

IN LOVING

Memory



First Lady
ELLA
DEE STRANGE

April 19, 1935 - August 18, 2025

1:00 pm, Thursday
October 2, 2025

Harris & Ross
Mortuary
1839 Firestone Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90001

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or
crying or pain, for the old order of things has
passed away."

— Revelation 21:4

ALWAYS REMEMBERED, NEVER FORGOTTEN



*“See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are ever before me.”*

Isaiah 49:16 (NIV)



ORDER OF

Celebration



PROCESSIONAL

Clergy, Family, Friends

“Goodness of God” by Cece Winans

SCRIPTURE INSPIRATIONAL

New and Old Testament - Tasha Gibbons (niece)

PRAYER OF COMFORT

Pastor D. Waller

MUSICAL CELEBRATION

“Lord Don’t Move My Mountain” by Inez Andrews

EULOGY

Sandy Bryant (niece)

REMARKS & REFLECTIONS

2 Minute Maximum

SOLO

“Surpassed Them All” tribute written and sung by Phoenix R. Strange (granddaughter)

SERMON

Prophetess Phoenix R. Strange (granddaughter)

PARTING VIEW

Funeral Directors

BENEDICTION

Pastor D. Waller

RECESSIONAL

Clergy & Funeral Directors

Believe For It - Cece Winans



SCRIPTURAL

Readings

Psalm 23:1-4

"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: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Reflection: This beloved psalm reminds us of God's comforting presence in our lives, especially in times of loss. It assures us that even in the darkest moments, we are not alone. The Lord's guidance and protection are constant, providing us with peace and hope.

John 14:1-3

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Reflection: These words of Jesus provide comfort and assurance that there is a place prepared for each of us in the afterlife. As we bid farewell to our First Lady, Ella Dee Strange, we hold on to the promise that she is now at peace, in a place of eternal rest and joy, surrounded by God's love.



THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FIRST LADY *Ella Dee Strange*

We gather today to remember and celebrate the remarkable life of First Lady, Mrs. Ella Dee Strange, who at the age of 90 entered into God's eternal care on August 18, 2025.

Ella was born on April 19, 1935, in Mansfield, Louisiana, to John Dunn and Corrine Dunn. She was one of eleven children—a cherished daughter, sister, and eventually a matriarch in her own right.

She was preceded in death by her beloved sisters, Gladys Dunn and Eva Dunn; her brothers, Thomas Dunn (Bubba), Moses Dunn, and Johnny Dunn; three of her children, Michael Strange, Derrick Strange, and Sandra Strange; and her granddaughter, Yalanda Strange.

On June 29, 1952, Ella married the love of her life, Reverend Timothy Strange Jr. As a devoted wife, mother, and sister, she faithfully walked beside him for 73 years. Together, they raised a family and built a legacy of faith, love, and service. She is survived by her husband, Reverend Timothy Strange Jr.; her sisters, Margaret Harris and Ruth Bryant; her children, Ronnie Strange, Marilyn Strange, and Chauncey Strange; her son-in-law, Reggie Barmore; her daughter-in-law, Rhonda Strange; seven grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Just this past June 29, 2025, she and Reverend Strange celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary—a living testimony of enduring love.

Legacy and Remembrance

Ella's presence was a blessing to all who knew her. With unwavering dedication, she created a stable, nurturing home, instilling in her children and grandchildren the importance of family values and walking hand in hand with the Lord, even through the most difficult times.

As First Lady, her grace, strength, and hospitality were widely known. She selflessly placed the needs of others above her own—offering prayers, hosting fundraisers, running a candy store for the neighborhood children on the bottom floor of her home, and overseeing all of the Sunday school activities at church.

Ella was not only an amazing housewife but also a gifted cook. As First Lady and role model, she carried herself with elegance and dignity—always dressed to perfection, embodying beauty both inside and out.

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Her life reflected the truth of Proverbs 31:27–29:

“She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.’”

Ella shielded her family from the challenges of the world and faithfully supported Reverend Strange by quietly managing the behind-the-scenes work of his congregations. Though her sacrifices were not always seen by people, they were always seen and honored by God.

Ella’s life was a radiant testament to God’s faithfulness. She will be deeply missed, but we rejoice in knowing that she has taken her well-deserved seat at the side of our Lord. Amen.

Acknowledgements

The Strange family extends their deepest gratitude for the support, prayers, and love during this difficult time. Your kindness and compassion provide great comfort.

