

Fannie Mae was known throughout the community and was affectionately called "Aunt Fan", as she was always willing to give her time and personal resources to ensure her family's needs were met.

Preceding Fannie Mae in death were: her loving husband James Stokes, Sr., as well as all of her siblings: Lena Greenwood Branch, Johnie Greenwood, Haley Greenwood Carter, Hattie Greenwood Watkins, Willie Greenwood, Luke Greenwood, Karl C. Greenwood, Lorene Greenwood, Beauty Greenwood Washington Johnson, Daniel Nelson Greenwood, Ralph Greenwood and Roger Greenwood, and her nephew, Charles Jordan, as well as her life-long friend Joanne Cooper aka J. California Cooper.

Left to mourn Fannie Mae Stokes are: James K. Stokes, Jr. (Willa), Kelli Stokes (Tameca), Merrilee Greenwood-Smith, Wanetta Greenwood-Doty (Kent and Anton), Elaine Greenwood, Michael Greenwood, Ralph Greenwood, Jr., Esther Jordan, Trish Jordan-Anderson, Rev. Dion Jordan (Michele), Versie Watkins, and a host of other extended family (nieces, nephews and cousins), as well as her loving caregivers: Clydine Hernandez, Vashti Johnson, and all of the staff at All Seasons Adult Care Home, especially, Telesia Tafolo, Saane Ita, and their families.

"God Saw"

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb;
He gently closed those loving eyes
And whispered "Peace Be Thine."

The weary hours, the days of pain,
The sleepless nights have passed;
The ever patient worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

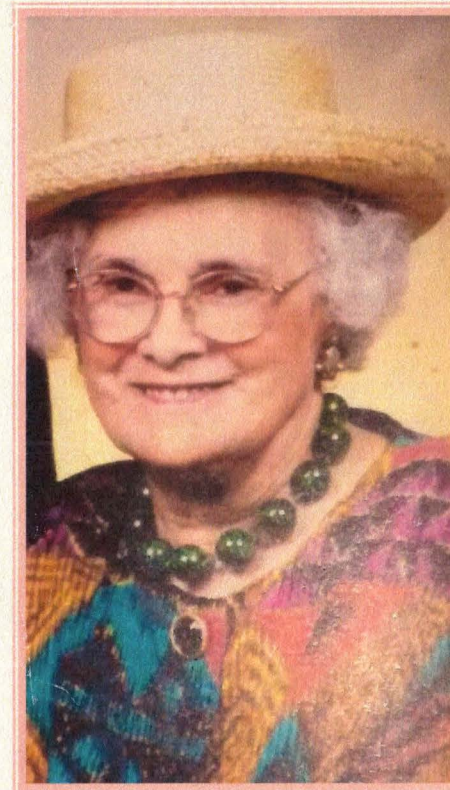
God Saw that you were weary
So He did what He knows best.
He came and stood beside you,
And whispered, "Come and rest."

You bid no one a last farewell,
Not even a goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Author Unknown

Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home

In Loving Memory



Fannie Mae Greenwood Stokes

Sunrise
February 22, 1914
Tatum, Texas

Sunset
December 23, 2014
Portland, Oregon

Memorial Service

Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 11:00am
First AME Zion Church
4304 N. Vancouver Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Officiating - Rev. George William Whitfield

Order of Celebration

Musical Prelude		Robert "Bobby" Garnett
Processional		Clergy & Family
Opening Prayer		Rev. George Wm. Whitfield
Solo	"The Old Rugged Cross"	Rochelle McElroy
Old Testament Scripture	"Psalm 23"	Lolita Allen
New Testament Scripture	"John 14:14"	Lolita Allen
Reading of the Obituary		Wanetta Greenwood-Doty
Acknowledgements		Willa Jefferson-Stokes
Words of Expressions		Harvey Garnett Merrilee Greenwood-Smith Wanetta Greenwood-Doty James K. Stokes, Jr.
Solo	"The Last Mile of the Way"	Phillis Whitmore
Eulogy		Rev. Dion Jordan
Benediction		Rev. Dion Jordan

Please join us in the Reception Hall following the Service

Fannie Mae Greenwood (the 5th of 13 children) was born in Tatum, Texas to John Walter Greenwood and Hattie Ann Whitten Greenwood on February 22, 1914. Along with her five sisters and seven brothers, Fannie grew up in a loving home on 550 acres of land that John Greenwood purchased with gold coins at the local General store.

Fannie Mae accepted Christ at an early age. She was always a quick study and as a young woman became a business owner. Fannie ultimately left Tatum to head for Portland, Oregon. In the early 1940s she worked as a certified welder in the Kaiser shipyards. Like many Negroes who relocated for work, Fannie Mae lived in Vanport and that is where she met and married the love of her life, James Stokes, Sr.

James and Fannie Mae were married on June 21, 1947 in Vancouver, Washington. In 1953, the couple moved to Portland, Oregon. Although they had no children, James Sr.'s only child, James Jr., and Merrilee Greenwood-Smith (one of Fannie Mae's nieces) and the young Charles Jordan (her nephew) were an integral part of their loving family. Their marriage and loving relationship lasted until James' death on September 18, 2013.

Fannie Mae loved and was totally committed to all of the members of her family. She invested her energy and money, especially meeting the needs of the extended family back home in Tatum, Texas. Fannie brought her sister Hattie and her brother Rogers to Portland to live with her and to work in the shipyards.

Fannie had a long career at the county hospital, now known as the Oregon Health Science Center. Working diligently, she was upgraded to and honored as the first Negro to handle medical instruments for sterilizing, cleaning, and processing before being used for surgery.

Fannie was a faithful member of the First AME Zion Church where she served for many years as a Deaconess. Under the leadership of the late Pastor Robert Probasco, Sr., she was a strong supporter of fundraising efforts at First AME Zion Church as well as serving in other capacities. Shortly before the turn of the last century, Fannie became inactive in her church due to her advanced age and declining health.

Fannie was an excellent cook. She also enjoyed gardening, bowling, and traveling extensively with her husband James. She was a member of Eastern Star, the Daughters of ISIS, and the Texas Club.

Both Fannie and James were avid sports fans. They were supporters of the Portland Trailblazers and from their inception were season ticket holders (1970 through 2004). In addition, they both loved greyhounds, the horses, and the casinos.

Some people will describe Fannie Mae as: "A stunning beauty known for her elegant furs and classy fashions ... a sharp dresser." Others will remember that they were never made to feel like a stranger in her beautiful home. Some will recall the lavish parties and her warm Southern hospitality.

