

## Acknowledgements

The family of Ada Lee Taylor is grateful for the expressions of love, kindness and generosity that have been shown during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness, concern and prayers have sustained us and given us comfort. We ask the Lord to bless you and keep you.



## Pallbearers

The Grandchildren

## Burial

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hayti, Missouri



## Repast

Hayti High School Cafeteria  
immediately following burial

## Services held at

New Life Deliverance Temple  
4025 South Ward Avenue  
Caruthersville, Missouri 63830  
Bishop James Lane, Pastor



## Services entrusted to

Carter Funeral Home  
1401 Franklin Avenue  
Caruthersville  
Missouri 63830  
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## Pictures

INSIDE

Ada, Wurline, Lizzie Mae

THIS PANEL

Diane and Ada

Curtis

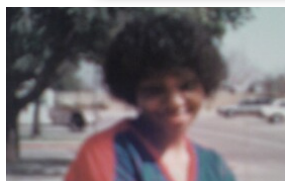
Shorty & wife Martha

Tam and her grandbaby Kyler

John Eddie, wife Shirley, son John

Duel and Junior

Delois



Ada Lee Taylor

March 15, 1927--April 6, 2008

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. Psalms 23

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# Ada's Life Story

“Ada Lee is too good for her own good.” It was something one of Ada’s cousins often said about her because she took the pain and hurt of others to her heart. Her children believed she cared more about other people than she did herself. Because she cared so deeply and worried so much, her daughter Diane often warned her with a laugh, “God sent Jesus in the world to die for mankind, not Ada.” To that Ada responded, “It’s a sad person who don’t care about other people.”

Ada, the daughter of George Ross, Sr. and Lizzie Mae Ross, was born in Grenada, Mississippi, a beautiful Delta town that sits halfway between Memphis, Tennessee and Jackson, Mississippi on the Yalabusha River. In 1945, a very young Ada Ross married Elmore Taylor and moved from Grenada to Steele, Missouri, joining her parents and other family members who had arrived earlier. Three weeks after arriving in Missouri, the first of Ada’s ten children, Lizzie Mae, was born.



Like most poor Black women from the south, Ada left school early and spent a fair amount of time working hard in the cotton fields or other people’s houses. But her real life’s work was raising her ten children. She depended on God to help her with that task. One of her favorite Bible passages was the 23rd Psalms; the other was Psalms 91, particularly the first two verses: “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.”

She needed a refuge in 1990 when she lost her seventh child, Delois. After the loss of Delois, Ada became even more protective of her children. “I’m not going to let another one of my children slip away from me,” she said. And she didn’t.

Ada’s faith helped to sustain her. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists. Shortly before her death while living with her daughter, Wurline, she joined Mount Vernon M.B. Church in Kansas City where Rev. Don Givens is the pastor.



# Family



“Mama loved everybody,” said Lizzie Mae, Ada’s firstborn. That love was returned tenfold by all of her ten children: Lizzie Mae Warren, Caruthersville, Missouri; John Edward Taylor and wife Shirley, Chicago;

Edward (Shorty) Taylor and wife Martha, Hayti, Missouri; Diane Harrison, Bellwood, Illinois; Curtis Young and fiancée Joan, Alliance, Ohio; Wurline (Mut) Dillard and husband Joe, Kansas City; Duelian (Duel) Taylor and fiancée Charles, Alton, Illinois; Tamara (Tam) Bowens, also of Alton; Artis (Junebug) Taylor and wife Princess, Caruthersville, and Delois Young, who preceded her mother in death.

Ada’s surviving siblings are also mourning her loss: William (Bully) Ross, Starksville, Mississippi; Charles (Nent) Ross and his wife, Bettie, Bellwood, Illinois; Johnny Ross, Elkhorn, Wisconsin; Sylvester (Tip) Ross, Bellwood; James Ross and his wife, Eula Mae of Detroit, and her baby sister, Martha Marie Fields and her husband Willie, of Okolona, Mississippi.

Ada was preceded in death by her parents, Lizzie and George Ross; five brothers and sisters: George Ross, Jr.; Abe (Buffo) Ross; Mary (Chut) Ross; Estelle Johnson and Edward (Teedie) Ross and one grandchild and one great grandchild.

She will be greatly missed by her 42 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren; several special family friends: Tommy Dorsey, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Ruby Dawson, Amy Sayre, Joey and Jan Johnson, Debra Sams, Melissa Moore, Mrs. Ayelot and Mrs. Brumley, all of Caruthersville; Margaret Johnson and Sherita Ballinger of Alton; Jackie Peoples, Hillside, Illinois, and many, many others who loved her.

# Visitation & Services

Sunday, April 13, 2008, 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.  
New Life Deliverance Temple

- Musical Prelude/Processional
- Scripture, 23rd Psalms
- Prayer
- Musical Selection, Sis. Josephine Beatle
- Acknowledgements, Sis. Shirley Cobb
- Ada’s Life Story (Read Silently)
- Eulogy, Elder Tommy Lee Cobb
- Musical Selection
- Benediction/Recessional