



## Mary Welch-Cotton

January 14, 1927 - December 21, 2020

Mary Lee Welch-Cotton was born January 14, 1927 in Eudora, Arkansas to Rev. Willie H. Welch and Artelia Strong Welch.

Mary Welch-Cotton confessed Christ and was baptized at an early age at Gospel Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Eudora, Arkansas. She loved the Lord. As a young adult Mary became a member of The ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

Mary moved to Toledo, Ohio for a short time before moving to Pasadena, CA where she resided over 40 years. There she joined Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church and served on the Usher board.

Mary believed in hard work, she did domestic work prior to becoming a nurse (CNA today), then to private duty nursing for many years. She left nursing and started her own Daycare. Caring for the children brought her so much joy.

Mary decided it was time for a change. She closed her beloved Daycare and moved to Memphis, TN in 1988. She united her membership with Mt Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. F. J. Harris, Sr. There she was on the Missionary Board before her

illness. Mary made new friends and adopted herself a God daughter Joyce Owens and a Niece Jackie Hodge. Mary enjoyed studying her bible, doing word puzzles, cooking, sewing, working in her yard and garden, traveling and dressing for any occasion.

On December 7, 2019 Mary returned to California (Highland) to live with her daughter due to health conditions. She could no longer live alone. She loved when her beloved granddaughter, Meggan came to visit and braided her hair and when her great grandson, Aron would bring his toys and play at her feet or on her bed. Mary and her best friend of 60 years (Beverly Hurt) were able to visit and reminisce. She reunited with some of her Daycare parents and children. She and her brothers, John L. Welch and Raymond H. Welch spent time together.

On December 21, 2020 Mary Welch-Cotton had received her wings and transitioned from St. Bernadine Hospital in San Bernardino, CA to take her set next to our Lord and Savior along with those that had preceded her in death. Parents Rev Willie H. Welch & Artelia Strong-Welch, Sister Artelia Welch, Brothers John D. Welch, Isiah Welch, Rev. Willie B. Welch and Rev. Joel Welch.

Mary leaves to cherish her memories: Daughter Gertrude Kennard Anderson; Son-n law Ricky

Anderson (Highland, CA); Granddaughter Meggan J. Kennard and Great grandson Aron J. Moyer (San Gabriel, CA); Brothers John L. Welch (Blanche) of San Bernardino, CA and Raymond H. Welch (Highland, CA); Sister-n law Carrie L. Welch (Memphis, TN); Uncle W. H. Welch of Texas

and a host of nephews,  
nieces, cousins and friends

# Cemetery Details

## New Park Cemetery

4536 Horn Lake Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38109

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Cst)

Snow Funeral Home  
1650 E Shelby Dr  
Memphis, TN 38116  
(901) 946-9726  
<http://snowfuneral.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Snow Funeral Home created a Service of Mary Welch-Cotton in memory of Mary Welch-Cotton*



**Snow Funeral Home** - January 28, 2021 at 07:08 PM

LP

*Aunt Mary I love you and thank God for allowing you to be my care provider growing up I can still remember the smell of breakfast is the morning with that perfectly butter toast love youuuuuuu from Jungle Baby*

**LaSonta Patton** - January 30, 2021 at 10:36 AM

ES

*Sending prayers and condolences to the family. From your Strong family in Long Beach, Ca*

**Ericka Strong** - January 30, 2021 at 02:07 PM

DR

“ *My family will always cherish our cousin Mary. Her take charge disposition let ypu know that she didn't play. We loved her we was fumny and loved to talk. She and my mother (Alyce) would spend hours on the phone. We are so grateful that Mary came to California to take care of my mother, nurding her back to health We love Mary and will miss her desrly.  
Peace, love and light.  
Sheila Rhone-Blanton*

**Dr. Sheila Rhone-Blanton** - February 01, 2021 at 06:54 PM

DF

“ Rest In Peace Mary Lee. You'll certainly be missed.

