

Obituary

A Life Well Lived

Evangeline, born in Dallas, Georgia, is the third of twelve children to Addie Mae Flemister and Leroy Bankston. She was baptized to the love of Jesus at an early age. The family moved to Michigan where it grew and she graduated from Hamtramck High School. Later the Bankston's moved along with Big Mama Liela Flemister to the historic Quinn Road Community of Clinton Township. Evangeline married Calvin Carrington and had three sons, Robert, Alfred and Michael. Evangeline developed a fondness for hair, makeup and clothing. She went to cosmetology School and become a beautician; and had a shop in her home...She loved to dress. Not for clubbing but to attend church. With so many siblings born she helped in the home and became an excellent cook of the southern cuisine.

With the early passing of Reverend Bankston and Addie Mae; Evangeline became guardian and raised her four youngest siblings with her three sons as one family. She was only 27 years old. Evangeline learned responsibility and great resourcefulness to raise the seven youngsters. She had sound judgment and became the matriarch of the Bankston family. With such a large household and brothers helping out; she was always "the adult in the room". Every Sunday morning, she got the children ready for church. Evangeline loved the next door Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Following a long battle with Dementia, Evangeline gave up this world on December 14, 2018. She is survived by her son Robert (Claudia), brother Amos (Margret); grand-daughter Carla Hockaday and grandson Destin. Evangeline is preceded in death by her parents Addie Mae Flemister and Leroy Bankston, sons Alfred and Michael, brothers Odell, Raymond, Leroy Jr., James, Ira, Johnnie, Timothy and Archie and her sisters Vivian Robertson, and Eleanor Blair will all greet her into God's Kingdom.