

Celebrate the Life
of



Lela B. Mosley

Born Into Life
January 8, 1929



Born Into Eternity
December 1, 2009

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Visitation: 10:00 AM - Funeral 10:30 AM

First Baptist Congregational Church

1613 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60612

Rev. George W. Daniels – Senior Pastor
Officiating Minister



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Lela B. Mosley was born January 8, 1929 to Hollie and Annie (Lewis) Brady in Jackson, MS. Her parents preceded her in death.

Lela was the second of three children. She was raised in a Christian home and attended Rocky Hill M.B. Church in Jackson, MS. Lela remained in Jackson until age fifteen when she moved to Chicago, IL to live with her Aunt Lela Hayes, who preceded her in death.

Lela (Brady) and Dennis C. Mosley were united in marriage on November 30, 1949. From this union five children were born; one daughter, Karen M. Barnes, and four sons, Dennis C. Mosley III, Carl A. Mosley, Manuel A. Mosley, and Stephen W. Mosley.

Lela graduated from John Marshall High School, and MMCI Walker College of Cosmetology. She later received a degree from Chicago State University in Child Development and an AA Degree from the Central YMCA College, then completed studies in Psychology and Philosophy at Roosevelt University.

Lela worked in beauty culture until she became a wife and mother. When her five children were all in school, she began her new career in community service.

After spending some time as a preschool instructor, Lela worked with the Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), an organization that targeted social and education initiatives in underprivileged communities in India, Jamaica, Korea, Guatemala, England, Nigeria and in many U.S. cities. She was one of the original founders and Executive Director of Fifth City Chicago Reformation Corporation, which included Fifth City Community Center and Fifth City Preschool.

Lela's community outreach extended to the support of housing re-development, business careers programs and adult education programs. Her memberships included Preschool Board of Directors, GNSC Advisory Council, CDBG Advisory Council, Bethany Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and the First Baptist Congregational Church, where she was a member.

Lela resigned from her twenty-three year Executive Directorship position at Fifth City in November, 1991 after serving there for twenty-eight years. She attributed her success to her steadfast love and commitment to God; her parents; her children; the ICA's staff and board members; and to every citizen on the Westside Community.

Lela leaves to cherish her memory, a devoted daughter, Karen M. Barnes (Irving); four sons, Dennis C. Mosley III (Diane), Carl A. Mosley, Manuel A. Mosley, Stephen W. Mosley (Kathryn); one brother, John Brady (Josephine); one aunt, Virterl Lenior; eight wonderful grandchildren; Kristie D. Eames-Barnes, Kavia Barnes, Antoine Brown, Shawn Brown, Tasha Brown (Antonio), Daniel Mosley, Racquel Smrz, and Brandon Smrz; and great-grandchildren, Daniel Mosley, Jr., Antonio Brown, Jr., along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, loving friends and extended family.



Pallbearers

Antonio Brown
Howard Wooten
Jason Jernigan

Daniel Mosley
Brandon Smrz
Ishmeal McDaniel

William Rodgers

Honorary Pallbearers

Irving Barnes
Carl A. Mosley
Stephen W. Mosley

Dennis C. Mosley III
Manuel A. Mosley
Jolin Brady

Interment

Fairview Memorial Park
900 North Wolf Road
Northlake, IL 60164



Acknowledgments

For us to experience an hour such as this, and for you to share it with us, has made our burden lighter. We have been strengthened by your love, floral offerings, calls, visits and other deeds, but that which will sustain us in days to come, are your fervent prayers. May God forever bless each of you.

The Family of **Lela B. Mosley**

Andrews Funeral Service



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Life Celebration
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Organ Prelude	The Organist
Processional	Ministers & Choirs
Devotional Sentence	The Minister
Scripture	The Minister
Holy Scripture Readings	

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Acts 16:11-15

Invocation	The Minister
Selection	The First United Chorus

Acknowledgements of Cards	
Resolutions / Condolences	Sister Audrey Gaylord

Words of Comfort	Rev. Clifford Williams
Selection	The First United Chorus
Obituary Reading	Sister Audrey Gaylord
Eulogy - "She Shared What She Had" -	Pastor Daniels
Invitation	The Minister
Benediction	The Minister
Recessional	The Family
Postlude	The Organist





Tribute



*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be;
So He put His arms around you and whispered, "Lela come with me."*

*With tearful eyes, we watched you suffer and saw you fade away,
Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest;
God broke our hearts to prove, He only takes the best.*

*It's lonesome here without you, we miss you more each day,
Life doesn't seem the same since you've gone away.*

*We seem to hear you whisper, "cheer up and carry on."
Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping – we will meet again someday.*

*A million times we will miss you, a million times we will cry;
If love alone could have saved you, you would have never died.*

*In life we all loved you dearly, in death we love you still.
In our hearts, you hold a place no other can ever fill.*

*The golden gates stood open, God saw you needed rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He always picks the best!*

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