



Frettie Fontenot

March 25, 1932 - September 5, 2020

Frettie Margaret Fontenot was born on March 25, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan at Henry Ford Hospital to the union of J.C. and Argather Autrey. She was the eldest of three children who grew up in a loving and caring home.

After graduating from River Rouge High School in January, 1951, She was employed by the Department of Defense (DOD) and later at BASF Wyandotte Chemical as a secretary. Frettie accepted Christ at an early age (while still in high school) and was baptized at Palmerston Street Church of God, in River Rouge, Michigan. At the same church, in April 1957, Mom married the love of her life, Andrew Fontenot. They celebrated 61 years of marriage, until his death in January 2018. Their union was blessed with six children: Andre, Michelle, Colette, Sybil, Alvan and Allan, twin brother of Alvan, who preceded her in death. She raised her children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

She was a devoted and faithful member of Southwestern Church of God under the leadership of Pastors, Benjamin F. Reid, Lawrence P. Wyatt and Jack Perkins. During that time, she served as secretary, to them all. She was affectionately called, Sis. Frettie, Sis Fontenot and Mother. She served faithfully on the Usher Board for over 40 years, also sang in the choir and was a member of the Kitchen committee.

Mom was the matriarch of her home, a devoted wife and mother to her husband and children. But the role that gave her the greatest joy was being “Granny” to Monique, Marcus and Morgin whom she dearly loved. Every year, she looked forward to taking her children and grandchildren on vacation to Louisiana to spend time with family. Louisiana was her home away from home. If you knew her, you knew how content she was just sitting, in the country, with family and dear friends sharing in conversation and shelling peas. Other pastimes she enjoyed was watching cartoons and playing word games such as, “Mahjong” and “Word Search.”

Mom’s love for her family was displayed the most when you saw her in the kitchen. At any given day, you may find her preparing vegetables from her garden or cooking her

children's favorite food, sweet potato pies, peach cobbler, seven-up cake, greens, yams, banana pudding and homemade rolls... Everything she made was delicious! There were those who would come by "Sis. Fontenot's" knowing, she would be cooking or had already cooked, and just hoping she would ask, "Have some supper?" Her doors were always open to anyone in the neighborhood. Even her front porch became the "hangout" for not just her own children, but the neighborhood kids, as well. Moms' capacity to love was endless. Everyone had a special place in her heart. She was a gentle, caring and thoughtful soul. Once you have met her, you were never the same again.

On September 5th, very early in the morning, God called Mom home to eternal rest with him and Daddy. She always spoke about the scripture she said God had given her: Isaiah 41:10. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." And, God has definitely been true to His word during her health challenges over the years.

Loving memories of Mom will be cherished by her beloved children: Andre, Michelle, Colette and Derrick Samuels, Sybil and Dennis Kirby, Alvan and Sheila Fontenot and adopted son & daughter, Timothy Taylor and Ellen Sapp; five grandchildren: Monique, Marcus and Morgin Samuels, Janea and Tre' Miller, two sisters: Ardell Thurman and Vermell Marshall and honorary sister, Brenda Palmore three sister-in-laws, Bernice Brown, Baton Rouge, LA, Lubertha Lindsey, Orange, TX; and Lubertha Harris, Palmetto, LA; and one brother-in-law, Carlton Hardy, Palmetto, LA.

Her memory will also be cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, adopted sons and daughters and other relatives, dear friends and her church family.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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The House of Johnson, Inc.
12540 Hayes, Detroit, MI, US, 48205

SEP **Family Hour** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Southwestern Church of God
3032 S. Fort Street, Detroit, MI, US, 48217

SEP **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home - September 17, 2020 at 09:22 PM



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Elaine Richardson - September 18, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Unable to get into the video. It was unclear and the sound was sporadic.

Margie Stone - September 18, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Beautiful

Wilhelmina - September 18, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Sending peace and love to the Fontenot family. Praying God's strength for each of you!!

Brenda Henderson-Lewis - September 18, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Obituary



The House Of Johnson Funeral Home - November 03, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ Sis. Frettie will always be a ray of sunshine and love in our hearts. She reached out to share her love and prayers comforting us when she was enduring her own health problems. Her sweet voice filled with love and faith will always be remembered. Our love and prayers is with
The entire family! Johnnie and Alzatta Cox

Johnnie and Alzatta Cox - September 18, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ We, the members of the Doty Road Church of God, Ferriday want the family to know that our hearts are with you as we gather to bid a Christian good-bye to a valiant woman.
Humbly submitted on this 18th day of September 2020, The Pastor Jacob A. Brown, and Members of the Doty Road Church of God, 1604 3rd Street Ferriday, La.
Be Blessed.

Pastor Jacob Brown, Doty Road Church, - September 18, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Frettie Fontenot.



September 17, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ Our condolences to the family, Fretti was a customer of our Allstate insurance Office in Riverview for 30 years. She was always a bright spot to all of us when she would call. She will continue to be that bright light in heaven. We will think of her always.

Scott Cunningham, Julie and Shelly

Shelly McClain - September 17, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ With heartfelt condolences, sending healing prayers & comforting hugs to the Fontenot family, I know you're surrounded by much love, Auntie Frances & Joe

Mary Henderson-Archible - September 16, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ Wisconsin Ave. Church of God Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Frettie Fontenot.



Wisconsin Ave. Church of God Family - September 16, 2020 at 04:45 PM



“ Brandon Crayne & Diana Crayne purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Frettie Fontenot.



Brandon Crayne & Diana Crayne - September 16, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Belcher/Hernandez Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Frettie Fontenot.



Belcher/Hernandez Families - September 15, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Family, we are praying the Lord will comfort you with His peace ... surround you with His love ... and encourage you with His presence. "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Upper Room Church of God

Rev. Leroy Harris, Pastor

Beatrice Jordan, Church Administrator

Beatrice Jordan - September 11, 2020 at 03:51 AM



“ Dear Lord, there's a special family the Fontenot's whose hearts must be consoled, Someone who's lost a dear one and needs Your hand to hold-So please, Lord take the sadness and put there in it's place The comfort of Your gift of hope, the strength of Your own Grace and bless this FAMILY with Your peace, with reassurance, too, That You walk close beside the one's who need to lean on You. You have our Love, Sympathy, and Prayers

Theodore E and Reva B Henry - September 10, 2020 at 06:10 PM