



## Mrs. Erma Zell Wells

October 5, 1951 - October 23, 2021

Erma Zell Rucker Wells was born in Hughes, Arkansas on October 5, 1951 the daughter of Willie T. Curtis Rucker and Cliff Rucker, Sr.

Erma attended Derossitt School in Widener, AR and graduated from Lincoln High School in Forrest City, AR and was raised in Round Pond, Arkansas and later moved to New York for many years and united in holy matrimony to Leroy Parnell and to this union five children were born. She returned to Arkansas and later met and married Earsell Wells and to this union one child was born. They decided to transition to Detroit, Michigan where they spent over twenty years. During her tenure in Michigan, she attended nursing training, worked in the nursing field then decided to enter the retail world and worked for many years at K-Mart. She accepted Christ at an early age at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Whitmore, AR and attended church in New York and later joined Pentecostal Temple in Detroit, Michigan. She was affectionately known as “CAT” and “Mama” she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend.

Erma was preceded in death by her parents, Willie T. Curtis Rucker and Cliff Rucker, Sr.; brothers: Cliff Rucker, Jr., Albert David Earl Lee, and Bruce Rucker; one sister, Pearline Hill.

Erma passed away peacefully Saturday, October 23, 2021, after an illness in Little Rock, AR.

Her memories will be forever cherished by— her husband: Earsell Wells of Helena- West Helena, Arkansas; her children: Randy Parnell, Leroy Parnell, Erma Jean Parnell, Priscilla (Michael) Clayton, Lee Andrew Parnell, and LaTasha (Charles) Smith and Nicole Clayton whom she raised since birth; 23 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Tarzan (Diane) Lee, Roy Rucker and Joey Rucker, all of Madison, AR, Columbus (Geraldine) Rucker of Forrest City, AR, Alquincy Rucker of Denver, CO., Clyde (Karen) White of Forrest City, AR, sisters: Willie Jean Redmon of Jonesboro, AR, Lela (Theodis)

Goodwin of Madison, AR, Nadine Davis of Nashville, TN, and Maxine (Charles Morgan of Forrest City, AR; and a host of aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

She was the sweetest person that everybody knew, she was crazy about her grandkids, she loved everybody & never wanted to say anything wrong about anybody, she also had a great sense of humor.... God put our mom on earth to love and that's exactly what she did. She knew that HER LOVE covered a multitude of sins. There are no words to express how grateful we are to God for choosing her to be our mom. She was a very beautiful soul and was definitely one of a kind.

# Cemetery Details

## **Casteel Cemetery**

Highway 70 West & CR 221  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Previous Events

## **Service with a requirement of a face covering**

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
331 Martin Luther King Drive  
Madison , AR 72359

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ Dorothy Blanchett-Bell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells



Dorothy Blanchett-Bell - October 30, 2021 at 08:44 PM

CP

“ To Earsell and family may God give you all comfort doing this time your wife was a sweet lady. Every time I seen her in Walmart we talked. Love Always Rick and Cynthia Prowell.

Cynthia Prowell - October 29, 2021 at 07:46 PM

DA

“ Doris Alexander lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells



Doris Alexander - October 29, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JS

“ JAMES S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells.



JAMES S. - October 29, 2021 at 02:11 AM

SU

“ Stephanie Ugbaja lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells



Stephanie Ugbaja - October 28, 2021 at 10:01 PM

AJ

“ *Angela Jenkins-White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells*



Angela Jenkins-White - October 28, 2021 at 07:05 PM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Erma Zell Wells*



Bobbie Jones - October 28, 2021 at 05:09 PM

TW

“ *Mama I miss you so much your laughs, your jokes, your phone calls, what am I going to do without you my sweet angel heaven gained the best mama in the world*

Tasha Wells - October 28, 2021 at 02:12 PM

EM

*We loved our Auntie very much she was truly an angel. (So very kind (Nise N Trisha) reaching out from Detroit* ❤️🙏

Eltha McClendon - October 28, 2021 at 08:25 PM