



Ms Viola Ottila White

October 27, 1917 - May 2, 2021

VIOLA OTTILLA WHITE, 103, was born on October 27, 1917 in Paris, KY (Brentsville) to Ottie Belle and John Andy Roberts. Viola gained her heavenly wings and transitioned

into eternal life on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Central Baptist Hospital.

She confessed her faith in Christ at an early age and became a member of Veeches Chapel

C.M.E. Church in Paris, KY. In 1942, Viola moved to Lexington, KY due to work

and she became an active member of St. Paul A.M.E Church in Lexington, under the

leadership of Reverend Greene. She served as a member of the Willing Workers Club, Senior Usher

Board, Ross-Greenfield Missionary Society, Deaconess, Sunday School, Women's Ministry, Bible Study, and Foxy 60s. In addition, Viola was a dedicated member of the Zeta Amicae of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Viola attended Brentsville School where she received an education in life skills. She was an excellent seamstress and cook which enabled her to pursue jobs that allowed her to provide for her family. Viola loved demonstrating her sewing skills and sharing her homemade baked items with others, especially with those who were members of her church. Additionally,

Viola was dedicated to public service as she often fulfilled her civic duty by working at the voting polls. Viola was a phenomenal woman who was kind, sweet, direct, and truly loved by many.

Viola was the widow of Rutherford D. White. She was preceded in death by two sons: John Tom and Russell A. Dickerson. Viola leaves to cherish her memories, a daughter, Ella Jean (K.T.) Smith, seven grandchildren: Russell Jack Dickerson, John T. Dickerson, Jr., Michael Lee (Monica) Dickerson, Vanessa Lynn Dickerson, Michael T. Dickerson and Francine Dickerson as well as LaMont D. (Brenda) Smith. In addition, four great-grandchildren: Aaron and Mason Dickerson and Xavier and Gabrielle Smith. She has two daughters-in-law: Mary and Nancy Dickerson. A host of family and friends including her sitter Sharnel Waide, Harriet McVey, and Muhammad Jabaar.

Viola will be missed by all who loved and knew her, and she will forever be celebrated. May she rest in eternal peace, Amen!

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

229 Lisle Industrial Ave
Lexington, KY 40511

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

Historic St. Paul AME Church
Lexington, KY

Service

MAY 13. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM.

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