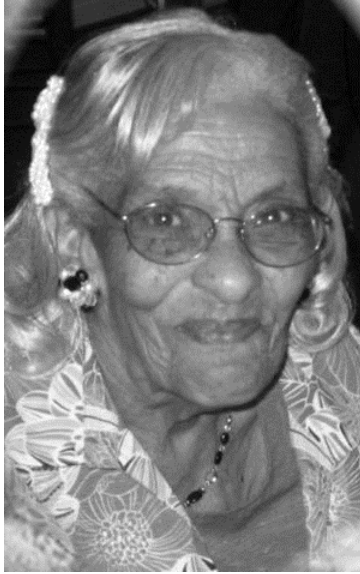


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Mrs. Mary Luetta Stewart Russell, 97, of Terre Haute, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born Dec. 2, 1917, in Otter Creek Township, to Bennett and Stella Roberts Stewart, who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death are her beloved husband, James "Doc" Russell; son, James Jr.; daughter, Glendora Ruth; brothers, Charles "Emery" Stewart, James Stewart, an infant brother, Edgar Stewart, Ben Stewart, Paul Stewart; and sisters, Stella Redmon, Marie Russell and Cassie Batton. She became a Christian at an early age, attending Sunday school and church at Lost Creek Baptist Church, where she met her future husband.

An outstanding scholar, Mary graduated from Otter Creek High School in 1935, and married Doc May 25 of that same year. To this union were born ten children, to whom she instilled her love for the Lord and learning. Her entire life was devoted to God, family, friends and "her garden."

In the mid 1950's, Mary and Doc helped establish Terre Haute Gospel Chapel, a new church in the city. Sister Mary was very active in Sunday school and planning outreach activities to share the gospel.

Left to cherish her memories are her children and their spouses, daughter-in-law, Marry Russell (James Jr.-deceased) of Terre Haute, Esther Turner of Grand Rapids, Mich., Gloria (John) Dow of Orlando, Fla., Marilyn (Essie) Cheeks of Terre Haute, Larry (Vicky) Russell of Sheridan, Ind., Phyllis (Donald) May of Grand Rapids, Sondra (Charles-deceased) Conley, of Grand Rapids, Michael (Joy) Russell of Terre Haute and Pamela (Dell) Ballard of Jeffersonville, Ind. "Granny" leaves a host of blessed grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Mary is also survived by her sister, Mrs. Carrie McClaren of Indianapolis; brother, David (Janie) Stewart of Compton, Calif.; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mary's wake will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, May 25, at Mattox-Wood Funeral Home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, at World Gospel Church, 900 Gardendale Dr., Terre Haute. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at:

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