



Mrs. Ernell Council May

August 6, 1952 - October 14, 2018

Ernell May was born to the late Fannie Mae Council and John Ira Shaw on August 6, 1952 in Pitt County. God called her to eternal rest on October 14, 2018 at Vidant Medical Center.

Ernell accepted Christ at First United Pentecostal Church in Greenville NC. She later united with her husband at Anderson Chapel where she was a youth leader as well as a Deaconess. Ernell later joined Holy Temple. March 2017, she joined New Beginnings Church under the leadership of Pastor Contina Walker where she was currently serving on the Mother's board.

Ernell met the love of her life, Willie May forty-two years ago. They united in Holy Matrimony in 1991 and to this union they were blessed with five children. Ernell attended Pitt County Public Schools. At a young age Ernell had a passion to become business savvy.

A hint of her first gift was recognized through her love for Christ and nurturing the youth in need.

Ernell was a woman of many talents which included sewing, upholstery, and mentoring youth. Ernell's hand at entrepreneurship included being owner operator of Nita and Nell's Family Restaurant. In 1995 she started L & T Catering Services which is still striving today where she was known as an Event Planner and floral designer. Now one of the links to the golden girls has been broken but memories will reside in all of us.

Ernell is preceded in death by her stepfather, Havert Carney Sr.; two sisters, Lois Marie Council, Patricia Person; three brothers; Donnell Council, Havert

Carney Jr., Jimmy Crandall; a grandson, Christopher Jones Jr., and a nephew, Melvin Council.

Ernell's beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her loving husband, Willie Ray May of the home; three daughters, Juliet Palmer (Kenneth) of Newport News, VA, Vernita Council-Howard (Wallace) of Greenville, NC, Shaniya Brown of the home; three sons, Antonio Council and Vantonio Council of the home, George Best of Atlanta, GA; six godchildren, Jerik Jackson, Laderick Salisbury, Tiffany Howard all of Greenville, NC, Elizabeth Mercer of Farmville, NC, Lexus Acklin of Pinetops, NC, Tammy Council

of Greensboro, NC; eight sisters, Mae Joyce Evans (Daniel), Iris Celestine (Anthony) both of Winterville, NC, Audrey Carney-Maye (Jay) of Fountain NC, Theresa Neal (Willie), Sandra Council-Jackson, Glenda Jackson (Eddie) Darla McLaurin, Wynema Carney all of Greenville NC; one brother, Carlton Council of Greenville, NC; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Johnson of Greenville, NC, Angela Maye of Bridgeport, CT, Carolyn Maye of Morrisville, NC; two aunts, Marie Council of Philadelphia, PA, Mary Shaw of Fremont, NY; thirteen grandchildren, Kadeem Palmer, Tykia Jones, Keandre Palmer, Alexia Clemons, Lataejah Jones, Micah Carter, Taniya Council, Jakiya Council, La'Derek Howard, Cameron Council, Javaun Latham, Kayon Latham, Marissa Perez; three great grandchildren, Jordan Reeves, Arianna Page, Jaiden Jones; four very special friends, Evelyn Evans, Nancy Peele, Carlene Bynum, Gail Prayer; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Council Cemetery

14777 NC Hwy. 11
Bethel, NC 27812

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

New Beginnings Deliverance Holiness Church
1701 S. Greene St.
Greenville, NC 27834

Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
200 S.Railroad St.
Conetoe, NC 27819

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Ernell Council May*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Truly Praying For The Family May God Comfort And Strengthen You.*

Dea Wilbur Moore And Family ❤️

Wilbur Moore Jr - October 20, 2018 at 09:48 AM



“ *Wilbur Moore Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Wilbur Moore Jr - October 20, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ *To know my grandma is in a better place makes me happy but to know she is gone hurts me so bad , i love you ma god please give her back i have so many memories and i will never forget any one of them* 🥹🥺

Alexia Shanice - October 18, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 18, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Congleton Memorial Mortuary - October 18, 2018 at 02:42 PM



“ Mom you will be truly missed. You fought a good fight you overcame so much, i love you baby.



Vernita Council-Howard - October 18, 2018 at 11:48 AM

GJ

“ *Glenda Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Glenda Jackson - October 17, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ *Valarie Pender-Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Valarie Pender-Dixon - October 17, 2018 at 07:24 PM

MU

“ *Thank God for the time you all had with your mom she will always be in your hearts. I will continue to pray for comfort during your hours of grieving. Just keep your hand in gods hand and he will be there for you.*

Mary Underwood - October 17, 2018 at 10:46 AM

WG

“ *Sending our condolences to The May Family during the loss of your loved one. May GOD continue to bless you all.*
Wanda D Glass & Family
Tarboro NC 27886

Wanda D Glass - October 17, 2018 at 06:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ernell Council May.



October 16, 2018 at 11:59 PM



“ Mrs. May was very sweet person and I will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.



Sarah Tape - October 16, 2018 at 10:13 PM



My prayers are with the may family as well as all the sisters God Bless

Thomasbobbie - October 17, 2018 at 09:28 AM



Sorry for the Loss. Will be praying for you and your family.

Angelia Adams - October 18, 2018 at 07:30 AM



“ Min Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May



min dora cox - October 16, 2018 at 09:27 PM

AM

“ *Angela Maye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Angela Maye - October 16, 2018 at 04:47 PM

DH

“ *Dora Hollis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Dora Hollis - October 16, 2018 at 03:47 PM

JH

“ *Julia Howard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May*



Julia Howard - October 16, 2018 at 11:29 AM



Thanks Mrs. Julia

Vernita Council-Howard - October 16, 2018 at 01:54 PM

JH

Sorry for your love one I know it's hard to take but remember this, God knows the best he want put no more on you than you can bear. We give our love from the Howard Family.

julia spruill howard - October 16, 2018 at 05:27 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Ernell Council May



Congleton Funeral Home Staff - October 16, 2018 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Ray, I'm so sorry for the loss of your wife. May the precious memories you have with her help you cope and bring you peace. May the word of God bring you some comfort knowing that there is a future for the ones we have lost in death can be reassuring. May the God of peace be with you and your family.

My Sincere Condolences

Angela Maye - October 15, 2018 at 08:01 PM



Thanks Aunt Angie

Vernita Council-Howard - October 16, 2018 at 01:55 PM