Pallbearers

Mr. Bryce Johnson.
Mr. Donnie Seals Jr.
Mr. Alfred Evans Jr.
Mr. William Hendricks
Mr. Eric Seals
Mr. Tremayne Joyner

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Hubert Johnson Jr.
Mr. Kent Johnson
Deacon Michael Evans
Deacon DeAndre Henly
Mr. Donnie Seals Sr.
Mr. Jim Johnston
Deacon Johnnie Johnson
Mr. Ryan Williams

Caregiver Team

Ms. Kellie Pulliam
Mr. Christopher Hill
LaKeisha Klyce
Deacon Brenda Estes
Ms. Sandra Moses

Acknowledgment

The family of Dr. Lou Della Evans-Reid, wishes to thank you for your expressions of love and kindness during this difficult time. We appreciate the strength, sustaining support, and comfort given to us. You have lifted our hearts with your prayers and acts of kindness. May God bless each of you.

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Dr. Lou Della Evans-Reid

LIFE, LEGACY & LOVE CELEBRATION

HONORING

Dr. Lou Della Evans-Reid

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Apostolic Faith Church
3823 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60653
Dr. Horace Smith, Host Pastor

REVEREND CHARLES JENKINS
Officiating

REVEREND REGINALD WAYNE SHARPE JR.
Eulogist

Processional ..... Thy Way O Lord
Opening Selection ..... What a Fellowship
Prayer ..... The Lord's Prayer
Congregational Song ..... Blessed Assurance
Scripture Reading
Old Testament ..... Rev. James Collins Jr.
New Testament ..... Rev. Charles Straight
Prayer ..... Pastor Angela Spivey
Musical Selection ..... Combined Choirs
"He That Believeth"
Acknowledgment of Resolutions ..... Deacon Brenda Estes
Expressions (2 Minutes): ..... Mr. Fred Nelson III
Mr. Lemuel Johnson
Mrs. Carol Wooten-Hester & Mr. Bobby Wooten

Musical Selection (medley) ..... Combined Choirs
"Even Me," New Name In Glory," "It Is Well"

Home with You

My work is finished
My time is through
My assignment complete,
LORD gone home with you,
My body is resting,
My spirit is free,
I did my best to imitate you,
Home at last my soul is free.

Lou Della had a National reputation as being one of the most outstanding Ministers of Music this side of Heaven. Her unique, angelic, and powerful style of directing was majestic and enhanced worship services for over 70 years.

Mama Lou was known world-wide for her moving renditions of hymns such as, "It Is Well", "More Love To Thee" and "Close To Thee." She served abroad and her gifted techniques for teaching, made her a much sought-after lecturer and consultant for workshops across the globe. She was celebrated for arranging such notable gospel songs as, "Bringing In The Sheaves" and "New Name In Glory", both of which were featured in musical recordings. She was also a dynamic speaker and Sunday school teacher, believing that you must know of whom you are singing, in order to sing or direct with power. Even the most reserved worshipers were affected by her powerful spirit and conviction. Many considered her a living legend and a dynamo who exploded into the hearts of people all over the world.

Mama Lou Della Evans Reid went home to be with the Lord on July 5, 2025.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted daughter Evangelist Tonia (Hubert) Johnson; Dedicated grandchildren, Mon'eca Reid, Rajni Johnson, who lived with her for 34 years, Shakira (William) Hendricks; Loving sister, Minnie Joe Evans; 5 great grandchildren; 6 great great grandchildren. Daughter /Niece Sharon (Donnie) Seals; a host of nieces and nephews; spiritual children /Godchildren: Theresa Winger, Deloris Gage-Miller, Sandra Hamilton, Mona Johnson, Deacon Brenda Estes, Kellie Pulliam, Priscilla White and Malcolm Williams, Deacon DeAndre Henly, Rev. Breandan Jordan, Willie Eskridge, and Minister Braylon Evans and a host of other relatives and friends.

Expressions (2 Minutes): ..... Deacon Anthony Rogers
Deacon Dennis Cole
Rev. Bryant Jones

"Total Praise" A Medley ..... Combined Choirs
Soloists: Felicia Colemon Evans and Edward Clark

Expressions (2 Minutes): ..... Rev. Dr. Jeanette Wilson
Pastor James Bryson
Elder Eric Thomas

"You Must Come In At The Door" ..... Elder Travis Newsome

Family Tributes (3 Minutes):
Sister ..... (Video Presentation) Minnie Joe Evans
Niece ..... Mrs. Sharon Seals
Niece ..... Ms. Cheryl McClain

Musical Selection ..... Ms. Queenie Lenox

Family Tributes (3 Minutes):
Granddaughter ..... Ms. Mon'eca Reid
Granddaughter ..... Dr. Shakira Johnson-Hendricks
Grandson ..... Mr. Rajni Johnson

"He's My Everything" ..... Pastor Vickie Johnson

Family Tribute ..... Elder Tonia L. Johnson (daughter)

Obituary ..... To Be Read Silently

"My Tribute" ..... Pastor DeAndre Patterson

Eulogy ..... Pastor Reginald W. Sharpe Jr.

Benediction/Recessional
"On My Way To Heaven"

The Legacy Of

Dr. Lou Della Evans-Reid

Dr. Lou Della Evans-Reid, affectionately known as Mama Lou, was the daughter of Henry Clay and Estanauly Evans. She was born on July 7, 1930 in Brownsville, Tennessee. She would proudly tell you, she was the seventh child, born on the seventh day, of the seventh month. She would say, that's 7-7-7, which the Bible refers to as completeness. She was preceded in death by her parents, eight siblings, Alonzo, Gladys, Estes Sr., baby James, Rev. Clay, Rev. Joe, Rev. Pharis Sr., and Rev. John Delano Sr.; Son, Eldred Louis.

Growing up in a devout Christian family, Mama Lou, learned the power of God and prayer. Being one of ten children, she learned the value of caring and sharing. The Evans children were taught the importance of sticking together (stick-to-it-ness).

Lou Della acquired her formal education through the Brownsville, Tennessee School System.

In 1950, following her older brothers, Rev. Clay and Rev. Joe, she and her younger brother, Rev. Pharis, journeyed to Chicago in search of a better life. After working in a few occupations, she found herself working at Presbyterian Hospital (Now known as Rush) as a nurse's assistant. It was there that she was encouraged to pursue a career in the nursing field. Lou Della followed those words and received her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). This career brought her great joy for more than 50 years. Family and friends looked to her for medical advice.

In that same year, her brother Rev. Clay was led to organize a church. Lou Della, along with her brothers, Rev Joe, Rev. Pharis, in addition to Arthur Spraggins and Robert Bond were the five founding members of what is now known as Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, serving as its first pianist.

Being an integral part of the music staff, in 1963, Lou Della was elevated to minister of music. Knowing how serious her brother Rev. Clay took ministry, Lou Della took her role as minister of music equally as serious. She would carefully select songs based on the Holy Spirit and flow of the worship service. In keeping with the teachings of Pastor Clay Evans, Mama Lou incorporated fasting and praying into the choir's Christian discipline. She served as a mentor to many choir directors and musicians at large.