

PALLBEARERS

Quintero Dwight
Thomas Golphin
Jimmy Rumph

Tony Rice
Calvin Statham
Eric Thomas

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Church/Family/Friends of Family

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Mills and Statham Family express sincere thanks to all who responded during our season of bereavement. We appreciate your prayers, support and acts of kindness shown. We thank each of you for coming to help bear our grief. May God bless you and Heaven smile upon you.

The Family

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to also express a special thank you to Pastor Elder Grant and First Lady Grant and Zellners Chapel FBC, Diocese Bishop Joseph Williams, Minister Doris Kelley Turner, Deaconess Charlia Williams and other members of the Clergy. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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CELEBRATING

The Life of



July 16, 1935 - January 30, 2026

Evelyn Mills Statham

Zellners Chapel First Born Church
1212 State University Drive, Fort Valley, GA 31030
Friday, February 6, 2026
1:00 PM

A Glimpse into Her Life

Mother Evelyn Mills Statham silently slept away on Friday morning, January 30, 2026 after an extended period of illness.

Mother Statham was born July 16, 1935 in Fort Valley, Georgia to the late Mildred Mathews Mills and Lonnie Mills. Mother Statham worked at the Fort Valley State College Laundry and Building Grounds, One Hour Martinizing Cleaners (Manager), Bassett Furniture Company, and fully retired after working at the Community Plaza Store in Fort Valley.

Mother Statham and the late Deacon Warren G. Statham, Sr. were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 13, 1957 and renewed their vows on May 7, 1988, and to this union six children were born.

Evelyn was a member of Zellners Chapel First Born Church of the Living God from birth. She served as the Chairperson of the Deaconess Board at Zellner Chapel for over 30 years and served as the District and Diocese Deaconess of the Mighty Mid-South Diocese for many years and chaired most Pastoral Anniversaries and served on various committees for years to support the First Board Church of the Living God. Mother Statham was officially honored as the Church Mother of Zellners Chapel, March 2025. Mother Statham was honored as a Lifetime member of the "Sisters of the Star," The Pride of Fort Valley, Chapter, #480, Order of Eastern Star, December 14, 2008. In addition, Mother Statham was a proud member of the Gano Community of Fort Valley until she relocated to Lizella, Georgia, to live with her daughter when her health began to decline. Many residents of "Gano" remember her as "El", a neighbor and friend who was sweet and always willing to help as much as possible.

She was preceded in death by two sons: Thomas Mills (Barbara Ann) and Calvin Statham, Sr; two sisters: Mother Lonnie Mae Douglas and Missionary Mildred Louis Robinson; one daughter-in-law, Pamela Statham.

Mother Statham leaves to cherish her memory, two loving sons; Warren G. Statham, Jr. (Veronica, 'Peggy') and Gill Statham; two devoted daughters: Dr. Cynthia Statham and Dr. Sabrina Statham-Swann (Gregory, a supportive son-in-law and care giver); eighteen loving grandchildren; two dedicated granddaughters and caregivers (El'Sharonika Taylor and Christina Swann); Aldo Statham, Tony Rice, Tanikki Mills, Shemika Nieves Kirby, Shalonda Pride Williams (Larry), Thomas Golphin, Calvin Statham, Jr. (Lashandra), Ketina Flowers, Tiffany Chinasa Statham, Demetria Watkin, Paris Statham, Torri Statham Jones (Wayne), Jimmy Rumph, Quintero Dwight, Gilda Statham Gilbert (Phillip) and Joshua Cole Statham; twenty-six great grandchildren: Chace Anderson, Anenah Nieves, Jaleesa Nieves, Jason Nieves, Tailyn Andrea Golphin, Juwan Williams, Keashawn Statham, Malachi Statham, Logan Statham, Peyton Statham, Donovahn Nix, Davaughn Nix, Tray Huit Dassau, Jaila Sierra Mathis, London Paris Mathis, Sage Makena Wright, Tyler Johnson, Deveren Judon, DaSheria Leary, Chase Riley, Jordan Riley, Alasia Fosten, Joda Williams, Karizma Statham, Natalie Justice Sonnhalter and Kelderick Jackson-Statham; two great-great grandchildren: Ryder River Redding and Avani Dream Foston; special nieces and nephews: Rose Robinson, Edna Douglas (Thomas), Alexis Douglas (Jackie), Bennie Douglas, and a caring and supportive nephew, Minister Charles Douglas (Patricia) and a host of devoted family, friends and a very special Life Long Best Friend, Deaconess Charlia Williams and a caring Healthcare Sitter, Sonja Dita Rumph. A special recognition and thank you to Dr. Samuel Palmer, PinePointe Hospice, and Amedisys Home Health.



MEMORIES



THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Diocese Bishop Joseph Williams, Presiding

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION

Zellners Chapel First Born Church & Community Friends

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Elder Larry Jackson

OLD TESTAMENT

Minister Charles Douglas

NEW TESTAMENT

Dr. Arthur Brown

SELECTION

Elder Perry Gibbons

REFLECTIONS

(2 minutes please)

Deaconess Charlia Williams, Best Friend

Deaconess Essie Dennis, Mother Statham As A Church Member & Chairperson of
the Deaconess Board

Dr. Albert O'Bryant, Former Employer

SELECTION

“May the Work I've Done Speak for Me”.....Mother Carolyn Marshall

REFLECTIONS

(2 minutes please)

Barbara Ann Mills, Daughter-in-Law

Christina Swann, youngest grandchild - 1st Generation

Aldo Statham, oldest grandchild - 1st Generation

Gill Statham - Youngest Son

Sabrina Swann - Youngest Daughter

THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RESOLUTIONS

Minister Doris Kelley Turner, Eastern Stars

Worthy Matron, Annette Wright

Past Matrons: Emma Jean Willis and Jacquelyn Rumph

SELECTION

Missionary Brenda Arrendondo

THE VIDEO PRESENTATION

Deacon Richard Lundy

THE EULOGY

Elder Brian Grant, Pastor

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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THE RECESSIONAL

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POSTLUDE



FINAL RESTING PLACE

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens

1854 Willow Lake Road

Fort Valley, GA 31030



Zellners Chapel First Born Church

Caterer, ExQuesite Bites



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