"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."

— Psalm 23:1-3





Memories

“A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.”

Malachi 3:16 (NIV)



MEMORIES OF FIRST LADY *Ma Dee Strange*



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Tributes

***“Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her works bring her praise at the city gate.”***

Proverbs 31:31 (NIV)



TRIBUTES FOR OUR FIRST LADY *Ella Dee Strange*



RONNIE M. STRANGE, SON

“My mother was an outstanding woman and a remarkable mother. She raised six of us with strength, grace, and unwavering love. Her resilience shaped our family, and her presence will be deeply missed.”



PHOENIX R. STRANGE, GRANDDAUGHTER

“I will always remember my grandmother as a strong, no-nonsense woman with a loving heart, deep faith, and a great sense of humor. As I got older, I realized my fight, grit, and gift of gab came straight from her. I loved her deeply, especially for her prayers, her caring spirit, and our long talks. I know she’s now with the Lord along with my sister, my aunt, my uncles, and a host of other family. I’m going to miss her more than words can say.”



CHRISTINA BARMORE, GRANDDAUGHTER

“My grandmother was a strong, wise, and gentle woman with a heart full of aspirations. But what made her truly remarkable is that she didn’t just dream, she fulfilled those dreams. She lived to see her children have children, her grandchildren become parents, and even welcomed great-grandchildren into this world. She accomplished what she set out to do in life, leaving behind a legacy of love, family, and fulfillment.”



SANDY BRYANT, NIECE

ELLA’S HOME NOW

“God has said it’s your turn Ella to sit by my side for all day and all night. Please don’t worry about those you left behind. They’ll all be here too, in their own time. Sit and rejoice with no more pain. I love you lots, so let’s just sit here together in this spot.”

TRIBUTES FOR OUR FIRST LADY *Ma Dee Strange*



STELLAMAE STRANGE, NIECE

"Auntie you will be missed, I Love you so much. You're with our Heavenly Father now."



NAKIA STRANGE, GREAT NIECE

"Auntie You Were The True Epitome Of A Woman Of God. We Were Truly Blessed To Have You In Our Lives. You Have Your Wings Now. Job Well Done. Always Remembered And Missed Dearly."

Nakia



KATHERINE BLACKBURN (KITTY KAT), NIECE

"To my Queen. Thank you for being there for us all of our lives. You brought me so much admiration and joy. I'm going to miss you Auntie and love you always."



TASHA GIBBONS, GREAT NIECE

"Auntie I will miss our lunch dates & conversations. Rest in Paradise" Love Tasha Ann ❤️

TRIBUTES FOR OUR FIRST LADY *Ma Dee Strange*

TRIBUTE FROM EBONY JAMES, GRANDDAUGHTER

Grandmama lived a life full of grace, kindness, and strength. She will be remembered for her warm spirit, unwavering faith, and the love she poured into her family and community. To know her was to be touched by her generosity, wisdom, and joy.

She leaves behind a legacy of love in her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who were blessed to know her. Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit lives on in our hearts and in the lessons she imparted through her example of compassion, resilience, and faith.

“Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day.”

Love Ebony



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TRIBUTE LETTER FROM DEBORAH DUNN, NIECE

Aunt Ella,

I'm going to miss you so much. I feel deeply grateful that I was able to be with you for your 90th birthday, not knowing it would be the last time I would see you. Our final conversation was such a gift—you amazed me with your memory and shared stories of my older brother, whom I never had the chance to meet. Hearing those memories meant more to me than I can ever express.

I remember our early years together in Mansfield at Aunt Eva's house—so many moments of laughter and fun with Chauncey, Ed, Mike, Derrick, and Sandra. You were always surrounded by love, and you gave it right back to us.

My heart is with Uncle Tim, my only uncle, whose steadfast devotion to you was a beautiful example of marriage and true love. As I look ahead to my own wedding next year, I pray for a relationship as deep, committed, and unshakable as yours and his.

To my aunts Margaret and Ruth, and to all my cousins—you helped raise us like your own and gave us an unbreakable bond that I will cherish forever. May we always keep one another close and lift each other in prayer.

Aunt Ella, you were a shining example of wisdom, grace, and faith. I love you, and I will always carry you in my heart.

*With love,
Deb*



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TRIBUTE LETTER FROM MARILYN STRANGE, DAUGHTER

There are not enough words to express how much I will miss you. As far back as I can remember, it's always been you and me. You and I have experienced so much together, and it's going to be hard going through life without you by my side. But I find comfort in knowing that you're resting in the arms of Jesus, along with Sandra, Michael, and Derrick.

