



In Loving Memory of
Mother Estella Slade

Sunrise
January 21, 1932

Sunset
July 1, 2020

Service

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

MOUNT TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH

115 Lexington Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11238

Reverend Charles E. Slade III, Pastor & Eulogist

Reverend Dan J. Craig, Officiating

Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church

Obituary

Estella Hargrove was born in Faison, North Carolina on January 21, 1932. She was the sixth of eight children born to Percy David and Hannah Jane Hargrove.

Estella grew up and was educated in the Sampson County school system. At an early age, she accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was baptized at the Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Faison, North Carolina.

In 1952, she migrated to Harlem, New York where she lived with an aunt and older sisters who relocated in previous years. Estella was extremely close with all eight of her siblings, William Earl, Emma, Essie Pearl, Ella Mae, Bettye, John Thomas and Percy David Jr. which preceded her in death.

In 1953, she met Charles E. Slade, Jr. After a year of courtship, they were united in holy matrimony in Brooklyn, New York on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 1954. The two were wed 48 years until his death on May 22, 2002.

To this union, they were blessed with three children: Elaine, Stephanie and Charles III. While she held a couple of jobs, she was primarily a homemaker. She took pride in raising her children and making her house a home.

Estella loved all her family and friends and they enjoyed being in her presence. She always had a warm spirit and a beautiful smile. She took delight in spreading the table for all to enjoy. To know her was to love her.

In 1960, Estella united with the Mount Tabor Baptist Church under the pastorage of the late Reverend Dr. Rufus F. Dobson where her aunt Nell Holiday and sisters Emma Faison and Pearl McArthur were members.

During her nearly 62 year tenure as a member of the church, she served as President of the Nurse's Unit, sang on the Gospel Chorus and was a member of the Mother's Board. For several years, she was a Women's Day Captain and was crowned "Ms. Mount Tabor" as the Women's Day Queen in 1973. She was also a member of the Missionary Society. For years she loved cooking and baking homemade cakes for the church. Her lemon meringue pie was a crowd favorite.

Having lost her mother at the age of 5, once married, Estella became extremely close to her mother-in-law, the late Mary Rebecca Slade-Lewis. Their relationship was not an in-law relationship but was a true mother daughter relationship until "Mom's" death in March 2009. Not only did Estella lose her mother-in-law in March 2009, she also lost 2 siblings and an aunt. Estella held strong to her faith and trusted God.

On October 22, 2010 tragedy struck again with the sudden and unexpected death of her first-born child, Elaine. Estella grieved, but not as one who had no hope. She persevered and kept her hands in God's hands.

In May 2011, Estella joined the New Frontier Baptist Church along with her son and family under the pastorage of the late Reverend John Q. Adams. In June 2012, Estella reunited with the Mount Tabor Baptist Church where her son, Reverend Charles E. Slade III was voted as Pastor Elect. Mother Slade loved church and served faithfully and attended church weekly until her health began to fail. When she was attending church, she was known to have a big hat on.

In addition to loving her family (especially her grands Tiara and Brittany) Estella loved to cook, read the bible, listen to gospel music and watch her soap operas. In recent years, she acquired a love for chewing gum. If you were in her presence, within a few minutes, she would politely ask, "Do you have any gum?" If you said no, she would say "why not?"

Even as she dealt with health challenges, Mother Slade kept praying, reciting scriptures and singing hymns. Just weeks ago, in the hospital, with an oxygen mask on her face, she recited the entire 23rd Psalm and prayed. Once home from the hospital she could be heard singing “I’m On the Battlefield for my Lord.”

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:21 am, in her home, God tenderly called Mother Estella Slade to her eternal home.

To cherish her memories and to mourn her passing, she leaves one daughter Stephanie, her son Reverend Charles E. Slade, III, daughter-in-law First Lady Joanne Slade, two granddaughters Tiara and Brittany. She also leaves one sister in law, Deaconess Annie Hargrove, Jamaica, New York, one stepsister Laura Hobbs (Calvin) of Clinton, NC and one Aunt Elizabeth Bell, Faison, North Carolina. She further leaves one goddaughter, Karen Davis of Columbia SC. Lastly, she leaves a host of dear and beloved nieces, nephews and cousins (far too many to name) and her beloved Mount Tabor family. Mother Slade sleep on and take your rest, we love you, but God loves you best.

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Hymn of Praise.....	“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament - Psalm 23.....	Reverend Barbara McWhorter
New Testament - St. John 14.....	Minister Jeannie Alston
Prayer of Comfort.....	Reverend William H. Foreman <i>Pastor of New Frontier Baptist Church</i>
Solo.....	“I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired” - Sis. Karyn Porter-Williams
Reflections (1 to 2 Minutes Please).....	Deaconess Mary Wilson Deacon Van Johnson Clergy Friends Family
Acknowledgement of Cards & Condolence	
Obituary Reading.....	Deaconess Helena Sanders
Solo.....	“Stand” - Sis. Karyn Porter-Williams
Eulogy.....	Pastor Charles E. Slade III
Parting View	
Benediction.....	Bishop Richard Wheelous <i>Pastor of Charity Baptist Church</i>

INTERMENT

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If Roses Grow In Heaven

*If roses grow in heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch for me.
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.*

*Tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile*

*Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Estella Slade** acknowledges your prayers and each expression of kindness during her illness and demise. Perhaps you called or sent a text or just thought of in prayer your kindness will not be forgotten, just know your love for us will remain.*

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