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Francine Coleman
POSTELL

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Granddaughters

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Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church
Lay Organization of the AME Church
Ladies Auxiliary of the Florida Mortician's Association
Family and Friends

Repast

Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church
420 Hull Avenue * Oakland, Florida 34760

The Family's Message of Gratitude

Our hearts are overflowing with love and gratitude to all of you. Your prayers, words of consolation, flowers / floral tributes, and countless acts of kindness, both seen and unseen, have sustained us during our dark painful days since the passing of our beloved matriarch, Mother Francine Coleman Postell. We thank God for friends like you. May He make us ever worthy of your love, kindness, and trust. We take comfort in I Corinthians 2:9

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

-The Coleman-Postell Family

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~Your Lighthouse In The Time of Sorrow~

*The Angels
are Waiting at
Heaven's Gate for*

THE OBSEQUIES FOR
OUR MATRIARCH
COMMEMORATING THE
LOVE, LABOR, AND LEGACY OF

MOTHER
Francine Coleman
POSTELL

CELEBRATING HER LIFE
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
11:00 Ante Meridiem

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church
1968 Bruton Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32805

Bishop Frank Madison Reid III
Presiding Prelate
Mrs. Marlaa' Hall Reid
Episcopal Supervisor
Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II, Eulogist
North Orlando District
Reverend Terence R. Gray, I, Officiant
Gracious Host

Postell's Mortuary, Directing



2 Corinthians 5:1
FOR WE KNOW THAT
IF OUR *earthly house*
OF THIS TABERNACLE
WERE *dissolved*, WE
HAVE A
BUILDING OF *God*,
AN HOUSE NOT
MADE WITH *hands*,
ETERNAL IN THE
heavens.

THE HONORABLE

MOTHER

Francine Coleman

POSTELL

Day of Joy
December 21, 1932

Day of Peace
September 8, 2022



Life Story

A LIFE WELL LIVED!

The Honorable Francine Coleman Postell was born on December 21, 1932, to the late Gertrude Herriott and Samuel Coleman. She was educated in Orange County Public School System and graduated from Florida Southern University, Lakeland, FL. She later furthered her education at Nova Southeastern University. As an educator, Mother Postell dedicated herself to developing young people with over 20+ years at Ocoee Middle School. In 1992 she earned the title of "Teacher of the Year." During her career as an educator, she joined various associations, including The Classroom Teachers Association and other local, state, and national Social Studies Organizations. Mother Postell was also a proven community servant, having been elected as the 1st African American Female Mayor of the Town of Oakland, serving the residents from 1987-1991. Through her leadership, she brought a much-needed change in leadership, accountability, and meaningful service to her community which generations have come to appreciate.

A SERVANT OF THE LORD!

Mother Postell was a lifelong member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and a stalwart and faithful member of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Oakland for 80 years. During her longevity, she served in several leadership capacities: a steward, Sunday School teacher, 1st Vice President and President of the local Lay Organization. On the Conference level, she served as the Secretary and Director of Lay Activities of the Central Conference Lay Organization. Mother Postell was awarded the coveted and laudable distinction as a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society for her meritorious and dedicated service as a Missionary. Because of her commitment to the work of missions, WMS of the Central Annual Conference named an Area after her in conjunction with one of her best friend's: "*The L.R. Randall-Jessie D. Smith-Francine C. Postell Area.*"

As a lifelong AME one of Mother Postell's proudest moments was being elected and serving alongside her son as a delegate to several General Conferences of the AME Church.

TO LIVE IS TO SERVE!

Her organizational affiliations include Board Member of the West Orange County Christian Service Center, West Orange YMCA, Church Women United, and Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Mother Postell was a world traveler and toured Amsterdam and South America. Her greatest love was educating, teaching, and empowering young women and men through the YPD and WMS. She has awarded scholarships for YPD'ers in her church, gave financial and moral support for the YPD, and provided transportation for YPD'ers interested in attending Connectional meetings. She believed in training children "*in the way they should go,*" and many of them have grown and continued to serve in the AME Church because of the foundation and example of this virtuous woman. From Bishops of



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Town's new mayor vows to represent everyone

By Will Wellons
The election dramatically changes the council's makeup, the new council members said.
"It's quite a change," Postell said in an interview. "I still can't believe the turnout."
The largest turnout in the town's history — 81 percent of the nearly 250 registered voters — helped Postell and another political newcomer Jeffrey Holton win election to the five-member town council. Incumbent William Nixon won election to his ninth-term. The three will take office at Tuesday's night council meeting at Town Hall.

black members — William Nixon and Dorothy Law — would vote as a bloc. The defeat of Mayor Robert Montgomery and two-term William Hartz, the two most powerful members and strongest voting bloc, Holton said. "I don't want to say that the council will be leaderless," Holton said. "But I think the group will be looking for a new identity."
Postell, who said the townspeople were ready for some new ideas on the council, said she hopes she can take over the leadership role. She admits it will take her several months to learn the job. She plans to meet with Montgomery and Town Manager Berneise Fleming this week.
Her first priority is to study the budget. She said she plans to stick to

her campaign promise to try to cut water rates for the town's estimated 450 senior citizens by 10 percent and to halt the hiring of the third police officer.
If she can't cut the water rates, Postell said she would try to eliminate the \$240-a-month street light tax the town imposes on each homeowner. The 5-year-old tax was started as a way to raise extra money when the town had three straight years of deficit spending in the early 1980s.
"It is unfair," she said. "Everyone is paying a street lamp tax, but street lamps in this town are few and far between."
Holton said his top priority is to determine if a third police officer is needed and study how the town is run "from the inside."