A mother's love is something that no one can fully explain. It is made of deep devotion, sacrifice, and pain. It is endless, unselfish, and enduring—for nothing can ever destroy it. You were patient, forgiving, and always full of love. I'll hold on to our great memories and celebrate them every day of my life, knowing that my mother was truly the best mom ever.

I am forever grateful. So fly high, our beautiful mother! I know that you will always and forever be with us. We love you, Mom. Remembering you is easy; I do it every single day.

*With love,
Marilyn, Laeloni, and Samaj*



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To my family,

I didn't want to leave you
but my time had come. Don't
cry for me too long, because
I'm at peace now, resting in
the arms of the Lord. I
believe God. I trust God. I
walked with God as He
walked with me and He never
failed me. I want you to do
the same. Keep your hand in

God's hand, and He will
guide you just like He
guided me. One day,
we'll see each other again.
Until then, live with love,
walk in faith, and never
forget how much I loved
you all.

Ella



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A Legacy of 73 years



Reverend Timothy Strange, Jr. & First Lady Ella Dee Strange

A GRANDDAUGHTER'S *Tribute*

Crowned in Glory

*A Poem in Loving Memory of First Lady Ella Dee Strange
— Written with love by Phoenix R. Strange, granddaughter*

In the hush of dawn, when heaven's gates unfold,
A radiant crown of glory now rests upon your soul.

You walked this earth in quiet grace,
A steady light no storm could erase.

Home was your altar, love its flame,
Every room whispered Jesus' name.
With steadfast hands you shaped our days,
Teaching us to honor God in all our ways.

First Lady of prayer, strength, and song,
You lifted the weary, you led us along.
Candy-store laughter, Sunday school care,
You planted joy everywhere.

Aproned with beauty, dressed in delight,
Your cooking warmed hearts, your smile shone bright.
Behind the pulpit's thunder, your silence spoke loud—
Faithful and noble, heaven-approved and proud.

Your life sings Proverbs thirty-one:
"Many do noble things, but you surpass them all," well done.
The Lord saw each unseen chore,
Every sacrifice became eternal reward.

I carry your grit, your fearless fight,
The gift of gab that turned wrong to right.
Our long talks echo like holy chimes,
Your prayers still guard these hearts of mine.

Now you feast where roses never fade,
With the Savior whose love you displayed.
Though I miss you beyond what words can say,
I rejoice—you've only gone home today.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMFORT

Family Prayer

*Heavenly Father,
we thank You for the precious gift of Ella Dee Strange—
for the love she poured into her family,
the prayers she lifted on behalf of others,
and the quiet strength with which she served Your kingdom.*

Lord, wrap our hearts in Your peace as we release her into Your everlasting care.

*Though we feel the weight of our loss,
we rejoice that she now rests in the light of Your glory,
crowned with the reward You promise to those who love You.*

*Teach us to carry forward the faith she lived,
to walk hand in hand with You as she so faithfully did,
and to comfort one another with the same kindness she showed.*

*Until the day we meet again in Your presence,
keep us steadfast in hope and surrounded by Your grace.*

In Jesus' holy name we pray,

Amen.

*“The Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those who are
crushed in spirit.” – Psalm 34:18*



***“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as
in Christ God forgave you.”
Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)***



Pall Bearers



RONNIE STRANGE (HONORARY)

ANTHONY CLAY, JR.

CHAUNCEY STRANGE (HONORARY)

JAYLND HUNT

KEVIN GIBBONS

AKEEM CLAY

THOMAS DUNN, SR.

KENNY STRANGE

Acknowledgments

As we gather today to honor and remember our beloved First Lady, Ella Dee Strange, we extend our deepest gratitude for your presence and support.

Your comforting words, warm embraces, and shared memories have brought us solace during this difficult time. Your unwavering support is a testament to the love Ella brought into our lives, and we are profoundly touched by your kindness and compassion.

Your love and support have helped us find moments of peace and comfort amidst our grief. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved First Lady, Ella Dee Strange with us today. Your presence means more to us than words can express, and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives.

———— THE STRANGE FAMILY ————

Arrangements

*First Lady Ella Dee Strange will be buried at:
Angeles Abbey Memorial Park at 1515 E. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90221.*

*Repast will follow at Chester Washington Golf Course at:
1818 Charlie Sifford Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90047*

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