Your cousin,,

Dianne Strong Finder

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**Dianne Strong Finder** - January 30, 2021 at 06:45 PM

ES

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family. From your Strong family in Long Beach, Ca

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**Ericka Strong** - January 30, 2021 at 03:48 PM

BS

“ Sending my Condolences to the family from the strong Family, From the Strong family in Monroe, La. Melvin Strong daughter

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**Beatrice Strong** - January 30, 2021 at 02:52 PM

MK

“ I'm going to miss our talks and how you would always make sense of the things going on around me. I'll cherish the time we got to spend and I'm forever grateful that for at least a year you were a drive away and I could do your hair and get you all fixed up (as you would say). Love you Nana ❤️ mmmmmmmwwwwaaa (kisses)

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**Meggan Kennard** - January 30, 2021 at 01:07 PM

“ RESOLUTION WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

*Mother Mary Welch-Cotton*

*January 30, 2021*

*“And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:13*

*Whereas in His infinite love and in wisdom, Almighty God has called from the family circle of Gertrude Kennard-Anderson & Ricky Anderson and Family the spirit of her mother, Mother Mary Welch-Cotton, to a place of eternal rest.*

*We, Journey of My Life Outreach Ministry of Restoration and Reconciliation Family, along with Apostle Stacy Toney and Pastor Erma Toney prayerfully submit this resolution.*

*Be it resolved, that although death is a common end to all who live, we as Christians are confident that “to live is Christ and to die is gain”, knowing that ‘being absent from the body means being in the Lord’s presence.’ The difficulty lies for those left behind to accept the fact that God never makes a mistake.*

*Therefore, her presence will be greatly missed but never forgotten, we commend her spirit to God our Father as we bow in humble submission to His divine will.*

*Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given to the family. We encourage you to continue to “Look to the hills from whence cometh your help, for all your help comes from the Lord.” Also, as extended family, we are here to offer you ears to listen when you need to talk, shoulders to cry on, our strength in your weakness, and our prayers always. Therefore, we assure you our love and support.*

*Prayerfully submitted this 30th h day of January in the year of our*

*Lord 2021.*

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*Apostle Stacy Toney, Prophet of the Word  
Pastor Erma Toney, Founding Pastor  
Evangelist Robertnette Duncan, Secretary  
265 West Armstrong Street Eudora, Arkansas 71640*

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**Erma Toney** - January 30, 2021 at 11:54 AM

BR

“ *My condolences to the family. Thank you for allowing sooooo many others to share the life and beauty of Mary Cotton. She loved us, filled me with wisdom, knowledge, understanding and gave loving care to my babies (both premature) as if they were her own. For our relationship through the years I am grateful and I thank God for sharing his Precious Royal Daughter and the beauty she bestowed. Love and Blessings,  
Belinda Rowe*

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**Belinda Rowe** - January 29, 2021 at 01:23 PM

ML

*Rest in Heaven Auntie Mary Lee God has another angel we will miss you very much but God only takes the best. I have fond memories of our summer vacations in Pasadena, CA we laughed we ate good food and we prayed together. You took me aside and listened whenever I was upset you knew how to calm me down I looked up to you and I always will, you were my second mom this hurts with tears I'm saying rest now, I love you very very much..... Gail Welch*

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**Myra Larkett** - January 30, 2021 at 11:15 AM

TJ

*Rest in peace Mrs. Cotton. Thank you for the love and discipline you gave my sister and I. I remember the breakfasts and the backyard full of toys. I also remember being mischievous and experiencing that "switch" in the shed. I also remember you washing my mouth out with soap. I am extremely grateful that my mother sent us to you while she was at work. Your love and discipline helped shape me to be the person I am today. Thank you again, and forever rest in peace.*

*Respectfully, with Love*

*Trenton Jordan*

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**Trenton Jordan** - January 30, 2021 at 12:40 PM