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the Church to local Pastors, and Lay Leaders as well as leaders in business, education, and politics, Mother Postell not only changed the lives of future leaders but from her hand of support and the largess of her wisdom she influenced many generations of young people.

SERVANT OF GOD, WELL DONE!

Mother Francine Coleman Postell lived an incredible life filled with family, a noteworthy career in education, public service, and faithful devotion to God and the Church. For her many acts of service, Mother Postell received numerous awards, accolades, and commendations through her life of servitude and love of people. She received the Sigma Gamma Rho – Gwendolyn Cherry Award for Humanitarian Efforts, countless awards in education, community service, and the AME Church Laity and WMS organizations.

On Thursday, September 8, 2022, surrounded by family, Mother Postell *"heard a voice from heaven declaring time that has been, shall be no more."* This devoted and devout mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin, missionary, servant, and woman of God exchanged her towel of service for a crown of righteousness. All who knew her will deeply miss her – church, family, and community. Those who knew Francine Postell knew how she adored serving and worshipping her God, serving in her church, advocating for her community, educating young people, and her beloved Orlando Magic. She was a woman of great wisdom, kindness, and a heart of gold. She raised her children, grandchildren, and generations of community children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Now, she joins the caravan of the ancestors who have made their home in the undiscovered land whose builder and maker is God. Rest well, servant of God.

Mother Francine Postell was preceded in death by her parents: Gertrude and Samuel Coleman; son: Alfred "Pete" Postell; siblings: Evalene Zackary, Amelia Manning, Gertrude Nicholson, Etta Brown, Johnnie Mae Nedd, Doris Mathis, James Coleman, Samuel Cook, Annie Cook, and Marva Coleman.

Cherishing the forever memories of The Honorable Mother Francine Coleman Postell's well-lived life are: her sons, Presiding Elder Henry (Beverly) Postell, II, and Daryl Postell; brother: Clarence Coleman; sister: Cleo Brown; daughter-in-law: Johnnie Mae Postell; grandchildren: Tamica (Jules) Silvers, Sherrie Postell, Deirdre Postell, Alfred (Rachel) Postell, Shatyra Postell, Michelle Hamilton, Sarah Poole, Pamela Hamilton, and Anthony (Cynthia) Hamilton; bonus grandson: Jamarien "J.P." Moore; 22 great-grandchildren; along with a host of great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, other sorrowing relatives and numerous loving friends.

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The Divine Order of Service

Reverend Terence R. Gray, I, Officiant

Prelude
 Processional Eulogist, Clergy, Funeral Directors & Family
 Parting Glance & Seating of the Family The *Postell* Staff

Sealing of the Bier
 Jackie Holley | Tamica Silvers | Michelle Hamilton

Opening Hymn "Amazing Grace" Reverend Terence R. Gray, I
 The Prayer of Consolation Presiding Elder Jimmy J. Thompson
 Lakeland District
 Prayer Response "The Lord's Prayer" Bishop Thomas S. Lee, Jr.
 EBON Temple, Inc., Orlando
 The Holy Scriptures
 Old Testament Reverend Jimmy Howard
 Pastor, Mt. Pleasant AME Church, Fruitland Park
 Epistle Presiding Elder James O. Williams, Sr.
 St. Petersburg District
 New Testament Reverend Octavius L. Smith
 Pastor, Allen Chapel AME Church, Sanford
 Solo "Walk Around Heaven" Sister Barbara Murray

Family Reflections and Tributes

Three Minutes Each, Please

Women's Missionary Society Sister Laurastine D. Lemon
 President, 11th Episcopal District WMS
 Lay Organization Sister Patricia Wright
 Connectional DOLA, AMEC | President, 11th Episcopal District Lay Organization
 Town of Oakland, Florida Commissioner Salvador Ramos
 Family Tribute Sister Tamica Silvers & Grandchildren
 Solo Brother Jamarion "J.P." Moore

Ecclesiastical Tributes

As A Christian ~ Sister Eddie Ruth Jackson
 Rev. Joseph Brooks & Rev. Lamarda Brooks ~ Senior Pastor, Mt. Zion AME Church, Oakland, FL
 Bishop Marvin Clyde Zanders, II (140th) ~ Presiding Prelate, Sixteenth Episcopal District, AME Church
 Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green, Sr. (125th) ~ Presiding Prelate, Seventh Episcopal District, AME Church
 Bishop Frank Madison Reid III (138th) ~ Presiding Prelate, Eleventh Episcopal District, AME Church

Resolutions & Acknowledgements Sister Deirdre L. Postell
 Solo "Sweeping Through The City" Pastor Beverly Crawford
 Words of Comfort Presiding Elder Henry L. Postell, II
 North Orlando District, 11th Episcopal District
 Hymn of Assurance "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" Reverend Terence R. Gray, I
 Closing Prayer Bishop Wilfred J. Messiah (120th)
 Recessional Eulogist, Clergy, Funeral Directors & Family

Earthly Bed of Slumber

Hymn | Committal | Final Presentations
 Oakland-Tildenville Community Cemetery
 Oakland, Florida

Faded Roses

Petals from this faded rose, Mama, is all I have to give. But Mama, I tried to give you flowers, while you lived, yes I did.

If I had a million dollars, I'd line your grave with gold, but that wouldn't wake you from your sleep, as eternal ages grow.

So petals from this faded rose is all I have to give, but Mama, I tried to make you happy, while you yet lived.

Loving you forever and always
Mama

Reverend Henry L. Postell, II & Daryl Postell



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