."  
"A ruby, I'll place by the emerald,  
For leading your child in the right way,  
For if you hadn't taught them about me,  
They wouldn't be here with you today.  
For always being right there,  
Thru all life's important events,  
I give you a sapphire stone,  
For the time and love you spent."  
"For untying the strings that held them,  
When they grew up and left home,  
I give you this one for courage."  
Then the Lord added an amethyst stone.  
"I'll place a stone of garnet," He said,  
"For all the times you spent on your knees,  
When you asked me to take care of your children,  
And them for having faith in me."  
"I have a pearl for every little sacrifice,  
That you made without them knowing,  
For all the times you went without,  
To keep them happy, healthy, and growing."  
"And last of all I have a diamond,  
The greatest of all gems,  
For those mother's who lost their children,  
When they came home to heaven before them."  
"This is the most precious sacrifice,  
So I give the most precious stone,  
For I know just how you felt,  
I too lost a child of my own."  
After the Lord placed the last jewel in,  
He said, "Heaven is now complete,  
For every mother has her crown of jewels,  
And all her children are at her feet."

## *Active Pallbearers*

Brandon Bailey  
Bryan Green  
Lance Jelks

Rev. Jeffrey Regge  
BaKari Roberts  
Morya Walton Jr.

## *Honorary Pallbearers*

Jerrias Gardner  
Nathan Mayberry  
Nicholas Mayberry

Marcus Curtis  
Anthony Varner Jr.  
Jerrime Gardner

Albert David Miles

## *Interment*

Eastview Cemetery  
3530 Roland Ave.

## *Family Acknowledgment*

Our family extends heartfelt thanks to our friends for all the prayers and  
kindness shown during the homegoing of our loved one.  
God Bless You.



## *Repass*

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"Never place a question mark where God has placed a period."

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## *In Memory And Celebration For The Life Of*

*Sunrise*  
October 9, 1934



*Sunset*  
March 29, 2023



# *Idella Mae Curtis*

*Saturday, April 8, 2023*  
11:00 AM

*Lilly Of The Valley Missionary Baptist Church*  
134 Cardiff Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas

*Rev. Dr. Steven Owens Sr., Pastor*  
*Pastor Oscar L. Dean Sr., Officiating*



# Life 's Journey



# The Order Of Service

**Idella Mae Curtis.** was born October 9, 1934 in Waelder, Texas to Lucy Owens and Maynard Thornton.

**Idella** received her education in the Waelder Texas School System, graduating from Ralph Bunch High School in 1952. She relocated to San Antonio, Texas where she continued her education at the San Antonio College receiving her Associate Degree in Health Administration. Idella entered the workforce working for Normandy Terrance Nursing Home until an injury related retirement occurred in 1978. She later went into private duty nursing. In the early 70's, Idella purchased a house that she turned into a home for future generations. She learned how to sew at a young age and used that skill to help her family, friends, church members and community. After raising three generations, she was able to take a breath and enjoy her family. Her days became filled with traveling and enjoying the company of her family. To know Idella was to love her and her legacy of servitude will live on in the generations to come. After raising her four successful children, Idella answered the call to raise two of her grandchildren: Kiana and Natasha. During this time, she joined Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J.J. Rector, Sr. After such time, she moved her membership to New Birth Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. J.E. Jackson was the pastor. Throughout her years at New Birth, Idella served in multiple ministries. She knew what it meant to be a servant of God and faithfully modeled the scripture accordingly. Years passed and Idella was chosen by the Lord again to raise two of her great grandchildren, Marcus and Teniece. Having two young children did not slow Idella down. Over the years, Idella served as the President of the Owens Family Reunion. She dedicated years to planning an annual reunion where the family would gather for a weekend of fun and praise. A vision that she continued from her mother. She continued to serve at her church, her community and never stopped serving her family.

**Love** found Idella on October 12, 2019 and she was united in Holy Matrimony to Pervis Ellison. Fervently known to many as “Sis. Curtis” or “Mama Curtis”, her role as “Mama” and “Granny” was her pride and joy.

**Idella** was proceeded in death by her husband, Pervis Ellison; parents, Lucy and Maynard; siblings, Lucille, Mary Lee, Joe Lewis and Maynard Jr. ; children, Linda Fay Thornton and Stephanie Spears-Varner. She leaves to cherish her memory two children, Jerry (Mercy), Patsie (Dondie); son in law, Anthony Varner Sr.; sister, Mary Ann; seven grandchildren, Lisa, Jerrime, Kiana, Natasha (Keith), Jasmin, Jacinda and Anthony Varner Jr; fourteen great grandchildren: Destiny, Ashleigh, Marcus, Teniece, Jerrias, Serena ,KJ, Mya, Khloe, Albert, Nathan, Nicholas, Devyn, Ashleigh and a host of nieces , nephews other relatives, cousins and friends.

## Thank You Granny

As we look back over time, find ourselves wondering. Did we ever remember to thank you enough for all you have done for us? For all the times you were by our sides to help and support us . To celebrate our successes To understand our problems and accept our defeats? I wonder if we ever thanked you for the sacrifices you made for our family. If we haven't thanked you, let me thank you now. Thank you for raising us. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for taking care of us. Thank you for showing us right from wrong. But most importantly, thank you for always praying for us and praying with us. Granny, we just want to say thank you for always being there from the beginning, you never turned your back on us. You have always been right by our side, you never left. So, granny thank you, thank you. And Y I thank you is because we love you, Granny. So sleep on our beautiful angel in the sky until we meet again at the pearly gates of heaven.



Processional

Clergy, Pallbearers, Family

Special Presentation

Crowning

Scripture

Old Testament

Pastor Oscar L. Dean Sr.

New Testament

Rev. Jeffrey Regge

Prayer

Overseer, Latanya Michelle Clark- Fisher

Congregational Hym

" Blessed Assurance"

Resolution

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

Family Tribute

Overseer, Latanya Michelle Clark- Fisher

Solo

“The Lord Will Make A Way” Sis Janet Hurt

Words Of Comfort

Pastor Domonik Jones

New Birth Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

“I'll Fly Away”