



Mrs. Emma Tom "Mother Francis" Collins

April 15, 1934 - March 26, 2024

On April 15, 1934, in Lincoln, Alabama, Emma Tom Elston Collins was born to the late Will and Ethel Embry Elston. She confessed Christ at an early age and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior joining the Pine Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lincoln. Emma attended the Talladega Training School, where she received her formal education.

Emma, well known as "Mother Francis", devoted her life to the gentle art of caregiving, not only raising her own eight children, with love, dedication, and unwavering consistency, but also extending her warmth and compassion to the elderly individuals under her care as a Home Health Aide.

Throughout her life, Emma dedicated herself to serving God and the church with unwavering faith and devotion. She later joined the Holy Hill Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ before joining her church home, Freewill Church of God in Christ under the leadership of the late Bishop James Wren. Emma continued to serve her church until her passing under the leadership of Pastor Elder Andra Wren. She held various roles within the church, including Mother of the Mother's Board, choir member, and Superintendent of Sunday School for many years, earning her the title of "Sister Superintendent".

Emma peacefully departed from this earthly life on March 26, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at her home in Talladega, Alabama. She was

preceded in death by her parents, Will and Ethel Embry, husband, Curtis Collins, Sr., brothers, Major Bill Elston, Calvin Elston, and Willie Elston, sister, Catherine Cospers, and nieces, Mary Welch and Tawanda Madden.

Emma leaves to cherish her precious memories her loving children, daughters, Mary Barclay of Rome, GA, Marshall Fomby (Ken) of Lincoln, AL, Sandy Jackson of Rome, GA, sons, Curtis Collins, Jr. (Tina) of Alpine, AL, Steve Collins (Lacristy) of Pell City, AL, Dannis Collins (Michelle) of Lincoln, AL, Patrick Collins of Baltimore, MD, Chris Collins of Rome, GA, sister, Betty Carmichael (Ralph) of Hinesville, Ga, 22 Grandchildren, 20 Great Grandchildren, 2 Great-Great Grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends whom will miss her forever.

Cemetery Details

Pine Grove Baptist Church Cemetery

500 Drew Ave
Lincoln, AL 35096

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home
217 Coosa St. East
Talladega, AL 35160

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Little Jerusalem Church of God
77475 Highway 77
Lincoln, AL 35096

Tribute Wall

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“ Mother Francis was such a loving beautiful mother of God loved her Pastor 1st lady Wren and Lincoln Church Famil always had a smile when she hugged you after church loved being in Church whenever possible God needed another Angle RIH MOTHER FRANCIS COLLINS

Rose Billingsley - April 06, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Emma Tom "Mother Francis" Collins.



April 03, 2024 at 09:45 AM

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“ Love, Your Russo Corporation Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Emma Tom "Mother Francis" Collins.

Love, Your Russo Corporation Family - April 03, 2024 at 09:45 AM

MJ

“ Ms. Wilma D. Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Emma Tom "Mother Francis" Collins



Ms. Wilma D. Jackson - April 01, 2024 at 05:42 PM

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My sincere sympathy and condolence to the family

Ms.Wilma D. Jackson - April 01, 2024 at 05:44 PM

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“ *Daphne Truss Williams*



Williams - April 01, 2024 at 01:28 PM

WJ

“ *So very sorry for her family; may you find comfort in your memories of her loving and caring for you all.*



Winona Jacobs - March 29, 2024 at 11:34 AM